



Blues Kids Foundation and Friends Present
The 14th Annual Blues Kid of the Year Contest | 2026

Parents/Legal Guardians go to www.BluesKids.com/Contest for all instructions.

Eligibility: Contestants entering the *Blues Kid of the Year Contest* (BKOTY) must live in North America and be between the ages of eleven (11) and fifteen (15) by July 1st. Blues Kids who've attended Blues Camp before are ineligible. Proof of age may be requested at any time during the process. Contestants can enter under parental/legal guardian supervision only. They can sing and/or play an instrument(s) accompanied by one of the backing tracks on the page. Be creative and have fun.

The winner gets transportation that may include either two (2) roundtrip plane tickets on Southwest Airlines (or a comparable airline) of a commercial passenger train or bus. And six (6) nights of lodging accommodations in a chain hotel across the street from Blues Camp. The BKOTY will also receive an award, swag from D'Addario, Rotary Club Chicago, Jim Dunlop, Blues Kids Foundation and more.

2026 deadline: Submit entries between Sunday, February 1st and Saturday, June 20th at 12P CST; The 2026 BKOTY will be announced on Monday, June 22nd by 5P CST on our social media platforms.

The 2026 BKOTY must be accompanied by a legal guardian to Fernando Jones' 16th Annual Blues Camp International at Columbia College Chicago Sunday, July 5 to Friday, July 10, 2026. Ahona B was the 2025 BKOTY, a violinist from Massachusetts.