

## SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026

### OLD-TIME STAGE | REGISTRATION: 11 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

Senior Old-Time Fiddle (60 and Over)  
Youth Old-Time Fiddle (15 and Under)  
Old-Time Fiddle (59 and Under)

### CIRCLE STAGE

Bluegrass Banjo  
Mandolin

## SUNDAY | MAY 24, 2026

### OLD-TIME STAGE | REGISTRATION: 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Old-Time Banjo (60 and Over)  
Mountain Dulcimer  
Old-Time Banjo (59 and Under)

### CIRCLE STAGE | REGISTRATION: 12 P.M. TO 1 P.M.

Youth Flatpick Guitar (15 and under)  
Flatpick Guitar

## AWARDS:

SENIOR AND 59 & UNDER | \$350 FIRST PLACE, \$175 SECOND PLACE & \$100 THIRD PLACE

YOUTH | \$75 FIRST PLACE, \$50 SECOND PLACE & \$25 THIRD PLACE

WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTS ONLY

## CONTEST RULES

1. Each contestant must play two tunes appropriate for the category entered.  
Remember that popular tunes may not be the best choice for judging.  
Medley-style tunes are not accepted.
2. Each contestant may have a maximum of two accompanists.
3. No electric instruments allowed.
4. Scruggs tuners may not be used for banjo.
5. In case of a broken string, contestant may replay.
6. In case of tuning issues, contestant may replay.
7. Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following the contest.

## WINNERS

1. To process monetary awards, winners must complete a standard W-9 form, an invoice, and supply the WV Department of Tourism with Social Security numbers.  
Youth winners must have their own Social Security numbers and be accompanied by a parent when completing the forms. Parents' Social Security numbers are not accepted.  
Winners will receive award checks in the mail within three weeks after completing forms are approved.
2. First place winners from the previous year contests are eligible to compete this year.

## JUDGING CATEGORIES

**INTONATION** - Tuning and tonal qualities  
**TIMING** - Accurate and consistent rhythm  
**DIFFICULTY** - Complexity of selection  
**TECHNIQUE** - Dexterity  
**SELECTION** - Tun

Judging will be done by acknowledged experts.  
Decisions of the judges will be final. Contestants  
will not be given final score sheets

