

APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO RIVER STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL 2009 MUSICAL TALENT SHOW AND CONTEST

SATURDAY -- JUNE 20, 2009 2:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JR. FAIR BUILDING

**ENTRY FEE -- \$25.00 For Single Or Duet Acts
\$10.00 For Each Additional Performer
\$5.00 For Each Assistant (“Roadie”)**

**TOP TWO WINNERS WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR ACT AT THE 2009
OHIO RIVER STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13.**

CONTEST RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The contest is open to the first fifty (50) entries received at the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival’s post office box by 12:00 noon on ~~Saturday, May 30th, 2009~~ Monday, June 8th, 2009. The postmark date will designate the entry order. If there is no postmark date on the envelope, the date when the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival collects the mail will be considered the application date. Payment by check or money order must accompany the application. Entry applications and payments received after the first fifty (50) accepted will be date documented and held until the contest is over. All applications must be mailed to the ORSF post office box. Applications given to committee members of the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival will not be accepted. The contest is open to all people, 16 years of age or older. If the contestant is less than 18 years of age the contestant’s application must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. If the contestant is a group of people, one person, either from the group, or supervisor of the group, must accept responsibility for the contestant group. Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee members and members of their immediate family are not eligible for contest entry.
2. During the week of June 8, 2009 the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee will notify each contest applicant of its receipt of their application, payment, acceptance status and the time to arrive at the Washington County Fairground’s Jr. Fair Building; and if possible, their estimated performance time.
3. The contestant’s act, appearance and performance must be considered family oriented appearance and entertainment. The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee reserves the right to deny the contestant’s entry application if it feels the contestant’s talent act is inconsistent with the mission of the Festival Committee. If the application is denied, the application and payment will be returned to the applicant. Also, the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee and/or its official judges reserve the right to disqualify the contestant’s performance or stop the contestant’s act during performance if the committee and/or the judges feel the contestant or its performance is not family oriented entertainment.
4. The contestant’s application entry fee will not be refunded once it is accepted and deposited by the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee. Special exceptions to this may apply, but are fully at the discretion of the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee.

5. Contestants are responsible to furnish their own musical instruments, props and accessories required by the contestant to perform their act. Contestant must be able to set up within 5 minutes and do it quietly without interference to another group that may be performing at the same time. The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee will have a sound system set up for the contest; however, each contestant will need to determine if the system is compatible with their accessories, etc.
6. Contestant will have up to six (6) minutes to perform their act. Acts going over the time limit will be stopped.
7. A panel of judges will judge the contestant's performance and the decision of the judges will be final.
8. Two winners will be chosen by the judges. Each winner will receive a time spot to perform at the 2009 Ohio River Sternwheel Festival. In addition, the 1st place winner will be invited to a meet and greet gathering with our Friday night main entertainment act, Academy of Country Music's 2009 Top New Male Vocalist Award Winner, Jake Owen.
9. ORSF will not be responsible for accidents to Contestants during contest performance and/or festival performance.
10. Contestant covenants and agrees with Ohio River Sternwheel Festival to fully comply with the terms, covenants and provisions of the Contest Rules and Conditions stated herein and to protect, indemnify (including defense costs and attorney fees) and save Ohio River Sternwheel Festival harmless from and against all claims or demands made against Ohio River Sternwheel Festival out of the failure to comply with such terms, covenants and provisions of this Contest and of the Festival Performance, if applicable
11. In the event issues or disagreements arise which are relative to the contest and/or festival performance the final decision on these matters remains with The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Committee.

I, _____, (circle one) contestant applicant, contestant's parent or guardian, or contestant's official representative state that I desire to be a contestant in the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival 2009 Talent Contest and that I have read, understand and agree to and accept the contest terms and conditions stated herein.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Questions about the contest and this application may be directed to Evy Bryant by phone or email to: (phone) 740-525-3713, (email) evybryant@yahoo.com

Please execute this application in the spaces provided above and complete the information requested below. Submit the completed application and payment (made payable to Ohio River Sternwheel Festival, Inc.) to:

Attach list if necessary.

Names of all members that are assistants to the performing group, \$5.00 entry fee for each assistant.

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