2026 RECIPE CONTEST RULES AND PRIZES

Thursday, October 29, 2026
7:30 am – 9:30 am – NPF Volunteer Building

1. Each recipe must feature peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil or other peanut product.
2. No entries will be accepted by the previous year's Adult or Student NPF Grand Prize Recipe winner.
3. **Limit one entry per class per person.**
4. **Absolutely no entries will be accepted from professionals.** This means, if you make any part of your living from cooking/catering you are ineligible to enter this contest.
5. All recipes must have at least ½ cup of peanut butter or peanuts and written clearly on an official form or reproduction. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page to the entry form.
6. The National Peanut Festival Recipe Contest will be held **Thursday, October 29, 2026 in the Brightspeed Hospitality Center at the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds located behind NPF Office.**
7. Entries will be accepted in the NPF Volunteer Building from 7:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
8. Judging will begin at 10:00 A.M. Awards ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM in the **Bank Plus Arena.** Participants will not be allowed in the judging area during judging.
9. The finished product of at least 10 servings, along with the detailed recipe must be entered. The container MUST BE disposable. The recipe must be typed or printed clearly.
10. Judges will select winners on the basis of texture, excellence in flavor, appearance, originality and effective use of peanut products.
11. The National Peanut Festival reserves the right to disqualify any recipe that it feels is not original. The judge's decision is final.
12. All entries become the property of the sponsors. **No entries will be returned**. The winning recipe photos will be on display at the fairgrounds.
13. Prepared mixes are allowed, as well as original recipes. Please state brand name of mix used.
14. **No entries will be accepted unless they are in disposable containers.**
15. There will be six areas of competition in each of the two separate classes – ADULT Division & STUDENT Division. The classes for each contest include: Cakes, Candies, Cookies/Bars, Pies, Cupcakes/Cakepops; and Miscellaneous. Please mark each class you are entering in the space provided on the entry form.
16. Items prepared for the Miscellaneous Class will be anything containing peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil or other peanut products **that cannot be entered in any of the other five classes** – such as: soup, dip, main dish, breads, etc. For this class you will need to indicate if your entry needs to be heated before judges taste your product. **No Boiled Peanuts this year.**
17. **Students' entries will not be judged against Adult entries. Each (Adult and Student) competition will have its own prizes.**
18. Adult is defined as anyone over 18 years of age. Student is defined as anyone 18 years of age and younger.

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DIVISION 124: ADULT COMPETITION

Class 01: Cakes **Class 02:** Candies **Class 03:** Cookies/Bars **Class 04:** Pies
Class 05: Cupcakes/Cakepops **Class 06:** Miscellaneous

Grand Prize Adult (Classes 01-06): $150 and a Kitchen Aid mixer.

CATEGORY PREMIUMS & AWARDS (Classes 01-07):

1st Place $100 and Blue Ribbon
2nd Place $75 and Red Ribbon
3rd Place $50 and White Ribbon
3 Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded

DIVISION 125: STUDENT COMPETITION

Class 01: Cakes **Class 02:** Candies **Class 03:** Cookies/Bars **Class 04:** Pies
Class 05: Cupcakes/Cakepops **Class 06:** Miscellaneous

Grand Prize Student (Classes 01-06): $125 and Kitchen Aid mixer.

CATEGORY PREMIUMS & AWARDS (Classes 01-07):

1st Place $75 and Blue Ribbon
2nd Place $50 and Red Ribbon
3rd Place $25 and White Ribbon
3 Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded

The NPF Recipe Contest Awards Ceremony will be held at 1:00 PM in the Bank Plus Arena. All persons entering the competition are asked to attend the awards ceremony.

All premiums will be mailed from the National Peanut Festival Office no sooner than two weeks after the close of the festival. To ensure you receive your payment quickly, please make sure you supply all the information requested on the entry form and that it is legible.

Kitchen Aid Mixers are donated by the Alabama Peanut Producers Association

For more information on the 2026 NPF Recipe Contest, please contact
Beth Taylor (706) 410-5021 or Cynthia Riley (334) 797-1259.

2026 RECIPE CONTEST
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(Please use separate forms for each entry and bring all forms and entries to drop-off)

DIVISION: _____ Adult (125) _____ Student (126)

CLASS: _____ Cakes (01) _____ Candies (02) _____ Cookies/Bars (03)
_____ Pies (04) _____ Cupcakes/Cakepops (05) _____ Miscellaneous (06)

***PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AND NOTE ANY CHANGES BEFORE INITIALING THE STATEMENT BELOW.**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THOSE RULES.

(PLEASE INITIAL HERE) _____

-PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLEARLY-

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

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DAYTIME PHONE # **EVENING PHONE #**

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF RECIPE: _____

RECIPE INGREDIENTS & PROCEDURES:

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(MORE SPACE IS AVAILABLE ON BACK)