

BLUFFTON STREET FAIR IDOL OFFICIAL RULES 2026

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

- 1. HOW TO ENTER/ TRYOUTS:** Bluffton Street Fair Idol (BSFI) is a singing contest only, no bands, comedians or other forms of entertainment will be permitted. Only 1 person per entry, no choirs, duets or more than 1 performer at a time will be permitted. BSFI will be hosting Preliminary Qualifications on **Sunday, September 20, 2026 at Life Church Auditorium, 428 S. Oak St., Bluffton, IN 46714** starting at **2:00 pm**. You must be 17 or over to participate. Each contestant will be asked to sing one song only and may be asked to stop early by the judges. Each contestant must choose their own song. Musical accompaniment by one person or one instrument by contestant will be allowed or music with background singers is acceptable. If music is deemed inappropriate, contestant may be disqualified.
- 2. BLUFFTON STREET FAIR WEEK:** Three judges will determine if the contestant moves on to the Main Event. The Main Event will be held at the Ruoff Main Stage on West Washington Street across from the Library on **Saturday September 26, 2026 starting at 6:00 pm**. The BSF winner will be selected through judge's scoring. Contestants who qualify during the preliminary qualifications will need to supply their own form of music on a CD or on their phone. If on phone, it must be cued up ready to play. You must bring your CD or phone to the sound booth prior to going on stage. If the Contestant is unable to supply their own form of music, the contestant will sing acapella. You will be responsible for retrieving your phone from the sound booth area at the end of the show. Bluffton Street Fair Idol, Bluffton Street Fair employees and all involved with these events are not responsible for lost phones or music.
- 3. JUDGING:** All 3 judges are from a third party and are at no way in relationship with BSFI. The judges are giving their time and expertise to this event. All judges' comments and recommendations are per their discretion and in no way reflect the opinion of BSFI. All judging scores are final. BSFI has the right to tally the judge's scores for the sole purpose to announce the top finalists. Contestants are not permitted to see their scores after any round or at end of contest.
- 4. PRIZES:** **1st Place: \$700.00 2nd Place \$300.00 3rd Place \$200.00**
- 5. ELIGIBILITY:** Open only to legal residents of the U.S. Employees of Bluffton Free Street Fair, Stylus Audio Video, Wellscountyvoice.com or Bluffton News Banner are not eligible and people living in their households and immediate family members are not eligible. All applicants must be 17 years of age or older and be an amateur singer. In other words, if you make your living as a performer or if singing is your main source of income you are ineligible. **Once a contestant wins first place in the Bluffton Street Fair Idol, they must sit out for 2 years before trying again.**
- 6. SPONSORED BY:** Bluffton Free Street Fair Association, Inc. P.O. Box 2, 113 S. Johnson St., Bluffton, IN 46714 260-824-4351 or office@blufftonstreetfair.com