



# Vendor Application for Arts and Crafts 2021

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operator(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of Operation:	Mailing Address:	Additional Phone Numbers (Name/Type)	(Number)
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What forms of payment do you accept? ( ) Cash ( ) Checks ( ) Debit/Credit

When do you plan to sell? ( ) Jan ( ) Feb ( ) March ( ) April ( ) May ( ) June ( ) July ( ) Aug ( ) Sept ( ) Oct ( ) Nov ( ) Dec

Have your products previously been reviewed **and approved** by the Standards Committee? ( ) No ( ) Yes, \_\_\_\_\_(date)

\* Note: If your products have been previously reviewed and approved by the Standards Committee, the Market Manager can waive recertification. **However, if you wish to sell products other than those items previously approved, these products will need to be approved prior to selling them.**

Does your product contain inputs sourced from a farm in Mississippi? ( ) No ( ) Yes \_\_\_\_\_% of whole piece sourced in MS.  
\* Provide a product description with the farm Information and attach it to this form along with pictures of the items you intend to sell.

Are you currently an active member of the Craftsman’s Guild of Mississippi? ( ) No ( ) Yes

Vendors using farm inputs and members of the Craftsman’s Guild of Mississippi will be given preference in the overall impact category of the review process. If you are not currently a member of the Craftsman’s Guild, your work will be reviewed based solely on the Standards Committees judgement of your craftsmanship and skill.

Are you willing to have your products reviewed by the Standards Committee? ( ) No ( ) Yes

Indicate your products’ categories: ( ) Wood ( ) Clay ( ) Glass ( ) Metal ( ) Textile ( ) Soap ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the products you intend to sell, according to category, below:

If you have more products, please attach a complete list. You may also include a description of tools, methods, and techniques used, materials, preparation, motivation or inspiration for each product. You must list and submit each product you intend to sell for review. **You may ONLY SELL products that have been approved by the Standards Review Committee.**

Category	Product
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Completion of this application does not obligate or give any right to sell at the Mississippi Farmer’s Market. New applicants, vendors wishing to sell additional items, or any vendor requested to recertify, must submit their work for review and approval by a committee appointed by the Mississippi Farmers Market. Applicants must submit samples of work for each category specified.

**Review Process:**

The Standards Committee is composed of individuals who are required to have at least 10 years of artisan/craft experience, and includes the Market Manager as a voting member of the committee. The committee meets twice a year to review work of applicants; periodic reviews at the Market will be conducted by the Standards Committee to ensure consistent quality. Notification regarding approval will be made by mail or email.

Each piece of work is handled and scrutinized carefully by every member of the committee. **Work made from pre-assembled commercial kits is not acceptable.** A very high degree of skill and competence must be evident. Small details are considered. Photographs, resumes and artists’ statements are welcomed and reviewed. Open discussion is held and experts in the medium are consulted. An artisan’s emerging potential is also considered. Each committee member then scores each entry using the ballot shown below:

**CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH CATEGORY:**

DESIGN:	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL POINTS
CREATIVITY:	1	2	3	4	5	
CRAFTSMANSHIP:	1	2	3	4	5	
OVERALL IMPACT:	1	2	3	4	5	_____

Please remember to attach any additional documents such as:

- ( ) Complete list of products you wish to sell, grouped according to category
- ( ) For Crafts using Mississippi Farm Products: include percentage of whole piece using farm products along with a product description and the farm information and attach it to this form along with pictures of the items you intend to sell.
- ( ) You may also include a description of tools, methods, and techniques used, materials, preparation, motivation or inspiration for each product.
- ( ) You may include photographs, resumes, and artists’ statements to assist the committee in their review of your products

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By signing this Certification Agreement, Farmer/Vendor agrees to the following terms & conditions while Farmer/Vendor is engaged in selling its product(s) at the Mississippi Farmers Market:

The agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflicts of laws, provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State. Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Farmer/Vendor understands that the Mississippi Farmers Market and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce are equal opportunity employers and therefore, maintain a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful and Farmers/Vendor agrees while engaged in selling product(s) at the Mississippi Farmers Market to strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and provision of services. Furthermore, Farmer/Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, State of Mississippi, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

This agreement along with any attachments is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983,” and its exceptions. (See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.*, and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1.) In addition, this agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. (See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151 *et seq.*) Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a

copy of this executed agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration's independent agency contract website for public access at <http://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>.

Farmer/Vendor warrants: (a) that it is a validly organized business with valid authority to enter into this agreement; (b) that it is qualified to do business and in good standing in the State of Mississippi; (c) that entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, (d) notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings or prospective legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, Farmer/Vendor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate the Mississippi Farmers Market, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce its commissioners, board members, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, and the State of Mississippi from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, and attorney's fees, arising out of or caused by Farmer/Vendor and/or its partners, agents, employees and/or subcontractors while engaged in selling Farmer/Vendor's product(s) at the Mississippi Farmers Market. Farmer/Vendor shall be solely responsible for all costs and/or expenses associated with such defense, and the State shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Farmer/Vendor shall not settle any claim, suit, etc. without the State's concurrence, which the State shall not unreasonably withhold.

Farmer/Vendor will be responsible for the proper custody and care of any state-owned property furnished for Farmer/Vendor's use while engaged in selling its product(s) at the Mississippi Farmers Market. Farmer/Vendor will reimburse the State for any loss or damage, normal wear and tear excepted.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi Farmers Market may use or publish information, materials and/or photographs of Farmers/Vendors and products on its website, social media platforms, in advertisements, and/or in promotional or other materials. This information may include information found on the Farmer/Vendor's website, information submitted by the Farmer/Vendor to the Mississippi Farmers Market and/or any other information found from other sources related to the Farmer/Vendors' business or products. The Farmer/Vendor authorizes and permits the use of the aforementioned information or materials or photographs of their, business or product(s) by the Mississippi Farmers Market. The Farmer/Vendor further releases the Mississippi Farmers Market and the State of Mississippi from liability for the use of such information, materials and/or photographs in connection with the Mississippi Farmers Market

***By my signature on this document, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions of the Mississippi Farmers Market and all applicable rules, regulations and policies of the State of Mississippi & the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.***

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*Applicant's Signature*

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*Date*

Approved by:

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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