



**WASHINGTON BLUES SOCIETY  
2018 International Blues Competition (IBC) Contest  
Two Categories: Bands (Three Piece and Larger) and Solo/Duo Acts  
CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

Please complete this application if you want to compete in the Washington Blues Society contest to send a band or a solo/duo act to the IBC in Memphis in January of 2019. We are working with the Walla Walla Blues Society (WWBS) and the Inland Empire Blues Society (IEBS) to hold semi-finals across the state to make it easier for blues acts to participate. We will hold semi-finals on: Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in Snohomish, WA at Collector's Choice Restaurant; Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Spokane, WA at the Roadhouse; Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> in Anacortes, WA at the H2O; Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in Cashmere, WA at TBA; and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, WA at TBA. The finalists will compete Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Taste of Music Festival in Snohomish, WA. If we receive 10+ applicants for any event, our Board may select applicants via lottery at the May 2018 Board meeting. This form is an initial statement of interest, and not binding. Judges will evaluate acts using the Blues Foundation score sheet ([www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php](http://www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php)).

**LOCATION (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Snohomish (5/28)**

**Spokane (6/3)**

**Anacortes (6/10)**

**Cashmere (6/17)**

**Vancouver (6/24)**

<b>Band or Solo Duo (Circle One)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Best Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	

**PARTICIPATION CRITERIA, FEES, AND DEADLINE:** Contestants must be a blues act, pay the non-refundable entry fee, reside in WA, OR, ID, MT, BC or ALB, and at least one member must belong to (or join) the WBS upon application. (Membership in the WWBS for acts competing in Yakima or membership in the IEBS for acts competing in Spokane is required in place of WBS Membership requirement.) Each winner will be required to perform at a minimum of two fundraisers in 2018 and one fundraiser in 2019 at no charge. Proceeds from these events and fees, will be deposited into a WBS fund to help defray expenses for each winning act to and from Memphis, but we cannot guarantee an "all-expenses paid" trip. Band entry fee is \$30; Solo/Duo entry fee is \$15. Applications and entry fees must be received no later than Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> by a WBS Board member or at:

**Washington Blues Society  
ATTN: President, IBC Entry  
PO Box 70604  
Seattle, WA 98127**