

**MS Farmers Market Application for Certification
Arts & Crafts 2012**

Name: _____

County of Operation: _____

Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Facebook Page: _____

Eligibility:

1. Does your product contain inputs sourced from a farm in Mississippi?

Yes No

If yes, what percentage of the whole piece contains inputs sourced from a Mississippi Farm? ____%. Provide a product description with the farm information in the comments section on page three and submit photos of the products you intend to sell.

2. Are you currently an active member of the Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi?

Yes No

3. If you are not currently making products with Mississippi farm inputs or are not a member of the Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi your work must be reviewed by the Standards Committee. Are you willing to have your products reviewed by the Standards Committee?

Yes No

The Standards Committee will hold a jury on January 21, 2012. You may submit this application with examples of your work to the Mississippi Farmers Market from January 16th to January 20th.

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 making products with Mississippi farm inputs or are not a member of the Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi your work will be reviewed based solely on the Standards Committees judgment of your craftsmanship and skill.

Categories:

Wood Clay Glass Metal Textile Soap

Other: _____

Please specify each product you plan to sell for each category marked above. You may also include a description tools and methods/techniques used, materials, preparation, motivation or inspiration for each product category (more space provided on back). 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	Products
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Completion of this application does not obligate or give any right to sell at the Mississippi Farmers Market. Applicants who do not use farm inputs and those who are not current members of the Craftsman’s Guild of Mississippi must submit their work for review and approval by a committee appointed by the Central Market Board. Applicants must submit samples of work for each category specified. Applicant reviews will be conducted twice per year:

Jury Date: January 21, 2012
 June 2012 (exact date to be determined)

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

Comments and Descriptions: (attach additional documents as necessary)

By my signature on this form, I hereby consent to all the terms of this certification and agree to abide by all rules and policies of the State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and the MS Farmers Market.

Applicant Signature

Date

Approved by: Standards Committee President

Signature

Date