



CRAFT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND PROCESS

Craft submissions must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be an original handmade creation of the crafter
- Be significantly crafted from raw materials
- Involve substantial alteration of basic materials
- Show acceptable level of expertise and craftsmanship

Preference is given to craft items that

- Are crafted from local materials
- Represent our Appalachian region
- Are not already sold at our market

Ineligible items include but are not limited to:

- Crafts made from kits
- Commercially manufactured items
- Resale items
- Simple enhancement of purchased items
- Simple assembly of purchased items

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Design:

An object must be well designed. Consideration will be given to choice of materials and originality of the artist.

Craftsmanship:

An object must be handmade by the applicant. Handmade objects are so designated when hand tools or hand directed machine tools are used. Durability, assembly, originality, and finishing will be considered.

Marketability:

While issues of design and craftsmanship are prime considerations the Board will also consider marketability of the craft.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- **Crafters are responsible for collecting and reporting appropriate North Carolina sales tax. Craft vendors must have an NCDOR number and provide it to the market manager.**
- All work must be original and handmade. No buy to sell or mass produced products will be allowed.
- If you decide to offer new items for sale during the season, please make the Market Manager aware so that we can confirm your items are eligible for sale. We reserve the right to decline approval for any new items.
- Manufactured items may be incorporated in the craft work, such as jewelry findings or furniture hardware provided the majority of the product is handmade and reflects the skill of the craftsperson.
- Craft vendor submissions can be made at any time throughout the season. Submissions should be made via email with attached photographs of your work.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Along with your craft vendor application AND your farmers market contract, a craft vendor applicant should submit up to four (4) print or digital photographs. For the fastest turn around on a decision from the Board, digital photographs are preferred. These photos must be representative of the quality and nature of the work to be exhibited. If available, one of these photos should show your display of your work, as it will be seen in your booth at the market. Include a description of the craft depicted in each photograph and dimensions if relevant. Images submitted to the Board should present the very best of the applicant's work. These items will be evaluated on overall design, craftsmanship and marketability. **The Jackson County Board of Directors reserves the right to decline any submitted applications based on the applicant's ability to meet the criteria above.**

Please **email** your craft application, farmers market contract and photographs to:
jacksoncountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

If you must **mail** your application please send it to
Jackson County Farmers Market Craft
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