



Maryland Renaissance Festival

Artisan/Vendor Information and Application

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is a 16th century English Renaissance Festival with the Court of King Henry VIII consisting of approximately 100 craft vendors, 18 specialty vendors, five food vendors, five game vendors and over 230 performers on ten stages. Current attendance is at over 300,000 for the season, averaging over 15,800 per day. All performers, vendors and employees are in period costuming and all twentieth century items are hidden. Each vendor purchases or leases, subject to availability, a shop or outlet at the show and agrees to adhere to any and all requirements of the festival and local government. The festival is situated on its own 120 acre site, 25 acres are used for the village and 85 acres are used for parking.

Foods: Currently the festival is not accepting new food vendors due to space limitations and the septic system requirements.

Crafts: Since 1986 the Festival has used a jury to evaluate craft applicants. During that time the Festival, with very few exceptions, has accepted only handcrafted products created by the applicant who must attend the show at least half the show dates. The jury evaluates crafts based on quality, existing representation at the show, vendor's reputation and the likelihood of the vendor to participate successfully in the show. Only the items submitted for jury evaluation are permitted for sale. Any additions in subsequent years must be submitted for jury approval. Vendors are reviewed annually prior to contracting for the next season. The craft fee is \$900 for full participation and approximately \$125 for Guest Weekends.

Games/Specialty: Specialty is defined as, but not limited to, non-crafted items such as face painting, palm reading and hair braiding. Games are attractions and rides involving payment for participation in the attraction. Currently, we are reviewing these vendors individually and are extremely selective. Additionally, game vendors are required to offer prizes for customers that succeed at the game. The fee for this classification is \$150 plus 10% of gross receipts. The fees are subject to change.

Jury Procedure: FEE: \$10. Applications are accepted until January 31 each year. Jurying of applicants is in early February. Applicants are notified by email concerning the results, USPS when no email address provided. In recent years the number of new vendors that have been accepted is dictated by the number exiting the show, approximately two per season. Guest spots are usually offered to 10 applicants. The turnover rate is extremely low. Once accepted a space must be secured after which a participation agreement will be forwarded. Accepted vendors will be provided a list of available spaces and have until March 31 to negotiate a sale. Guest Vendors will be given information about scheduling one or more weekends. Vendor applicants are evaluated each year and the jury selects participants from all applicants. Applicants do not move up a waiting list each year. The festival encourages people interested in participating to talk with current participants to evaluate the show.

Maryland Renaissance Festival, P.O. Box 315, Crownsville, MD 21032



**ENCLOSE \$10 FEE
WITH APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE
JANUARY 31**

**2024 Vendor Application
Maryland Renaissance Festival**

The 2023 dates for the Festival are August 24, 25, 31; September 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20, 2024. *Please complete the application and return to:*

**Maryland Renaissance Festival
P.O. Box 315
Crownsville, MD 21032
Or email to: Info@rennfest.com**

*Include with application photos accurately representing your work or product and identify what percentage of your display each item or item type will be in your shop. Images on CDs (1 only please) are acceptable. Email submissions with photos attached are acceptable. info@rennfest.com Every application should include an image of your entire display set up at a show. **Do Not Send Samples.** Any samples received become the property of the Festival and will not be returned. **Any application not accompanied by application fee will be discarded without consideration.** You will be informed of the jury committee's results by February 28, 2024.*

NAME _____

SHOP NAME AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS & APT. # _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

BUSINESSADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER _____

E-mail _____ Web Site _____

Please describe the type of product or service you wish to submit:

Please describe the process involved in your work:

Juried shows in which you currently participate: Have you previously participated at this show? _____
Year Started Contact Telephone Number

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Indicate all participation preferences:

Purchase an existing structure _____ Guest Artist program _____

Are you the owner/craftsman? _____ If accepted into Guest Vendor Program the artisan/craft person is required to participate each day. If the artisan/, artisans/craft person is accepted into the festival as a full time vendor they are required to have their shop open each day, and the artisan/craft person must be in attendance in the shop at least 50% of the dates of the festival. If applying as the maker and originator of your wares your signature below indicates acceptance of this condition.

I have read and understand the information and affirm the submission by me is accurate as presented.

Signature

Date