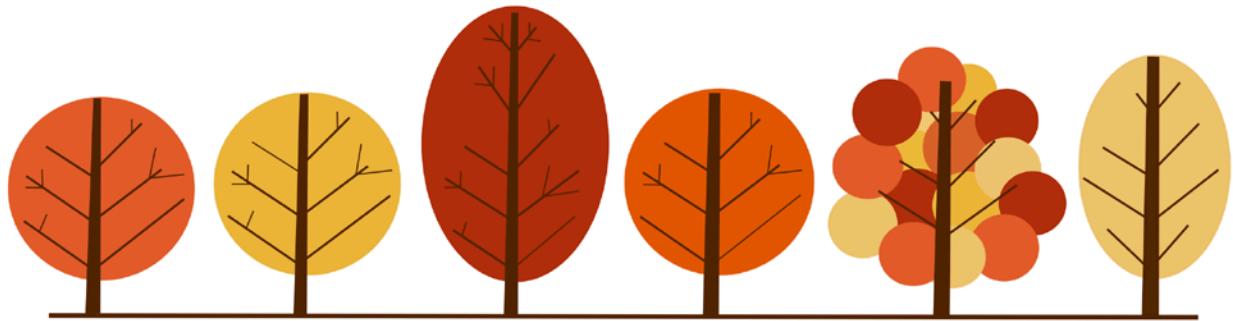


2026

VENDOR APPLICATION TERMS & CONDITIONS



SCOTTDALE FALL FESTIVAL

September 18, 19 & 20, 2026

scottdalefallfestival.org

Scottdale, PA 15683



2026 Festival Dates and Hours

The Festival is a 3-day annual celebration featuring a wide variety of handmade crafts, local and ethnic foods to suit all palates, highly anticipated parade that is a crowd pleaser for the kid in all of us, a dog show, full schedule of live entertainment, a 10K / 5K race, children's area, and much more. The festival is held at the Gazebo, in the heart of Scottdale, on the corner of Pittsburgh and Spring Streets. It is always held the third weekend in September, to help welcome fall to the area, and is one of three major festivals the Scottdale community enjoys each year.

This year's festival will take place September 18, 19, & 20 2026 with hours as follows:

Friday: 4 - 10 pm

** Food Booths must be operational by Friday at 4:00PM. However, we do expect a lunch crowd at noon on Friday and vendors encouraged to open.*

Saturday: 10 - 10 pm

Sunday: 10 - 8 pm

Food Vendors are expected to be available during the entire festival as noted.

Core Craft Vendor Hours:

Friday: 5 - 9 pm

Saturday: **NEW 10 am** - 9 pm

Sunday: **NEW 10 am** - 7 pm

In order to offer our visitors and guests the best possible festival experience, all vendors are required to be present and available during core festival hours, as noted. Although the core hours are stated, no breakdown or vehicle movement may take place except outside of festival hours, to ensure the safety of our guests. Please contact the committee during the festival, with any questions or for more information. To discourage non-compliance with this requirement, vendor security deposits will be forfeited in the event of an early departure or partial attendance. Please plan to be present for the entire festival duration.

Please note that North Chestnut Street will be closed Saturday morning for the Race and Parade. Vendors should use Broadway Street to access the park . The access point to the festival during this time will be in front of the Scottdale Public Library at 106 Spring Street, Scottdale, PA 15683.

Communication

All announcements will be made via Facebook (search for us by name & like/follow page) and email. Please make sure that your email address, Facebook Page, and/or Website information is on your application so that we can include you in our communications. If, for any reason, you are unable to retrieve these documents, please reach out to us and we'll assist.

Vendor Types

We partner with several different vendor types. The following will give you some idea into which category you belong and whether spaces are limited.

- Business Promotion: Limited Offering: 3-4 business spaces are available to strictly promote, not sell, business services or products.
- Children's Area: Limited Offering: 5-7 spaces are designated to provide entertainment and activities specifically for children and are grouped in a designated area.
- Craft, Craft – Packaged Foods
 - These are foods that are packaged and designed for home consumption. Some examples include honey, wine, jellies and jams, etc.
- Food – For Profit, Food – Non-Profit
 - Non-Profits must have 501(c)(3) certificate to qualify for Non-Profit pricing
- Direct Sales: Limited Offering: Products from a parent organization sold directly to customers.



Vendor Timeline and Deadlines

The following describes the timeline to apply and participate in the Scottdale Fall Festival. Please reach out to the appropriate contacts, should you have any questions.

February 1st - April 15, 2026:

Vendor Application Period Begins – Returning Vendors

- Returning vendors have until April 15th to request the same spaces that they occupied the year before.
- Applications must be complete, approved, and paid to be considered secured.
- Vendor consideration will be based on the first come, first served method, so it is critical to submit all information as early as possible.

April 16, 2026 – August 1, 2026:

Vendor Application Period Begins – All Vendors

- After April 15th, any unsold spaces may be requested on the vendor application.
- All payments are due by August 1, 2026. Any payment after this time will be excluded from the festival program.

August 15 , 2026:

Payments - All Vendors

- All Payments to the Scottdale Fall Festival MUST be paid by August 15.
- If no payment is made at this date the Festival has the right to reopen this space for resale.
- Any payment after this date will need to be coordinated with our vendor Chair. No Checks will be excepted.
- **NEW - No payments will be accepted at the Scottdale Fall Festival information booth.**

Vendor Guidelines

General Vendor Guidelines – Applies to ALL Vendors

General vendor guidelines apply to **ALL VENDORS** in addition to those noted for each type, below. Each vendor is responsible for understanding these guidelines and ensuring compliance with them.

Governance

- The Committee, with sole discretion, will be the final judge of what complies with the rules and regulations set forth. If a vendor is not in agreement with the judgment, the organization may opt not to participate with the festival, at their discretion.

Vendor Selection

- The Committee may reject any application, at their discretion, without specifying a reason.
- Vendor spaces will be coordinated by the Committee upon receipt of all applications and cannot be pre-reserved or guaranteed.

Participation

- Only the vendor noted on the application may occupy/sell in the space designated. Participants may not sublet any part of their space to another vendor.
- Vendors must only sell items in their designated areas. Selling items outside of your designated areas is strictly prohibited and my result in the loss of your clean-up deposit.
- Failure to participate in the festival after application acceptance has been granted will result in forfeiture of all application costs.
- The festival will not be held regardless of weather.
- In order to offer our visitors and guests the best possible festival experience, all vendors are required to be present and available for the core festival hours. To discourage non-compliance with this requirement, any vendor who departs early will be charged \$150. If this invoice is not paid, vendor will not be welcomed back to the festival. Please plan to be present for the entire festival duration.
- Vendor Raffles are permitted only if offered to the public at no cost, as a benefit to Festival guests. No money may be exchanged for any raffle item. Raffles are only permitted within the booth area – tickets may not be distributed outside of the booth area. Any planned raffle must be approved by the committee prior to the festival.

Application Fees

- Applicable fees are due in full at time of application and are non-refundable.

Vendor Check-in

- Check-in instructions will be sent out via email 2 weeks prior to the festival via email – please make sure that your email address has been correctly submitted.

Booth Spaces



- Booth Spaces are limited. While every effort is made to accommodate as many vendors as possible for the betterment of the community and visitor experience, we cannot accept all applications, for this reason. It is recommended that serious interest be indicated by submitting an application at the earliest opportunity.
- No booth space can be pre-reserved or guaranteed, without a completed, approved, and paid application. As well as a copy of the insurance.

Booth Housekeeping

- **ELECTRICAL:** Participants must provide their own electrical extension cords. All electrical extension cords and electrical plugs must be 3-wire, heavy-duty type, and UL approved and at least 50 feet long. Two-wire cords will not be permitted. No unauthorized persons are permitted to tamper with the electrical equipment system.
- **LIGHTING:** Vendor must also provide all lighting.
- **SIGNAGE:** All signs are subject to review and approval by the Festival Committee. Signs should be durable, able to withstand inclement weather, and easy to read. Booth signage should be visible, at all times, and pricing must be clearly displayed.
- **INVENTORY:** Stored inventory must be off the ground, covered and kept from public view.
- **GARBAGE:** Participants must take bulk rubbish and trash to the designated trash areas at the corner of Spring and Mulberry Streets before, during, and after each day of the festival. Participants agree to leave the area in and around the allotted space in the same condition as was rented or better. Vendors agree to provide their own garbage containers and a supply of garbage bags necessary to last for the duration of the event. Vendors are not permitted to use public garbage containers. To discourage non-compliance with this requirement, any non-complying vendor will be charged **\$150**. If this invoice is not paid, vendor will not be welcomed back to the festival.
- Wi-Fi service is not available in town; cell service may be limited with the influx of customers. The committee cannot assist with any forms of electronic payment nor can we guarantee they will work during the festival.
- No Vendor is allowed in the festival area to resupply during festival hours. Dollies should be utilized if additional supplies are needed.
- **No vehicles** are allowed in the park during festival hours, if a vehicle is found on the property the committee reserves the right to charge a fine of **\$500**. If not paid by the next festival the vendor will not be welcomed back. Safety is the committees number one focus for all parties.
- No trailers or trucks are to be used as both spaces only tent setups are promoted at the festival.

Vendor Etiquette

- Vendors are expected to exhibit professional behavior, beyond reproach, at all times. Each exhibitor should treat festival visitors, fellow vendors, and the Committee with full respect as they not only represent their own brand, but that of the town of Scottdale.
- The following are prohibited in or near your booth: radios, televisions, public address systems, alcohol, smoking of any kind, pets, and/or profanity.
- The Committee reserves the right to eject any vendor who is exhibiting unprofessional behaviors from the festival. Unprofessional behavior will be determined solely at the Committee's discretion. In the event of ejection, all vendor fees are forfeit and no refunds will be made.

Vendor Parking

- Vendor parking requirements will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of all festival visitors and guests. Full vendor cooperation is expected.
- Workers for your booth must find their own parking – we suggest carpooling to leave more places for festival guests.
- Vendors are not permitted to park their vehicles or trailers next to their assigned booth spaces.
- Any vehicle, carrying any stock needs for the day must be removed 45 minutes before the start of the festival.
- Vehicles can re-enter the festival area nightly only after entertainment has ceased, at closing time.

Vendor Products

- Craft and Food Vendors are permitted to display and sell only the items that were approved on their application.
- The Committee reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to remove items. If the vendor has a question about an item, please ask at the Information Booth before the festival begins.

Festival Security

- 24-hour security is provided for the duration of the festival, starting 8pm Thursday.
- Scottdale Borough and, its subcommittee, the Scottdale Fall Festival, are NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.



NEW Festival Emergency Operation

- The Festival holds the right to close the Festival at any time in the event of an Emergency.
- The Vendor Chair in accordance with the President of the Scottdale Fall Festival and the Borough Manager, will meet and decide the best option to insure public safety.
- If you hear two blows of an air horn and instructions to close over the loudspeakers operations must cease immediately!
- Communication about the event will be sent over email to the email address provided on the application.

NEW EMS Festival Operations

- EMS will use the open part of Spring Street in front of the Scottdale Library as a staging area.
- No Street parking will be available to vendors during Festival operations.
- The Committee holds the Right to tow any vehicles or trailers parked in this area during the operation listed above.

Business Vendor Guidelines

Because vendor space in town is limited and most of the visitor interest is in the food and craft, we offer business spaces as first come first serve.

- Business applicants are permitted to strictly promote, not sell, business services or products.
- No sales may be conducted.
- Reminder: Vendor Raffles are permitted only if offered to the public at no cost, as a benefit to Festival guests. No money may be exchanged for any raffle item. Raffles are only permitted within the booth area – tickets may not be distributed outside of the booth area. Any planned raffle must be included on the vendor application.

Children's Area Vendor Guidelines

Any vendor that applies for space in the Children's area will be required to provide the following with their application.

- PA State Child Abuse History Clearance – must be current within year of festival dates.
- Clearances can be sought here: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Craft Vendor Guidelines

Vendor Items & Offering

- Craft vendors are required to comply with the requirements of all applicable federal, state, and regulatory entities. The burden for awareness of and compliance with these requirements is on the vendors. The Scottdale Fall Festival is not responsible for vendor failure to comply with these requirements and will support any law enforcement efforts pertaining to them.
- Craft vendors are not offered exclusivity – there may be more than one vendor that sells a similar item type.
- All decisions regarding the vendor item assignments are at the discretion of the vendor chairperson.
- Items can only be sold in your rented space and cannot be solicited around the festival grounds.
- All crafts must be handcrafted and will be at the sole discretion of the Committee.
- The Committee encourages crafters to demonstrate their craft during the event, which has been proven to increase sales and interest.
- Photos of your craft and booth set-up must be submitted for consideration of entry into the festival. Hard copies of the photos will not be returned – digital copies are acceptable and may be submitted to sffcrafts@gmail.com at time of application.

Food Vendor Guidelines

Vendor Items & Offering

- Food vendors are required to comply with the requirements of all applicable federal, state, and regulatory entities. The burden for awareness of and compliance with these requirements is on the vendors. The Scottdale Fall Festival is not responsible for vendor failure to comply with these requirements and will support any law enforcement efforts pertaining to them.
- Not all items requested on the application will be approved; the Committee seeks to have only one food vendor per item/type. The festival reserves the right to a 30-day approval period. If more than one vendor plans to offer the same or



similar items, the committee must review the items and details. After review, both parties will be notified by the Vendor Chairperson prior to application acceptance.

- All decisions regarding the vendor item assignments and food offerings are at the discretion of the vendor chairperson.
- Items can be considered exclusive by the Vendor Chairperson with a Food for Profit category in the application. A list of exclusive items will be distributed to the vendors one month prior to the festival.
- Items can only be sold in your rented space and cannot be solicited around the festival grounds.

Pricing

- Food vendors agree to prepare and sell only the approved menu at the prices listed on the application.
 - All prices must be displayed to the public.
 - Prices cannot be changed from what is stated on the application during the course of the event, for any reason.

Food Preparation

- Use propane whenever possible for your cooking needs. No large commercial electric grills are permitted. A maximum of 30 amps per booth is provided and regulated by the festival electrician. In the event that a vendor draws more than 30 amps of power, that vendor will be asked to remove some portion of their equipment to become compliant.
- Food vendors must use grease mats or tar paper as part of booth setup. Vendors with no grease mats or tar paper will be subject to a \$500 clean up fee, which will be invoiced via PayPal. If this invoice is not paid within one week, the vendor will not be permitted to return to the Fall Festival.

Non-Compliance Enforcement

- To discourage non-compliance with this requirement, any non-complying vendor will be charged **\$150**. If this invoice is not paid within one week, the vendor will not be permitted to return to the Fall Festival.

Contract Enforcement

- The Scottdale Fall Festival Committee (a sub-committee of the Scottdale Borough Council) has a specifically mapped area designated by Borough Council to be the official festival grounds within which all rules and regulations apply and must be followed. This area has been designated by our council for liability insurance reasons and to ensure a safe and responsible event for all vendors and visitors. Fees are charged for space rental in this area to offset increasing event expenses that help to draw attendance to the annual festival and allow participating organizations to profit.
- Neither the Committee, nor its sponsors, will be liable for refunds or any other liabilities whatsoever for the failure to fulfill this contract due to reasons of the enclosure in which the festival is to be produced--being before or during the festival is destroyed by fire, other calamity, or by an act of God, public enemy, strikes, statutes, ordinances or legal authority or any other act beyond the control of the Committee--which makes it impossible or impractical to hold the festival.
- The Participants contract shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Pennsylvania and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of such state. In the event that legal action is required to enforce this contract or any of the terms thereof, such action shall be brought in the Courts of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the vendor expressly consents to the jurisdiction of such courts. The parties agree to accept service process in such action by ordinary mail sent to their addresses as set forth in this contract. The contract represents the entire agreement between the vendor and the Scottdale Fall Festival Committee, a sub-committee of Scottdale Borough.
- By executing and applying, the applicant agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Borough and the Scottdale Fall Festival from and upon any claims or causes of action whatsoever arising from or otherwise relating to the applicant's conduct.

Insurance

- Each food vendor must carry Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and Product Liability Insurance with a minimum per-occurrence limit of \$500,000.
- The policy must be obtained at vendors' own expense with the following requirements:
 - Both 'Scottdale Borough' and the 'Scottdale Fall Festival' must be listed as Certificate Holders and Additional Insured on the policy.
 - Policy must include ALL festival dates.
 - Call your insurance agency for details.
- Insurance information must be sent to the festival by Email at sffcrafts@gmail.com or mailed to Scottdale Fall Festival; PO Box 493; Scottdale, PA 15683. Application will not be finalized without copies of this insurance.
- Please do NOT submit any insurance info to The Scottdale Borough.



Alcoholic Beverages

- Each booth will be required to hang a sign stating "**Scottdale Borough Notification: No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed at the festival**".
- No ready for consumption alcoholic beverages permitted on premises.
- Alcoholic vendors are required to provide proof that they are licensed with Alcohol & Tobacco Tax and Trade Borough.

Direct Sales Vendor Guidelines

Because vendor space in town is limited and most of the visitor interest is in the food and handmade crafts, we offer direct sales spaces as first come first serve.

- No food/drinks may be sold or given away within your space.
- Reminder: Vendor Raffles are permitted only if offered to the public at no cost, as a benefit to Festival guests. No money may be exchanged for any raffle item. Raffles are only permitted within the booth area – tickets may not be distributed outside of the booth area. Any planned raffle must be included on the vendor application.