

**KANSAS CITY BLUES SOCIETY (KCBS)
GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO WINNING BANDS AND SOLO/DUO ACTS
ENTERED IN THE INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE (IBC)**

1) The KCBS will provide some financial support to the winning band and solo/duo acts that have entered in and won the local challenge and are representing the Kansas City Blues Society at the IBC in Memphis, TN in January.

2) Financial support from the KCBS is not a **PRIZE** for winning the local challenge; it is only intended to help offset expenses for representing the KCBS in January. Those expenses include travel to and from Memphis, meals, and hotel accommodations. The funds are not intended to cover 100% of the expenses incurred in Memphis.

3) The KCBS no longer requires a fee to enter the IBC challenge.

4) The audience at the final challenge (if necessary) is charged for admission at the door. This door money is divided equally among the total number of winning musicians in both categories. For example, if the winning band has 5 members and the winning solo/duo act has 2 members, the door amount is divided by 7 and paid to the musicians.

5) Financial support by the KCBS **will not** be provided to the winning acts until proof has been obtained that they are formally registered/approved with the Blues Foundation. If funds are provided to a band and solo/duo act that, for whatever reason, do not go on to perform in Memphis, return of those funds will be requested. It is the **SOLE** responsibility of the winning acts to complete the registration forms required by the Blues Foundation to formally enter in the IBC. The KCBS will be happy to assist if needed and notified. **If the winning act cannot complete the registration forms by the deadline, please inform the President of the KCBS as soon as you become aware of the situation.**

6) After proof of registration with the Blues Foundation, financial support in the form of a check will be disbursed to the band and solo/duo acts in December. This check will also include the funds collected in #4 above. **No funds will be disbursed to the winning acts prior to December.**

7) While the full responsibility of fundraising activities outside of the final challenge lies **solely** with the winning acts, the KCBS will work very closely with the winners to facilitate fundraising opportunities. The KCBS will also provide non-monetary support in the form of providing access to past IBC challengers, sharing

knowledge gained from attending past challenges, mentoring, helping to set up fundraising events at area venues, and other support as needed and requested by the winning acts.