

2025 Appalachian String Band Contest Winners

Youth Banjo

1st Place: (\$100) – Rowan DeMont, Elverson, Pa.

2nd Place: (\$75) – Fintan McGrath, Raphine, Va.

3rd Place: (\$50) – Daniel Bennett, Hurricane, W.Va.

Open Banjo

1st Place: (\$400) – Mitchel Depew, Moorestown, N.J.

2nd Place: (\$200) – Lucas Pool, Mt. View, Ark.

3rd Place: (\$150) – Benjamin Haravitch Hemlock, N.Y.

4th Place: (\$100) – Bradley Kolodner, Baltimore, Md.

5th Place: (\$50) – Seth Swingle, Standardsville, W.Va.

Senior Banjo

1st Place: (\$200) – Mac Traynham, Willis, Va.

2nd Place: (\$100) – Paul Brown, Chillicothe, Ohio

3rd Place: (\$50) – Cathy Fink, Silver Spring, Md.

Youth Fiddle

1st Place: (\$100) – Josh Wills, Checotah, Okla.

2nd Place: (\$75) – Liam Farley, Chapmanville, Va.

3rd Place: (\$50) – Owen Hoopes, N/A

Open Fiddle

1st Place: (\$400) – Andrew Small, Floyd, Va.

2nd Place: (\$200) – Henry Barnes, Elizabethton, Tenn.

3rd Place: (\$150) – Joseph Decosimo, Durham, N.C.

4th Place: (\$100) – Tricia Spencer, Lawrence, Kansas

5th Place: (\$50) – Ben Miller, New Market, Va.

Senior Fiddle

1st Place: (\$200) – Gerry Milnes, Elkins, W.Va.

2nd Place: (\$100) – Christopher Germain-Abington, Pa.

3rd Place: (\$50) – William Kearney, Des Moines, Iowa

Youth Neo-Traditional Band

No monetary award – The Bogey's, Boone, N.C.

Neo-Traditional Band

1st Place: (\$1,000) – From China to Appalachia, Silver Spring, Md.

2nd Place: (\$750) – The Lost Keys, Lawrence, Kansas

3rd Place: (\$500) – Vandalia, Philadelphia, Pa.

4th Place: (\$400) – Big Fiddle, Morgantown, W.Va.

5th Place: (\$300) – Brookside Barn, Tilburg, NL

Youth Traditional Band

No monetary award – .Turtle Mountain, Winchester, Ky.

Traditional Band

1st Place: (\$1,000) – The New Floyd County Ramblers, Floyd, Va.

2nd Place: (\$750) – New River Wranglers, Floyd, Va.

3rd Place: (\$500) – East of Exxon, New Market, Va.

4th Place: (\$400) – The Road Cone Ramblers, Evanston, Illinois

5th Place: (\$300) – Hog Eyed Man, Athens, Georgia

Youth Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance

1st Place: (\$100) – Colette Rainwater, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

2nd Place: (\$75) – Margo MacSweeney, Floyd, Va.

3rd Place: (\$50) – Sarah Fennell, Dickson, Tenn.

Open Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance

1st Place: (\$100) – Becky Hill, Brentwood, Md.

2nd Place: (\$75) – Jacob Hill, Dickson, Ind.

3rd Place: (\$50) – Gina Dilg, Radford, Va.

Senior Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance

1st Place: (\$100) – Ralph Hinnners, Bannes Elk, N.C.

2nd Place: (\$75) – Ruth Alpert, Santa Barbara, Calif.

3rd Place: (\$50) – Jan Scopel, Arnold, Md.

Grand Champion Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance Winner

(\$100) – Becky Hill, Brentwood, Md.