

## Gathering In The Gap Music Festival

### Songwriting Contest

#### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COWRITER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that I have read and understand the OFFICIAL RULES (as posted on the website [gatheringinthegap.org](http://gatheringinthegap.org) ) of the Gathering In The Gap Songwriting Contest, and I accept the terms and conditions of participation in the contest as stated in the OFFICIAL RULES.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If entrant is under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent is required

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Song: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline:** April 24, 2026 by 4 p.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 first song, \$5 for second song. Check or money order paid to: Friends of the Southwest Virginia Museum. Do not send cash. Entry fees are non-refundable.

**Entry Mailed To:** Friends of the Southwest Virginia Museum, 106 West 1st Street North, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 or entry may be dropped off during business hours at the Southwest Virginia Museum, Big Stone Gap, VA. All entries must arrive by deadline, not by postmark. Entries received too late to be judged will be returned unopened.

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**Entry Emailed To:** [swvamuseum@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:swvamuseum@dcr.virginia.gov) . Electronic submissions must be submitted in MP3 format. No other formats will be accepted. Entries received too late to be judged will not be considered.

- One completed entry form per song; signature must be original
- Cd and lyric sheet must be labeled with the entrant's name, address, email, telephone number, song title, and co-author's name, if applicable.
- One song entry per compact disc
- Cd and lyrics will not be returned
- Lyrics submitted typed, double spaced
- Upon arrival of entry, contestant will receive notification of submittal by email

**Up to ten finalists will be chosen to perform their song in the final round of the competition at this year's Gathering in the Gap Music Festival on May 23, 2026. Each finalist will receive a free ticket to the main stage concert and a festival t-shirt. Also, NEW THIS YEAR – the first-place winner will perform on the main stage at Gathering in the Gap and at the 2026 Blue Highway Fest!**

The "Gathering in The Gap" Music Festival is not responsible for late, damaged, misdirected, insufficient postage, stolen, or misappropriated entries.