



# Maryland Renaissance Festival

## Artisan/Vendor Information and Application

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is a 16<sup>th</sup> 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 over 340,000 for the season, averaging over 17,800 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 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. The balance is forest buffer.

**Foods:** Currently the festival is not accepting new food vendors due to space limitations and the operators of the festival expanding their concessions at the show. In addition, food operations are required to have a septic system, and the capacity is currently at the limit permitted.

**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 each Guest Weekends. The fees are subject to change prior to contracts being issued.

**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. The fee for this classification is \$150 plus 10% of gross receipts. The fees are subject to change prior to contracts being issued.

**Jury Procedure: FEE: \$25 By Check or By Phone With Credit Card.** 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 is provided. In recent years the number of new vendors that have been accepted is tied to 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 with 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. To be considered in another year, merchants must submit a new application. 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 (410) 266-7304*



**\$25 FEE APPLICATION FEE**  
**Check or By Phone With Credit Card**

**DEADLINE**  
**JANUARY 31**

**2026 Vendor Application**  
**Maryland Renaissance Festival**

The 2026 dates for the Festival are August 29, 30; September 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2026. *Please complete the application and return it to:*

**Maryland Renaissance Festival**  
**P.O. Box 315**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Or email to: [Info@rennfest.com](mailto:Info@rennfest.com) 410-266-7304**

*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 CD, thumb drive, and email submissions with photos attached are acceptable. Please forward to [info@rennfest.com](mailto: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, 2026.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SHOP NAME AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS & APT. # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

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**Please describe the process involved in your work:**

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**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, artisans/craftsmen are required to participate at least half the days in person and to be open every day and all the hours the festival is open to the public. 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**

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**Date**