

**2026 NewSong Showcase**

The **Walnut Valley Festival NewSong Showcase** has grown in popularity! It is the Festival's opportunity to salute the top 20 songs submitted (2 in each of 10 categories). Performance and instrumental skills are not required, so all you shade tree musicians and pros remember -- it is the song that matters. An anonymous panel of reviewers score each song and write constructive comments for each song. Those comments are sent to the songwriters after reviews are completed. The selected NewSongs are honored in one of two showcases at the Festival, **September 17 or September 19, 2026**. Songs receive medals and are performed by the songwriters, solo or with friends (A maximum of 6 people may be in the performing group on stage). All rights to the songs remain with the songwriters. The recordings will **not** be returned.

Two additional prizes available

2nd Annual Walnut Valley Master Songsmith

Chosen from all entered songwriters

\$800 prize + 2 Full Festival tickets

Selected songwriter may continue to submit songs the following year, but are ineligible for Master Songsmith for a period of 5 years

Honoring America's 250th birthday

Selected from special one-time-only SONGS ABOUT AMERICA category

Single \$250 prize

**This is how you submit songs for consideration**

- 1) Send one CD for each song submitted. Be certain the **song title & your name are on each CD**.
- 2) Send the words to the song (unless submitting an Instrumental). **Use 1 page per song.**
- 3) Include **\$20.00 per song** submitted, payable to **Walnut Valley NewSongs 2026**. If you are submitting numerous songs, you may send one check for the full amount.
- 4) Complete an application **for each song**. You may make as many copies of the form below as needed. There is no limit to the number of songs you can submit, but each song may only be entered in **ONE** category.
- 5) Contracted 2026 Walnut Valley Festival entertainers are not eligible to enter.
- 6) Deadline for submissions to be **received** (not postmarked) is **July 1, 2026**.
- 7) Mail to: **Walnut Valley Association, PO Box 245, Winfield, KS 67156**
- 8) Incomplete applications will be disqualified, so please double check yourself.

**Walnut Valley Festival NewSong Showcase 2026 Application** Deadline to be **received: JULY 1, 2026**



**WVF NewSong Showcase 2026**

Name of Songwriter(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Information for notification, if your song is selected:

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Category: check only one (any style of music may be in any category)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SONGS ABOUT WINFIELD     | <input type="checkbox"/> FEELING BLUE                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SWEET MEMORIES           | <input type="checkbox"/> HUMOROUS SONGS                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN    | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION OR SPIRIT                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOVE SONGS               | <input type="checkbox"/> INSTRUMENTAL (songs without lyrics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SONGS FOR A BETTER WORLD | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SONGS ABOUT AMERICA      |  |

I will be available to perform this song if it is selected for the NewSong Showcase on (check one below)

**Thursday or Saturday** \_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST HAVE VALID / PURCHASED TICKET TO ENTER FESTIVAL GROUNDS**

I affirm that I (or we) have written the music and words of the song submitted, and I affirm that this song has not been selected for the NewSong Showcase in previous years or entered in another category this year.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if co-written, either writer can submit and sign)

Check / Money Order enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The  
54th  
Festival