

# MERCHANT STREET MUSICFEST

KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

# FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

The annual Merchant Street MusicFest will be held in Kankakee, IL on July 24 and 25, 2026 in downtown Kankakee. The event is a community celebration featuring local, regional, and national musical talent on 3 stages, great food and drink, and a variety of art vendors.

## LOCATION:

Harold and Jean Miner Festival Square  
199 S East Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

## DATE + TIME:

Friday, July 24 5PM to 11PM  
Saturday, July 25 2PM to 11PM

**NOTE:** Set up begins on Thursday at 9:00am. Check-in with MSMF personnel when you arrive on site as locations may change each year. Vendors are responsible for their own set up including but not limited to: tables, tents, chairs, and HEAVY DUTY extension cords (12 American Wire Gauge Cords are REQUIRED). The Merchant Street MusicFest cannot be held responsible for cords that cannot adequately handle the current needed for your equipment. MusicFest reserves the right to turn away vendors that are not PROPERLY setup by 2pm on Friday. All trucks and equipment must be out of the festival area no later than 4pm on Friday and 1pm on Saturday. Event will be held rain or shine.

**VENDOR FEE:** \$400. This fee includes 3 electrical outlets and a 16 ft. frontage space. This is the equivalent of 2 parking spaces. If you need a 220 Volt Grounded outlet, more than 3 outlets, or need more than 2 parking spaces, the fee is \$450. Completed forms must be submitted with proof of insurance no later than April 31, 2026. You will be notified once all applications have been reviewed and vendor selections are made no later than May 15, 2026. Payment will be requested at that time, and must be received no later than June 30, 2026.

**LICENSING & INSURANCE:** Please make sure you have a current food vendor license registered with the Kankakee County Health Dept. For more information, go to [www.kankakeehealth.org](http://www.kankakeehealth.org). Vendors must have \$1 million liability insurance, listing the City of Kankakee as the certificate holder as follows: City of Kankakee, Merchant Street MusicFest, 199 S East Avenue, Kankakee, IL 60901.

**PLEASE NOTE: SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION.  
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED ONCE YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED.**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE AND/OR PRODUCTS BEING SOLD: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

110 V OUTLET REQUESTS

Merchant Street MusicFest utilizes electrical distribution panels for vendors. For safety purposes, we only use GFCI outlets on those panels. GFCI outlets sense any imbalance of current that may be flowing through the outlet. This imbalance will allow the circuit to “trip” and cut power to the outlet as quickly as one-thirtieth of a second to protect the public and individuals using these circuits. Note: devices such as crock pots, warmers, electric skillets, snow cone machines, cotton candy machines and fluorescent lighting MAY cause a GFCI to trip, but in most cases this will not occur if the equipment is safe. We require specific information to ensure uninterrupted service.

All devices will require a specific voltage and current to operate properly. Please list ALL potential items that will be plugged into these outlets. This information can be found on your equipment. Place additional items on separate paper if needed. Three (3) outlets are included with your vendor fee. Additional outlets will be charged at \$25 each.

DESCRIPTION OF DEVICE

_____	_____	_____
(FOR EXAMPLE: CROCK POT)		
_____	_____	_____
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220 V OUTLET REQUESTS

220 Volt outlets are rated at 50 Amps. Identify the number of outlets that will be required to maintain electrical power for your business. Please have your cords wired for the outlet (above) when you arrive.

Do you need a 50 AMP plug in circuit? ☐ YES ☐ NO

How many 120 15-20 amp GFCI outlets do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

Service Window: ☐ Driver Side ☐ Passenger Side

I have read and understand the principles above including the use of GFCI outlets for the safety of the vendors and the public. If I need to make changes to this form prior to MusicFest, I will contact MusicFest staff (info@merchantstreetmusicfest.com). When I arrive on site for set up and the duration of MusicFest, I promise to be honest about the amount of electrical items I am plugging in. This is for the safety of the public as well as myself.

_____	_____
Vendor Signature	Date

MORE INFORMATION

merchantstreetmusicfest.com

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NUMBER OF GFCI 110 VOLT DUPLEX 15 AMP OUTLETS NEED FOR THIS BOOTH \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF 220 VOLT 50 AMP GROUNDED OUTLETS \_\_\_\_\_