

HOW TO ENTER



Our online Dessert Registration Form can be found on our website at this link.

- Advance dessert registration is highly encouraged, will help us with planning and will expedite check-in on Saturday afternoon. **The first 15 people to register their dessert in advance will receive a special gift!**
- Please start a Dessert Registration Form online as soon as you decide to enter/donate a dessert for the Chocolate Festival.
- You may complete the form with final details or change any of the information up to the time you deliver your dessert on Saturday.
- Premier Showcase entries are limited and require advance registration as well as consultation with a Committee member.
- For Open Contest and Youth/Families entrants who prefer a hardcopy, the registration form may be downloaded and printed on our website for walk-in registration.

Save the date: **Saturday, February 10, 2024**

PPAU Chocolate Festival
c/o 1737 North 1780 East
North Logan, UT 84341



The most delicious event of the winter is upon us. It's time to get back into your kitchen after the holidays and dream up the chocolate creation that will knock our socks off this year! Or just come, indulge and enjoy the spirit of the evening.

What is the Chocolate Festival?

It's a friendly chocolate culinary competition, sumptuous sampling session, and generously supported fundraiser for Planned Parenthood Association of Utah and our Logan Health Center.

For more information or to enter a dessert, volunteer or get tickets go to:

THECHOCOLATEFEST.COM

Schedule

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

12:00 noon Online Auction Opens and continues thru Saturday

Saturday, February 10, 2024

1:00-3:30 p.m. Delivery of entries to Riverwoods

4:00-6:00 p.m. Judging of entries (closed)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Public tasting, Silent Dessert Auction and People's Choice voting. Online Auction will continue during the in-person event.

8:15 p.m. (approx.) Award Presentations

8:45 p.m. (approx.) Live Auction begins

For Donors & Attendees

Tickets available online until noon Friday, Feb 9 or on Saturday at the door. Get tickets in advance for reduced admission rates!

- Get your advance ticket at www.thechocolatefest.com and make your donation to receive a thank-you gift corresponding to the level of support you select. Thank-you gifts and reduced admission rates will only be available for online advance tickets and donations. Advance tickets also get you Express Check-In at the event.

- A donation of \$15 General Admissions (\$20 at the door) gets you a tasting ticket to sample ten of the diverse and delectable treats offered by our talented entrants. See our website for reduced Student and Child admission rates.

- Arrive early for the best sampling!

The 1st place winners in each category, Grand Prize, People's Choice and all Premier Showcase entries will be available for bid during the Live Auction. All other dessert entries will be offered for bid during the in-person Silent Dessert Auction. Our Online Auction will feature a number of non-dessert items and culinary experiences.

For Entrants

Who can enter and how are they judged?

The **Open Contest** is for anyone who wants a chocolate challenge or to share a tried and true favorite in support of PPAU. Categories include Cakes, Chocolates, Cookies, Brownies, and Potpourri. Open Contest entries are judged and the top two are selected in each category.

Youth/Families (entrants under 16 working solo or with a parent or friend) are judged separately from the Open groups, with the top two entries awarded prizes. Youth under 16, whether team or solo, may also enter their dessert in one of the Open categories – they are not required to enter the Youth/Families group.

Judges consider taste, texture, appearance/presentation, and creative use of chocolate in selecting the award-winning entries.

The **Premier Showcase** was introduced in 2020, transforming the "professional" category into a new festival feature where pastry chefs, chocolatiers, restaurateurs, caterers, community groups, or any supportive business can show off their creative chocolate talents as well as their business, cause or theme. These entries will be eligible for their own People's Choice award but will not be judged by the judges. See additional details about the Premier Showcase at www.thechocolatefest.com

How should I prepare my entry?

More tips and information are available in the FAQs on our website.

There are two parts to a Chocolate Festival entry:

1. AUCTION ITEM. Presentation counts in the judging so knock yourself out to make the auction item look attractive! Peek at some past entries on our website, Facebook and Instagram sites. For any category, be creative and have fun! For the auction item, provide a quantity that makes sense for your recipe or would be a nice amount for the winning bidder to take home.

2. TASTING SAMPLES. Most of the experience of the Chocolate Festival is tasting by judges and attendees so we ask entrants to provide lots of samples of their entry. These do not need to be beautiful, but some people come up with creative ways of making them attractive. It's most important that they be easy to serve. It helps our set-up crew greatly if you cut your tasting entry into bite-sized samples before delivering it to the venue.

For quantity, keep in mind that about 500 people attend the Chocolate Festival. The more people who taste your entry, the more chances you will have to get People's Choice votes!

Some Final Important Rules

Desserts requiring refrigeration or containing raw eggs cannot be accepted. Be sure that your entry can tolerate a warm environment from the time that you deliver it until at least 9 p.m.