



NEWS RELEASE



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Calling all songwriters! Calling all poets and composers!

**Write a song about Mesa County!
Get a shot at a cash prize and performing at the county fair!**

Mesa County is announcing a call for entries for its first-ever song contest offered in connection with the 125th Anniversary of Mesa County. This is a chance to write and perform your music in front of hundreds of people! Musicians, songwriters, and composers of all ages and levels can participate in this unique contest.

We're looking for a song that celebrates our unique community—this place we all call home—Mesa County. The competition includes cash prizes for the selected winners. In addition, the selected winner(s) will have an opportunity to perform their song live for all their friends and neighbors on-stage at the upcoming Mesa County Fair in July.

Contestants can participate in the song contest in two ways:

1. Create an original composition of music and lyrics

OR

2. Write your own special lyrics only—set to the tune of a favorite song

Entries must be received at the Fair office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. For original compositions, there is a minimum of 16 bars required. For those who choose to write words only to an existing melody, a maximum length of three minutes is desired. The contest is open to any Mesa County resident—both amateurs and professionals can participate. Complete contest details and entry forms are available on the Fair website at www.mesacountyfair.com or from the Fair office at 2785 U.S. Highway 50. You can also call 256-1528 for all the details.

Winners will be judged on creativity, originality and composition quality. Entries will be judged by a committee that includes: a music educator, an on-air radio personality, a professional musician, a youth representative, and a County Fair board member. First prize winners will receive a \$100 cash award, along with the opportunity to present their song at the County Fair prior to the fireworks show in the grandstands on Wednesday, July 23 in the Grandstands and again at the Demolition Derby on Saturday, July 26.

The Mesa County Fair will be held July 22 – July 27 at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. The theme for 2008 is: "The Best Six Days of Summer." In addition to the song contest, the Fair has several other special entry categories celebrating the 125th anniversary of the county. Visit our website (www.mesacountyfair.com) to view any of those special entries that recognize and commemorate our anniversary.

"Many Faces, Many Places. One Community—Mesa County."