



30th Annual
Pumpkinfest

Downtown Franklin, NC

Saturday, October 17, 2026 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

2026 Arts & Crafts Vendor Application

Thank you for your interest in the 30th Annual Pumpkinfest in Franklin, North Carolina. The Town of Franklin is pleased to host this annual celebration of Autumn on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00am to 4:00pm in Downtown Franklin.

ABOUT THIS APPLICATION:

THIS IS AN APPLICATION AND **NOT A CONTRACT**. COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT MEAN AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE AS A VENDOR INTO THE 30th ANNUAL PUMPKINFEST IN FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHICH APPLICATIONS TO ACCEPT.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE READ THE GUIDELINES, AND THIS APPLICATION IS CONSENT TO ABIDE BY THESE GUIDELINES.

The absolute deadline for Vendor Applications is Monday, August 31, 2026.

NO RAIN DATE - NO REFUNDS IN CASE OF RAIN

GENERAL FESTIVAL VENDOR INFORMATION:

Types of Vendor Applications NOT Accepted:

- Retail businesses
- Commercial type products (manufactured goods, re-sale items, imported items)
- Candidates for political office or representatives of political causes or parties DO NOT qualify as a vendor

BOOTH SPACE:

This festival is an outdoor event and is held rain or shine. All vendors are required to have a tent. All spaces are 10' x 10'. All vendors must provide their own tent(s), tables, shelving, chairs, and signs. Vendors must erect their own tent. **If your tent is larger than 10' x 10' you must rent two spaces.** The area around the booth space must be kept free of litter.

VENDOR PLACEMENT:

ALL BOOTH PLACEMENT is at the discretion of the festival organizers. Booths are placed to provide an appropriate mix of our stated vendor categories. While you may request a specific location, it **CANNOT** be guaranteed.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY:

All booths will be positioned so as not to impede handicapped access to crosswalks, restrooms and other facilities. If your booth interferes with handicapped access, you will be required to move and reposition your booth.

FOOD & BEVERAGES:

Food & Beverage Vendors have exclusive rights to sell these items. Food and beverages may not be sold or distributed by arts & crafts vendors or non-profit organizations. You may bring a cooler and keep drinks and food in your vendor space for your personal consumption.

LAWS & SALES TAX:

Compliance with applicable state or federal laws is the responsibility of the exhibitor. We are not responsible for, nor do we collect sales tax; however, the North Carolina Department of Revenue may require us to submit names and addresses of vendors. It is your responsibility to comply with state sales tax law.

VEHICLE ACCESS:

Main Street, through Downtown Franklin, as well as portions of Iotla and Phillips Street is closed to traffic during the event. Vendors attending PumpkinFest have designated parking. If you have special needs such as resupplying, please note that on your application.

CRAFTS/ARTISAN VENDOR GUIDELINES:

Eligibility: PUMPKINFEST is open to all Fine Crafters and Artists.

Media: Original work in two- and three-dimensional art and crafts, e.g. all paint media, photography, wood, metal, fiber, glass, clay, cloth, stone and other natural materials will be considered for entry.

Display: Exhibitor spaces are 10' x 10'. All exhibitors are responsible for securing their booth tents and displays against acts of nature. Exhibitors are required to be set up and present for the entire time of the event, 9 am until 4 pm. Failure to comply can result in the rejection to participate in future years.

Entry and Fees:

To enter, exhibitors must submit a completed application with payment, at least 2 photographs of current work, and indicate the number of spaces desired. Please make sure that all photographs are labeled with your name, exhibition category/media. Please let us know if you would like your photos returned, and those will either be returned to you via postal mail if your application is not accepted, or the day of the show. Returning artisans are not required to send photos unless they are changing medium.

10' x 10' space is \$75.00. Power, if required, is \$35.00 additional

PAYMENT OF VENDOR FEES:

If applying before June 30, 2026, please post-date your check for July 01, 2026.

Forms of Payment: Please enclose a check or money order payable to the Town of Franklin. **Credit cards and cash are not accepted until you are approved for the event.**

If applying in person, vendor applications and checks can be dropped off, or once approved cash/card payments can be taken to, Franklin Town Hall, 95 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734. Service window hours are 8:30am to 5:25pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30am to 2:55pm on Friday. **Please DO NOT** drop cash off with your application.

EXHIBITOR SETUP:

Main Street Set-up: Saturday, October 17th beginning at 6:00 am and must be completed by 8:30 am and all vehicles moved from the street. You may not set up until your vehicle is off the street. You must park in designated Vendor Parking areas. If you disregard this requirement, you will not be invited to participate next year. Phillips and Iotla Street Set-up: Friday, October 16th from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm.

A completed Application with ALL required attachments must be received for your application to be processed; not providing these requested items could result in immediate denial of your application. Upon completion of the Review Process, a letter will be mailed or emailed to you manner, indicating whether your Application has been approved or denied. **If your check is cashed by September 5, 2026, you should consider this as confirmation of your approved Application.**

For applications NOT ACCEPTED, your payment will be returned to you via postal mail, or we can shred it for you.

Should you have further questions call the Town of Franklin at 828-524-2516 ext 307 or email pumpkinfest@townoffranklinnc.com.

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Mail application, application vendor fees and requested supporting materials to:

Town of Franklin, PO Box 1479, Franklin, NC 28744-1479

**** (online registration not available) ****

Please make sure your current mailing address is listed on your application.

Please print legibly:

Vendor Name _____

Applicant's Name _____

Type of Art/Craft _____

Email Address _____

Best Phone Number () _____ Best Time To Call _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Booth Requirements:

1. Number of 10' x 10' spaces @ \$75.00 Each ____ x \$ 75.00 = \$ _____

2. Power needed @ \$35.00 Additional - \$ _____

3. **Total Enclosed:** \$ _____

PLEASE READ: Exhibitor, artist, crafter, non-profit or any organization contracting for or using booth space shall and will indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Franklin and any and all persons acting as festivals organizers, promoters, volunteers, etc. from and against any and all liability, claims, thefts, demands, expenses, fees, fines and penalties, suits, proceedings, actions, and causes of action of any and every kind and nature arising or growing out of or in any way connected with exhibitor/artist/crafter/non-profit's use of booth space during said Festival.

Arts & Crafts Vendor agrees to abide by all rules and regulations.

I agree _____
(Name & signature of individual and/or organization representative)

Date _____

Attests that signor has read the above indemnity clause and agrees to the terms contained herein.

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Amount Paid \$ _____ Power Required (circle one): YES NO

Date Received _____

Type of Payment (circle one): CASH CHECK MONEY ORDER

Booth # _____ Booth Location _____