



**Preliminary Competition - Friday, October 7, 2016, 7:00 PM**

**Finals Competition - Sunday, October 9, 2016, 1:00 PM**

Do you love to sing?

*Do you want a chance to win the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest?*

Open to everyone not just Deerfield Township residents.

- Singing performances only. Soloists only.
- Songs with lyrics considered offensive or inappropriate will be rejected.
- Previous winners are prohibited from competing in the same age category more than once.

**Enter the contest by September 23, 3 PM.**

It is your responsibility to make sure your entry form and audition song in electronic format \*\* is submitted as required by date and time requested. **\*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 23 deadline.**

Please see contest entry and participation rules.

Contestants will compete in 3 categories:

SOLO PERFORMERS:

***Age 4 – 12***

***Age 13 – 18***

***Age 19 and over***

Prizes:

- ❖ \$100 cash prize to the winner in each category.

# ENTRY FORM & CONTEST GUIDELINES

**Enter the contest no later than September 23, 3 PM**

**Open to everyone not just Deerfield Township residents. Solo singers only. Complete this form and submit it with your recording electronically by the entry deadline in order to qualify for the preliminary review.**

**NOTE: if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 23 deadline.**

**NOTE: All contestants, even if you entered and competed before, must submit the entry form and audition recording.**

## **How to Enter:**

1. **ONLINE** - Entry form may be completed on the Harvest Festival website and the audition recording must be submitted in electronic / digital format via email to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline.
2. **EMAIL** - Entry Form and the audition recording to be submitted in electronic / digital format via email to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline. PDF version of the entry form is available online at [www.dtfh.org](http://www.dtfh.org).
3. **MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY** - Entry Form may be mailed to "SingFest", PO Box 350, Rosenhayn, NJ 08352 or hand delivered to Deerfield Township Municipal Hall between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday to Friday no later than the entry deadline. The audition recording must be submitted in electronic / digital format via email to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline.

**\*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 23 deadline.**

**Location:** Deerfield Twp. Municipal Building, Landis Ave., Rosenhayn , NJ

1.5 blocks west of Morton Ave.

GPS address: 736 Landis Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**Municipal Hall Number: 856-455-3200    Fax: 856-455-0025**

**Please print this form and send the completed and signed form in with your recording or register online at [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org).**

*Name of Contestant:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Solo Performers - Contestant's Age As of the Date of the Competition* \_\_\_\_\_

**Age categories:** \_\_\_\_\_ 4 - 12, \_\_\_\_\_ 13 - 18, \_\_\_\_\_ 19 and over

**Name of Parent or Guardian if contestant under 18 years old:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Contestant:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Phone(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email address:* \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's name who made the song popular: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below to indicate your willingness to be a contestant in the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest Contest and your acceptance of the rules and procedures outlined here.

Signature of Contestant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian for Contestants Under 18 Years of Age:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Take note contest rules and procedures:

### **Auditions**

1. **ALL AUDITION ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR ON CD'S, NO TAPES OR OTHER RECORDING MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED.** It must be an a cappella (no musical accompaniment) recording for the entry round. If you are selected to perform on Oct. 7 in the preliminary show, you will be able to sing your song with recorded music but not for the audition entry. Amateur singers are invited to submit an electronic recording via email **singing any song except those with lyrics that the Festival Singfest committee finds unacceptable due to offensive language.**
2. Complete the SingFest contest entry form. Additional forms are available at the Deerfield Township Municipal Building, or it may be obtained online at [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org). Submit the form as described above in "Where / How to Submit" section.
3. **NOTE:** All contestants, even if you entered and competed before, must submit the entry form and audition recording. Previous winners are prohibited from competing in the same age category.
4. Submit the electronic file of you singing a song without musical accompaniment and the entry form via email to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) **by 3 PM on September 23.** Entry form and recording must be received by that deadline in order to qualify for review by the SingFest Committee.
5. 48 hours after of your submission of your entry and music, if you have not received confirmation by email, please call 609-805-4679 to speak with a SingFest committee volunteer.
6. Deerfield Recreation Harvest Fest SingFest Committee will review all entries and select people in each age category to go to the preliminary show, which will take place live at the Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 7. The names of those chosen to sing live at the Festival on Oct. 7 will be posted to [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org) **by September 27.** An email notice will follow to all those chosen to be in the preliminary competition, providing the rules, procedures and schedules for the preliminary competition and for the finals. The information in that notice is available at the bottom of this page.

### **Preliminary Competition**

7. Your preliminary song may be different from your audition recording. The song must be no longer than 3 ½ minutes in length and the **instrumental version only.** Your music must be SUBMITTED in electronic format to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org). You must select the song you will perform at the competition in advance after you have been advised of your acceptance into the preliminary competition on Friday night, Oct. 7 **no later than Friday, Sept 30th** when all electronic music files must be submitted **no later than 6 PM.** This deadline provides our audio director time to review the music files and make sure they work properly as they will be copied to his hard drive for use at the contest in advance of event. This is why songs may not be changed after submission. At the finals, you must sing the same song from the preliminary show.
8. Preliminary judging on Oct. 7 will be done by independent, judges with knowledge of music and entertainment. Only positive comments will be made during the event. No contestant will be criticized in public. 3 finalists in each age category will be selected by the judges to participate in the finals competition on Oct. 9.

Participants will be judged as follows:

- a. Vocal performance – voice and tone quality, beat, melody and lyrics.
- b. Stage Presence – poise, performance, appearance.
- c. Overall performance.

10. Those selected for the preliminary competition must email a 2 or 3 sentence introduction of themselves to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by Sept 30. Include name, hometown, school, other experience, future goals, other items of interest.
12. All contestants who are notified that they are in the preliminary round and have complied with all requested materials by the deadlines, must report to the back steps of stage at the Festival by 6:30 PM on Friday, Oct 7.
14. Deerfield Township Recreation Committee and SingFest Committee reserves the right to amend the rules and to change dates and procedures as needed. All decisions of the Recreation Committee, SingFest Committee and its judges are final.

## **FINALS COMPETITION ON OCT. 9**

**Note that this information is for those who are selected as finalists to appear in the finals competition on Sunday, Oct. 9.**

1. The top-three contestants in each category will return for the finals on Sunday, Oct. 9 at the festival at 1 PM. They are required to report to the stage by 12:30 PM.
2. At the finals you must sing the same song you sang for the preliminary competition on Friday night. The song should be no longer than 3 ½ minutes in length.
3. The finals will be judged by the preliminary judges plus a few additional independent judges.

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For more information:

**609-364-5528 (Tony), 856-455-8237 (Bev) or 609-805-4679 (Linda)**

**Email:** [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) **Web:** [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org)