



Golden Abe's Fantastic Fair Food Contest

Business: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Contest: ☐ Sweet ☐ Savory ☐ Specialty ☐ New Vendor

Submitted Dish: _____

Entry Rules:

- Participants must have a current 2025 contract with the Illinois State Fair Space Rental Office.
- Three items maximum per vendor with new items being encouraged.
- Items must be producible in sufficient quantities during Fair operations.
- Third parties may develop the entry for you, but they are in no way to be involved in the preparation, presentation, or media association.
- You must submit intent to enter to the ISF office no later than Thursday, August 7th.



In partnership with Woodward Community Media.

Judging:

- A panel of 4 judges will be judging each category on Friday, August 8th at 11:00am in The Shed. The top two in each category will receive a monetary prize and go to final judging.
- The final group will be on Friday, August 8th at 3:00pm on Lincoln Stage. This portion of the contest will have six items presented to five judges. The final winner will receive \$100.
- The People's Choice Award will be awarded Friday, August 15th on the Exposition Building's stage at 3pm.
- Entries need to be presented just as they will be served at the Fair. No styrofoam may be used. No China or glassware if not being used for service during the Fair and no presentation enhancements that will not be used on every service to Fair patrons.
- Each entry will be judged based on a 100-point system consisting of 50 pts for creativity, 40 pts for taste and 10 pts for presentation.
- **Sweet** Awarded during the first round of judging. \$100 to the winner and \$50 to second place.
- **Savory** Awarded during the 1st round of judging. \$100 to the winner and \$50 to second place.
- **Specialty Foods** (ex. Gluten free, vegan, vegetarian) Awarded during the 1st round of judging. \$100 to the winner and \$50 to second place.
- **Notable Newcomer** Designed for our new vendors in 2025 and awarded a \$50 prize in the first round.
- **People's Choice** announced Friday, August 15th on AM Springfield and on social media. The public can vote from Saturday, August 9th thru Thursday, August 14th at noon. \$50 prize offered.
- Check presentation to be conducted on Exposition Building's Stage on Friday, August 15th at 3pm.
- All vendors will be given a participation card regardless of outcome to recognize and promote each vendor's participation in the contest. These cards will also have a QR code for the People's Choice voting site.