



## HERE'S THE SCOOP

- The Basics:** No entry fee. Bands must submit a fully completed entry form for consideration. ONLY 4-5 BANDS will be selected to compete. Bands will be notified by email by Friday, September 1 regarding their selection to compete. Competing bands should play 5 songs or up to 20 minutes total on stage and be available Saturday, September 30 between 6:00-10:00pm. Sound gear will be provided. Specific equipment information will be sent to the chosen finalists.
- Prizes:** Winner will receive a \$750 cash prize.  
Winner will play one set (one hour) at the completion of the competition.  
Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards will be given to top 3.
- Application:** All bands must complete application and submit with support materials (audio and/or video recordings, printed and/or online materials). **Deadline for entry is Friday, August 25, 2017 by 4 pm.**
- Amateur Status:** All bands must be amateur status. (No bands should be signed by a label or receive regular airplay or have sales exceeding 5000 copies of released materials.)
- Etiquette:** Professional and courteous behavior is expected at all time. Event coordinators reserve the right to remove any participant at any time for any reason whatsoever. We expect the following:  
Bands MUST be prompt in responding to any communications regarding this contest and is required to respond to emails and phone calls within 24-48 hours to be eligible to participate.  
Bands MUST be courteous and respectful at all times, including interactions with other bands, event attendees, and the crew coordinating event.  
Bands MUST follow directions during the event, especially in regard to set-up and teardown.
- Judging:** Judges will be experienced music professionals and event staff. The decisions of judges are final and respectful behavior is expected from all participants at all times. The identity of the judges will be kept confidential and not shared with participants. Scores will not be shared with bands. The criteria for judging for both the initial pre-screening process and the competition will be as follows:
  - **Quality of Material**
  - **Musical Skills & Overall Talent** – raw technical skill and execution
  - **Showmanship & Performance** – live presentation
  - **Professionalism**
  - **Audience Reaction** – that's right, 20% of the judging is based on fan support (competition only)
- Publicity:** We ask participants to spread the word about this event and invite EVERYONE THEY KNOW to come out and support the contest. The event is free and open to the public. Remember, 20% of the judging criteria is based on your fan support and enthusiasm. Also, by participating in this event, participants agree to give permission to DORA to use photos and videos recorded during the contest on social media and for future publicity purposes.
- Application Status:** Once the deadline for entry has passed, our committee will review all entries, and bands will be contacted with the status of their application by Friday, September 1. If selected, more specific information will be sent to you regarding the competition.
- Logistics:** Once confirmed to play, each band will receive an email with specific load-in directions, including location, when to arrive, where to park, stage gear provided, etc. Bands will be scheduled to play every 30 minutes, with load and unload times limited to 15 minutes each for set-up and take-down.
- Set List:** Once confirmed to play, bands will submit their set list for approval. Bands are limited to 1 original song.
- More Info:** Email [croberson@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:croberson@orangeburg.sc.us) or call 803.531.6186



## APPLICATION

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact (Band Member – non-published information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Contact (Published info for website, programs, advertising, etc.)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Facebook Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Website: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, each band member confirms that he/she has read and will follow the Rules & Regulations of this contest. Any violation of these rules by any member of the band may result in the immediate disqualification of the entire band.

Band Member Signatures	Instrument/Vocals	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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If any member(s) are under the age of 18 please complete parent waiver.

**Deadline for entries is Friday, August 25, 2017 by 4 pm.** Entries may be submitted by email to [croberson@orangeburg.sc.us](mailto:croberson@orangeburg.sc.us) or mailed to PO Box 808, Orangeburg, SC 29116. Bio, picture, and example of music performance must be included for review. Links are acceptable.