

**IF THERE'S A SONG IN YOUR HEART**, now's the time to get it down on paper, record it, and send it in for the Second Annual IWMA Songwriting Contest. Anyone can enter, anyone can win!

**RULES & REWARDS FOR THE SONGWRITING CONTEST**

1. There is only one category this year: Cowboy/Western Song
2. Fee is \$25 a song or three (3) songs for \$50.
3. There can be more than one songwriter for a song, the prize to be divided between them as they see fit.
4. A lyric sheet must be provided for each song.
5. Judges will be music business professionals.
6. Grand prize will be \$1,000 and a Silver Spur Package for this year's IWMA Convention in Albuquerque.
7. Grand prize winner will get to perform their song on the IWMA Awards Show in a featured slot where the \$1,000 prize will be presented.
8. Second Place prize is \$300 and an opportunity to perform their song on this year's Friday Night Opry. The prize will be presented during the Saturday night Awards Show.
9. Third Place prize is \$150. The prize will be presented during the Saturday night Awards Show.
10. Contest dates are May 1-July 31. Entries must be received during this window but not later than July 31. Send to: [marsha@westernmusic.org](mailto:marsha@westernmusic.org) or mail to IWMA Songwriting Contest – P.O. Box 648 – Coppell, TX 75019
11. Winner will be notified ahead of time but will not receive his/her award until the Convention in Albuquerque.
12. Songs must not have been previously recorded and released.
13. Songs must fall lyrically into the cowboy/western genre. *Song may be written to fit any musical style – rock 'n' roll, folk, Celtic, easy listening, etc. – but must speak to the life, work, nature, history, landscape, romance, etc., of life in the west past or present or to life lived in the West outside the city.*
14. Songs must be submitted by mp3 or on CD disc ONLY. *Songs do not have to be recorded in a professional studio. Song may be simply performed and recorded with a home device.*
15. Songs must be submitted with no more than two (2) instruments. *Judges will be considering lyrics and melodies, not performance of the song.*
16. Each entrant must be submitted with the full name(s) of each songwriter.

**QUESTIONS:** contact [marsha@westernmusic.org](mailto:marsha@westernmusic.org) or call IWMA at 505-563-0673

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Song Title \_\_\_\_\_

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