



## **PA Heritage Songwriting Official Contest Rules**

### **Purpose:**

The Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest (PHSC) has been created to celebrate the State of Pennsylvania, its people, places, and history in song. It is intended to provide a venue for amateur songwriters to display their art while fostering appreciation and study of Pennsylvania Heritage.

### **Theme:**

Pennsylvania Heritage: The songs **must** have a PA namesake, theme or reference.

### **Finalist Performance Venue:**

Approximately 5 PM Saturday at the Smoked Country Jam Bluegrass Festival Main Stage, the third weekend in June at the Quiet Oaks Campground near Cross Fork, PA.

### **Entry Fee:**

\$15 per song – Limit two songs per entrant. Fee is non refundable. If payment through **PayPal** is requested, \$0.75 is added to per song entered.

### **Key Contest Dates:**

- **Entry Deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mailed entries must be postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Winners will be notified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Winner's Will Receive:**

- 1st Place - \$100 & one (2) full festival passes
- 2nd Place - \$75 & one (1) full festival pass
- 3rd Place - \$50 & one (1) full festival pass
- The top three finishers will be invited to perform their winning song beginning at approximately 5 PM Saturday on the main stage at Smoked County Jam
- Finishers will also be eligible to receive donated merchandise.

### **Recording:**

A condition of entering is permitting use of entry recordings or a recording of the SCJ performance to be included on a SCJ Compilation CD, to be sold at SCJ events and on the SCJ website for fundraising (PHSC is a not-for-profit event). Compilation recordings will also be submitted to the Smithsonian Folkways Library to be cataloged.

### **Eligibility:**

The Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest is intended to be an "Amateur's event and is not open to "professional" songwriters or those whose primary source of income (50% or more) is derived from songwriting or publishing. Income from performing gigs is not considered songwriting income. Co-writers are subject to the same eligibility requirements as the entrant. SCJ performing artists are eligible to enter PHSC.

## PA Heritage Rules Detail

- Registration is now open.
- **Audio Files, Entry Forms, and Lyrics** can now be submitted **electronically** at [music@ecosa.net](mailto:music@ecosa.net) - please indicate **PHSC Entry** in the subject line.
- **Entry Fee:** (Up to \$30). Entrants may request a PayPal invoice for payment. Checks or Money Orders must be made out to **Ecosa** and mailed to **PHSC c/o ECOSA Music, 30 Pinewood Place, Asheville, NC 28806.**
- The entrant may request **Payment** through an invoice from **PayPal at an additional cost of \$0.75 per song.**
- **Enter by Mail:** Contestants must submit the **Entry Fee, completed Entry Form, Recording** (cassette tape or CD) along with one printed copy of the song **Lyrics** to the above address. **Don't Send Bio's or Press Packages.**
- Contest entry is \$15/song (limit 2 songs per person) Mailed recordings will not be returned.
- The Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest is open to any **amateur** songwriter.
- Each song submitted must be entrant's original work.
- Contestants cannot be signed to a label or publishing deal.
- A song is defined as a melody with lyrics.
- Contestants must be at least 13 years of age.
- *Any contest winner under the legal age of 18 must provide the express written consent of a parent or legal guardian within 48 hours following notification in order to receive prizes and/or promotion through the contest sponsors.*
- Entrants retain all publishing rights to their song(s).
- Additions or deletions to these rules may be made at the discretion of Smoked Country Jam, and may be enacted at any time.
- Performers who are scheduled to perform at SCJ are eligible for the competition
- All mailed media must be postmarked by **May 15** to be eligible.
- The place winners will be selected by a panel of judges.
- The top three place winners will be notified by **June 1st. Only place winners will be notified. Like us at Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Pennsylvania-Heritage-Songwriters/172643256222742> to see the results.

Or **Join us** on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/232795950147539/>

- Performance to be solo by composer or composer as singer only with one accompanist.

### Evaluation Criteria

- 80% Lyric Composition (includes strength of tie to Pennsylvania, depth, insight, cleverness, beauty...)
- 10% Quality of Vocal Rendering (includes vocal quality, pitch, delivery, etc...)
- 10% Quality of Delivery (instrumental technique, induction, structure, arrangement)

Creation of the PHSC event was inspired by the life and music of Pennsylvanian Craig A. "Bubba" Bowman who was taken from the stage in his prime. Any proceeds from this Non Profit event will be donated to the Craig A. "Bubba" Bowman Scholarship Fund.

Updated in 2016



Pennsylvania  
Heritage  
Songwriting  
Contest  
Entry Form



<b>NAME:</b>	
<b>PHONE:</b>	( )
<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY/STATE/ZIP:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
<b>SONG TITLE 1:</b>	
<b>SONG TITLE 2:</b>	

**Electronic Entry:**

Submit **Entry Form, Song Lyrics** & and **Audio Files(s)** to [music@ecosa.net](mailto:music@ecosa.net). Payment can be requested through **PayPal** – see below.

**Entry by Mail or Check by Mail:**

**Mail check or Money Order:** \$15 (\$30 for two songs) payable to **Ecosa**.  
To: **PHSC c/o Ecosa Music, 30 Pinewood Place, Asheville, NC 28806** Or request **PayPal** invoicing at **\$15.75 per song**.

Mail **Entry Form, Song Lyrics, Recordings, and Check** to the above address, Entry deadline is **May 15th**. (Postmark date for Mail in Entries)

Submission of this Entry Form confirms that the entrant has read and understands the Official Rules of the Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest, PHSC, and accepts the terms and conditions of participation.

**Note:** If winning entrant is under 18 years of age, written consent from a parent or guardian is required prior to announcement.

Reminders:

- Finalists are invited to perform at Smoked Country Jam Bluegrass Festival – Cross Fork, PA, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June
- Include Song Lyrics
- Keep on the sunny side

The "Pennsylvania Heritage Songwriting Contest" is an exclusive nonprofit production of Smoked Country Jam Bluegrass.