



ABOUT HOMEWOOD'S CHOCOLATE BAKE-OFF CONTEST

Homewood's Chocolate Bake-Off is a spirited contest for professional and amateur bakers to compete for recognition for "Home Sweet Homewood's Best Chocolate Dessert". Judges will sample each entry to select three winners. After the judging, for a donation to benefit a local organization, spectators taste each of the entries at the open tasting. Homewood's Chocolate Fest features children's activities, demonstrations, and vendor booths with delicious sweets, desserts, and gourmet baked goods. The event takes place on Saturday, February 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the HF Park District Auditorium located at 2010 Chestnut Road in downtown Homewood. Admission is Free. *New this year, cash prizes awarded for Bake-Off winners!*

**CHOCOLATE BAKE-OFF CONTEST
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY 2019**

(Check one) Professional: _____ Amateur: _____

Name: _____

Sponsoring Organization/Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

RETURN BY FEBRUARY 11:
 ✓ Mail: Attn/ Bake-Off, Village of Homewood,
 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430
 ✓ Fax: 708-206-3496
 ✓ Email: aopyd@homesweethomewood.com



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BAKE-OFF CONTEST RULES 2019

Who can enter?

- Amateur contestants should **not** be a food professional, such as a chef, food writer, culinary specialist or educator, or someone who creates recipes for pay
- Professional contestants should be a food professional, such as a chef, food writer, culinary specialist or educator, or someone who creates recipes for pay
- Recipes must contain chocolate
- Desserts must be handmade, not created in a factory
- Previous winners cannot duplicate winning recipes from previous years

How to enter?

- Contestants must submit their entry form by **February 11**
- Entries must be submitted in quantities to provide a small sample for judging and tasting of recipes for approximately 160 fest participants; *i.e. - if a contestant created (40) cookies, each cookie cut into four pieces would provide 160 samples* Contestants must cut entries into sampling pieces before arriving
- During the open tasting, contestants will serve their entries to the public

How will entries be judged?

- A panel of judges will sample each entry
- Each entry will be rated according to Taste, Appearance, and Creativity
- Three placements will be awarded and announced at the event, with additional recognition in future Village of Homewood publications
- **Cash prizes awarded-1st Place-\$100, 2nd Place-\$75, 3rd Place \$50.**

Additional Information

Contestants in the Bake-Off do not automatically receive a vendor booth space for Chocolate Fest. Organizations and businesses that wish to have representation at the event to promote their services and restaurant must purchase a booth space for \$75. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contest Times

- Contestants arrive for set-up at 10:00 AM
- **Contestants will not be allowed to participate if arrive after 10:00 AM**
- Judging at 11:00 AM, Open Tasting at 11:30 AM, Winners Announced at 1:30 PM

For questions about the contest, please contact Event Manager Allisa Opyd at (708) 206-3393 or aopyd@homewoodil.gov

