

# mountain SOUL vocal competition

## ENTRY FORM

Postmark  
Deadline Extended  
to April 12!

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Song Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Song Entry (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Must provide full and correct song titles so that officials may ensure the song was **written** by Dolly Parton.*

*Finalists who have entered two songs in the competition will be required to select which they will perform in the final round by May 1, 2019.*

***\* Be certain you select a song(s) Dolly has WRITTEN. (Several well known songs Dolly sings (such as Here You Come Again) were written by other people and are ineligible for this competition. For a complete list of the 3,000 songs Dolly has written, please visit [www.dollymania.net](http://www.dollymania.net)***

***\*If selected as a finalist, what type of accompaniment (if any) will you require?***

*(Vocalists must provide their own accompaniment.) Circle One*

*CD (track without lead vocals)*

*Digital File (track without lead vocals)*

*Single Instrument (played by vocalist)*

*Single Instrument (played by another musician)*

***\*Please submit a (choose one) CD, DVD or Digital File on Jump Drive/Thumb Drive of yourself singing the song of your choosing written by Dolly Parton along with an entry fee:***

***Ages 13+ \$10 Entry Fee / Ages 12 and under \$5 Entry Fee (checks payable to: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce) and this completed application to the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2019. (Entries will not be returned). Mail to: Mountain Soul Vocal Competition c/o Sevierville Chamber of Commerce 110 Gary Wade Blvd. Sevierville, TN 37862***

### **Contestant Waiver**

*The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry. Any moving or still photography of your image while on event premises and your responses to questions in the application and on camera become the property of the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce and may be used for promotional purposes. **\*Please note, your entry may be played on radio broadcast or televised promotional spots.** Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce, their employees, volunteers, and event sponsors harmless from any and all claims made against the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition and Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass, including, without limitation, all costs liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages, or reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with (i) any apparatus, equipment or personal property used by contestant, (ii) an act or omission to act of agents, and (iii) any claims made on account or resulting from contestant's participation in the contest. The Sevierville Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to substitute any winning with a prize of similar value, with or without notice. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce and the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signed*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or Guardian Signature (If under 18)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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## VOCAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Sevierville, TN is the hometown of America's biggest country legend – Dolly Parton. So far during her prolific career, she has penned over 3,000 songs! As a tribute to her song writing, Sevierville's Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass is presenting the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **Mountain Soul Vocal Competition**.

*Contestants must sing a song written by Dolly Parton in the style of his or her own choosing – that may be country, bluegrass, rock, rap, etc.* It is not necessary nor is it encouraged to impersonate Dolly physically or vocally at this competition. Simply sing the song in the way most suited to your vocal style.

***Contestants may submit up to two songs per entry. If chosen as a finalist, contestant must state which of those two songs they will perform in the final round by May 1, 2019.***

As far as event organizers know, this is the only vocal competition of its type anywhere that specifically honors Dolly Parton's music.

Twenty (20) finalists in the ages 13 and up category and ten (10) finalists in the 12 and under category will be chosen to come to Sevierville, TN on May 18, 2019 and compete in the **Mountain Soul Vocal Competition finals**.

**Contestants must sing a song that Dolly Parton wrote, not simply a song she recorded. Please be careful in your song selection. There are several well-known songs recorded by Dolly that she did not write such as "Here You Come Again", "Why'd You Come in Here Looking Like That," "He's Alive," etc. To be sure your song is Dolly-written, go to [www.dollymania.net](http://www.dollymania.net) or do an online search for the song and writer. Contestants not singing songs written by Dolly Parton will be disqualified.**

Contestants will be judged by a panel of entertainment professionals both during the preliminary round and the finals. The winner of the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition will receive: Ages 13+ a check for \$500 and a studio recording session in world famous Nashville, TN; Ages 12 and under a check for \$100 and a Dollywood season pass.

***The final round of competition begins at 11:30 am Saturday, May 18, 2019 on the Back Porch Stage (beside the Dolly Parton statue on the lawn of the Sevier County Courthouse).***

### Entry Deadlines:

#### **DEADLINE: Postmarked by April 12, 2019**

Completed Entry Form

CD, DVD or Digital File on Jump Drive/Thumb Drive of contestant singing Dolly song(s) of his / her own choosing

Ages 13+

\$10 Entry Fee (Check made payable to: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce)

Ages 12 and under

\$5 Entry Fee (Check made payable to: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce)

Mail completed packet to:

Mountain Soul Vocal Competition

c/o Sevierville Chamber of Commerce

110 Gary Wade Blvd.

Sevierville, TN 37862

**Judging:** Finalists will be judged on vocal ability, originality of song interpretation, and stage presence.

### Award Notification:

Finalists will be notified during the week of **April 22, 2019**.

All finalists are responsible for their own transportation to the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition Finals.

### Prizes break down as follows:

#### **Ages 13 and Up**

First Prize \$500 + Nashville Recording Session at Sound Wave Studios

Second Prize \$300

Third Prize \$200

#### **Ages 12 and Under**

First Prize \$100 + 1 Season Pass to Dollywood

Second Prize \$50 + 2 Day Passes to Dollywood

Third Prize \$25 + 2 Day Passes to Dollywood

**Questions? Please contact the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce at (865) 453-6411 or 1-888-889-7415. Contestants, please familiarize yourselves with all rules.**

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## RULES

All interested contestants must begin by filling out and submitting an application (available at [www.bloominbbq.com](http://www.bloominbbq.com)) along with an entry fee (\$10 ages 13 and up / \$5 ages 12 and under), and a CD, DVD or Digital File on Jump Drive/Thumb Drive of contestant singing the Dolly Parton song of his or her own choosing in his or her own style. The top 20 vocalists in the 13+ category and top 10 vocalists in the 12 and under category will be selected to attend Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass and compete in the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition Finals on May 18, 2019 in Sevierville, TN.

Rules:

### **Preliminary Round:**

1. Contestant must sing a song written by Dolly Parton. It is not necessary, nor encouraged, to impersonate Dolly Parton vocally or physically. Please sing her songs in the style that is most representative of your vocal abilities.
2. Contestants may be male or female.
3. Contestants may sing the song in a style of his / her own choosing (i.e., country, bluegrass, rap, rock, swing, etc).
4. Contestants must submit, via mail, a cd, DVD or Digital File on Jump Drive/Thumb Drive of him or herself singing a Dolly Parton song in his or her own style.
5. Contestants may submit up to two (2) songs per entry. If chosen as a finalist, contestants must state which of the two songs they will sing during the final round by May 1, 2019. If the contestant chooses to enter only one song and is selected as a finalist, they must perform that song at the Mountain Soul finals on May 18, 2019 in Sevierville, TN.
6. Entries and fees must be postmarked by **April 12, 2019**.
7. All contestants will be informed of their status as of the week of **April 22, 2019**.

### **Final Round:**

8. Finalist must provide his / her own accompaniment, which may include a tape, cd or live musical accompaniment (**up to one other person only**). Live accompanist may not sing along or provide vocal back up.
9. Sound system will be provided. Finalists will not be able to bring their own sound equipment.
10. Finalists must be registered to compete by 11am and remain onsite from at least 11am – 2pm. Contest will begin at 11:30am Saturday, May 18, 2019.

*Please retain a copy of these rules for your records.*