

# 2020 Singing News Songwriters Search

## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

The Singing News Songwriter Contest (“Contest”) is open to any individual who is thirteen (13) years of age or older (entrants under 18 years of age will need written permission from their parent or legal guardian), who registers by completing an official entry form available from [www.singingnews.com](http://www.singingnews.com) or [www.singingnewsradio.com](http://www.singingnewsradio.com) and submits the applicable entry fee(s) to *Singing News* (“Promoter”). The final deadline is May 29, 2020, at 11:59 CST.

### **Fees:**

1. Entry **without** song critique: \$39 per entry
2. Entry **with** song critique:\* \$59 per entry

*\*Entrants who choose option 2 will receive written feedback on their song from a member of the judging panel.*

**The final deadline is May 29, 2020. All entries must be postmarked by May 29, 2020.**

Individuals may enter as many times as they want, as long as a separate application, entry fee, lyric sheet, and recording for each song is included. Multiple entries may be mailed together in one package.

Entry via U.S. Post Office or other carriers must be sent directly to:

Singing News  
2020 Songwriters Search  
402 BNA Drive, Suite 400  
Nashville, TN 37217

There are no special exceptions in the contest judging for individuals who opt to submit their entry with additional services (critiques). All entries will be judged solely upon submitted lyrics and accompanying audio, equally.

### **Song Critiques:**

Individuals selecting this option will receive a critique of their submitted entry, given by one (1) of the six (6) official contest judges. All critiques will be delivered within three (3) months after the close of the contest.

Individuals must submit an official entry form, a lyric sheet, and a CD, mp3, or WAV audio file, which must match the lyric sheet for each song entered into the contest. No cassettes or videos, please.

### **Eligibility:**

Employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, and immediate family and household members of Salem Publishing, Inc. (DBA *Singing News* and Singing News Radio), Crossroads Music and Crossroads Music Publishing, and 11<sup>th</sup> Hour are not eligible to enter the contest.

This contest is open to non-professional songwriters. “Non-professional songwriter” is defined as a songwriter who has never had an original song on the *Singing News* Top 40 charts and who is not under an exclusive songwriter or publishing contract with any company. If a song has been cowritten, all cowriters must meet this criteria.

### **Prizes:**

There will be one (1) Grand Prize winner.

There will be one (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner.

There will be five (5) runner-up winners.

One (1) Grand Prize winner will receive

- A one-song publishing deal with Crossroads Music Publishing.
- Winning song will be recorded by 11<sup>th</sup> Hour.
- Winning song will be performed at the 2020 Singing News Fan Awards Show on the main stage of the 2020 National Quartet Convention (NQC).
- A 3-night stay (1 room/4 people) at Dollywood's DreamMore Resort on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of the 2020 NQC.
- Winning songwriter will be included in a story in *Singing News* Magazine which will feature the contest winners.
- Will be included in a story posted on [www.SingingNews.com](http://www.SingingNews.com).
- A one-year paid subscription (or a one-year extension) to *Singing News*.

One (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner will receive:

- A one-song publishing deal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place-winning song with Crossroads Music Publishing.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-winning songwriter will be included in a story in *Singing News* Magazine which will feature the contest winners.
- Will be included in a story posted on [www.SingingNews.com](http://www.SingingNews.com).
- A one-year paid subscription (or a one-year extension) to *Singing News*.

Five (5) Runner-Up winners will receive:

- Runners-up winning songs and songwriters will be included in a story in *Singing News* Magazine which will feature the contest winners.
- Will be included in a story posted on [www.SingingNews.com](http://www.SingingNews.com).
- A one-year paid subscription (or a one-year extension) to *Singing News*.

The winners will be selected from among all eligible entries received by a panel of judges selected by contest promoter. Entries received and/or postmarked by May 29, 2020 at 11:59pm CST will be accepted. Entrants need not be present to win.

The winners will officially be announced on [www.singingnews.com](http://www.singingnews.com) and [www.singingnewsradio.com](http://www.singingnewsradio.com) in July 2020, and notified by email or telephone. The winners must complete an affidavit of eligibility and liability and, where lawful, a publicity release. If *Singing News* does not receive the affidavit and release within two (2) weeks of notification, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected. Except where prohibited by law, by signing the affidavit and release, the winner grants permission to the use of his/her/its name, likeness, picture, portrait, hometown, service mark, voice, biographical and other information, and statements for advertising and promotional purposes for this and other promotions by *Singing News* and Singing News Radio without compensation.

#### **Odds Of Winning:**

Odds of winning depend on the total number of entries received. Promoters are not responsible for lost, late, damaged or mishandled entries.

#### **No Transfer:**

No transfer, substitution, or cash equivalent will be given for the Grand Prize or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place prizes provided. However, *Singing News* and Singing News Radio may, at its sole discretion, substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

By participating in the contest, each entrant agrees to abide by and be bound by all of these official contest rules. All decisions regarding the contest including, but not limited to, selecting the winners, will be made by the contest judges, whose decisions shall be final.

The general manager of *Singing News* and Singing News Radio may prohibit an entrant from participating in this contest, at his/her sole discretion, if, in the opinion of the general manager, the entrant fails to abide by these contest rules, or otherwise acts (I) in a non-professional or inappropriate manner, (II) acts with an intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any other entrant or contest judge, or (III) acts in any other disruptive manner. The winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes. All federal, state, and local taxes apply.

To find out the winners of the contest, look for the winners' names and song titles to be posted at [www.singingnews.com](http://www.singingnews.com) and [www.singingnewsradio.com](http://www.singingnewsradio.com) once the winners have been determined upon the conclusion of the contest.