



San Diego Songwriter's Guild Contest Rules and Entry Form

- Song entries will be judged by a committee consisting of industry professionals, songwriters and/or SDSG staff. Judges will score entries on five criteria lyrics, melody, form, originality and presentation. All styles of music are eligible, but instrumentals will receive no lyric score.
- Each entry must be the contestant's original work. By entering this contest, you are confirming that the song submitted is original and you hold rights to the song. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and an alternative winner will be selected.
- Songwriter must be present at the time of the awards presentation to receive prize. Songwriters who are not present at the awards presentation will be disqualified from consideration for prizes and awards.
- Contestants and their collaborators retain all rights to works submitted, but entries will not be returned by SDSG.
- Contest is open to amateur songwriters, meaning one who has not been employed as a staff writer for a publishing company, who is not being paid for such services, and/or who has not received more than \$5,000 in song royalty income within the past year.
- No song previously recorded and released through major national distribution in any country is eligible.
- Grand Prize (Platinum) winning songwriter from the previous two consecutive song contest (2014, 2015) is not eligible to enter the contest. All other previous entrants from years not indicated above can make a song submission.
- The contest is open to songwriters who are 18 years of age or older on the date of entry submission. Any entrant who is a minor in his or her jurisdiction of legal residence must submit written permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to participate in the contest Parental Consent Form – Contestants under 18 years old Download
- Songs that placed in the top 4 prize categories (Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze) from previous year's song contest cannot be resubmitted and will be disqualified.
- Prizes for this year's contest have yet to be determined. Check out prizes from prior years at our website Note: many of the prizes are "San Diego" based and can only be redeemed in San Diego stores, offices, and studios.
- Winners are responsible for division of prizes and taxes.
- No more than 70 entries will be accepted; SDSG reserves the right to limit submissions further.
- A maximum of two of entries will be accepted per writer. Co-writes count proportionately toward this total. (For example: an entry with two writers counts as 1/2 of one entry for each writer.) San Diego Songwriter's Guild reserves the right to limit entries further.
- San Diego Songwriter's Guild is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, or misappropriated entries.
- Entry constitutes permission to use winner's names, likeness and voices for future publicity and advertising purposes without additional compensation.
- This contest is limited to local songwriters only. You must be a current resident living in San Diego County, California.
- Entries that violate these rules may be disqualified, and submitted fees will not be returned. All judges' decisions are final.

EACH ENTRY MUST CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Entry Form:** Completed and signed Entry Form, see below, photocopy is OK. One form per song entered. (limit 2)
- **Audio CD or MP3 Audio:** Each song must be submitted on its own individual CD or Flash Drive. You must indicate the track number of each song submitted on CD.
- **Lyric Sheets:** 6 copies of typed lyric sheets. Sheets are not required for instrumental compositions. Performer's/songwriter's names must not appear on lyric sheets. Entries will be number coded to assure impartiality in judging.
- **Entry fees:** \$15 per song for active members and \$30 per song for non-members. Payment to be in U.S. Dollars. Payments may be by check, cash or Credit Card. (Limited numbers of entrants may be accepted)



SDSG Song Contest Entry Form

Submit ONE form with EACH song entered. Include this form with your song entry. Bring to the event the day of the contest.

_____ Song Payment Included

Song Title: _____

CD Track Number: _____

Songwriter(s) Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

I have read the contest rules and accept the terms and conditions.

Signed: _____
Signature Date