

West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival

October 16, 2026

Dear School Official

I hope this letter finds you well. This year marks the 47th year of the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival and we are proud to be one of the largest festivals in the State.

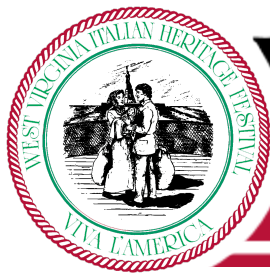
Each year, we request schools from around the State to encourage their students to participate in our Poster Contest. This poster is used as the cover for the official WVIHF Souvenir Book and is included in our advertising. The poster is seen as the focal point for the festival each year. It is time for another Poster Contest.

The winner of said contest will not only be highlighted throughout the festival, but they will be awarded a \$200 cash prize and invited to ride in the Festival Grand Feature Parade.

Attached is the application form. We ask that you please ask your teachers to distribute these forms to their students and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Very Truly Yours,

Poster Contest Committee
West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival



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2026 Poster Contest Application

Contest Rules:

1. All entries will be judged on originality, neatness and expression of theme.
2. All entries will become the property of the WVIHF and will NOT be returned.
3. Contest is open to ALL non-professional individuals of ALL ages
4. An application MUST be attached to the back of each poster entry or included in email submission in PDF form
5. Artwork MUST be owner's original work and submissions must NOT violate any copyright laws
6. All entries must be delivered to the WVIHF Office, 340 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301, no later than April 24, 2026
7. The winning artist will receive a cash prize of \$200
8. Artist will be invited to ride in the Festival's Grand Feature Parade
9. Poster will be used in MOST advertising including but not limited to Cover of the official WVIHF Souvenir Book, schedule of events tri-fold pamphlets, t-shirts, and social media posts
10. Artwork and form may be submitted via email (pdf) or mail (USPS)

Poster Specifications

1. Finished poster must be ready to take to the printer
2. Poster must be 16"x20" in size
3. Colors used in all posters are limited to: red, green, black and white
4. Wording on the poster must include the following information:
47th Annual West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival
September 4-6, 2026

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

School (If Applicable): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return application and artwork in PDF form via email to: wvihf@wvihf.com
Or physical copies via United States Postal Service to:

West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival
340 W Main Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301
304-622-7314