



SUNCOAST BLUES SOCIETY - P.O. BOX 4232, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33677

# 2024 OFFICIAL APPLICATION



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ROAD TO THE CHALLENGE 2024

The Suncoast Blues Society will accept only the FIRST TEN applications (5 Band / 5 Solo/Duo) received that meet requirement qualifications. When sufficient numbers of qualified applications are received by the Suncoast Blues Society, the application availability period will close.

No applications will be accepted after the official deadline postmark date of June 02, 2023

## RULES

- 1 Entrants must submit an act biography and a high-resolution (1600 x 1200 pixels) promotional photo in jpeg format. Bio and photo are to be emailed to [events@suncoastblues.org](mailto:events@suncoastblues.org)
- 2 Submitted applications must include an audio CD or digital mp3 file(s) of ORIGINAL MUSIC. Quality of recording and/or graphics is not considered in selecting and only the first three songs will be considered. CD or files will not be returned.
- 3 Submitted applications must include a \$20 entry fee. (Fee will be returned if your act is not selected to compete.) All Acts MUST Be Members Of SBS, or purchase a 1-year Family Membership (\$30.00) in addition to entry fee
- 4 Acts from outside a 90 mile range from Tampa may compete, but they must join the SBS in the Family Category (\$30.00) in addition to the \$20.00 application fee.
- 5 Your signature is a guarantee of performance for all dates you qualify to compete. Do not sign if you have a conflict with any of the following dates:
  - A SBS Road To The Challenge Judging – July 23, 2023
  - B 30th International Blues Challenge - January 16-20, 2024
- 6 Failure to perform due to a performance conflict results in immediate disqualification of your band. Act members must remain the same in all rounds. **NOTE:** No substitution will be allowed without prior consent of the SBS board and only in the case of an emergency. SBS must have 24-hour notification to consider any substitution request.
- 7 Entrants grant permission to the SBS for use of photos, audio and video tapes for promotional purposes only.
- 8 All entrants must have a Social Media Presence to be considered (Band website, Facebook page, ReverbNation), which is current. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 9 All decisions of the judges are FINAL
- 10 Entries must be postmarked by June 02, 2023 - NO EXCEPTIONS!



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NAME OF BAND: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

FACEBOOK /  
REVERBNATION/OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERS:

MEMBER 1: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 2: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 3: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 4: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 5: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 6: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER 7: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

(INDICATE VOCALS AS AN INSTRUMENT)

**Will you be bringing or require any additional or special equipment other than standard backline gear?  
Please list:**

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

Does your drummer require a left-handed set-up? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a CD when mailing, or email digital mp3 files to [events@suncoastblues.org](mailto:events@suncoastblues.org) of three ORIGINAL songs for submission consideration.

LIST FIRST THREE SONG TITLES AS THEY APPEAR ON SUBMISSION:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_



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BAND NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that our band meets the eligibility requirements outlined in the Blues Challenge Rules\*. Any misrepresentation will result in disqualification.  
\* See Attached

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF BAND REPRESENTATIVE

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Application Fee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family Membership (if not already a member or are from outside of 90 miles)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL INCLUDED

Please fill-in all required fields, sign and date, staple and mail this three-page application to:  
 SUNCOAST BLUES SOCIETY - P.O. Box 4232, Tampa, Florida 33677

MUST BE POSTMARKED BY June 02, 2023

**DID YOU DO IT ALL?**

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION? (must be mailed)

INCLUDED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$20.00 APPLICATION FEE (must be mailed)  
 MADE OUT TO SUNCOAST BLUES SOCIETY? (\$50.00 if outside 90 miles or not a member)

INCLUDED CD OF THREE ORIGINAL SONGS?      YOU MUST DO ONE OR THE OTHER

EMAILED DIGITAL mp3 FILES

EMAILED BAND BIO

EMAILED BAND PROMO (jpeg only at least 1600 x 1200 high resolution - 300px)

**email address: [events@suncoastblues.org](mailto:events@suncoastblues.org)**