



Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Winnipeg MB

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

Applications are due Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The \$50 entry fee and a copy of your valid food processing permit must accompany your application. Deliver, email or mail your application to:

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Manitoba Agriculture
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Carberry, MB R0K 0H0
Email: shauna.mckinnon@gov.mb.ca

Make cheques or money orders payable to “Minister of Finance.”

- 2 competitions will be held, one for food products and one for alcoholic beverage products.
- Only 10 food product applicants and 3 alcoholic beverage applicants will be chosen as finalists.
- Finalists will be selected based on the strength of their application and the commercial viability of the product.
- The finalists will be notified by September 5, 2018.
- Applicants who are not chosen to compete will have the \$50 entry refunded to them.
- Finalists must submit a valid processing permit.

Contest Format

- Competitors will pitch their product to a panel of expert judges and answer questions
- Competitors will prepare and serve 5 samples for judging purposes on competition day. Space and time for preparation will be made available on site.
- Competitors will provide product for the evening reception (details will follow).
- The winners of the GMFF will be announced at the reception and presented with their awards.

Eligibility

1. Only **one** entry per person or business in either of the food and pub editions is allowed.
2. Competitors must be residents of Manitoba.
3. The products must be processed in Manitoba.
4. The products must be new and/or innovative (as determined by the organizing committee).

5. Past participants may compete with a new product **only**. New flavours or line extensions are not eligible.
6. Products from previous GMFF events cannot be re-entered.
7. Alcoholic Beverages are not eligible to compete in the Food Edition.
8. The staff of Manitoba Agriculture, staff of the Food Development Centre and their immediate families are not eligible to compete in the GMFF.
9. The GMFF is only open to products intended for human consumption and competitors must have a valid processing permit issued by Manitoba Health, Manitoba Agriculture or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). **A copy of your valid permit must be submitted with your application.**

Rules

1. The GMFF competition committee reserves the right to extend the entry deadline for applications to the GMFF.
2. The GMFF competition committee reserves the right to refuse any application that it deems, in its sole discretion, as being ineligible.
3. **When providing samples for the competition, competitors must comply with the food/beverage safety guidelines outlined by Manitoba public health inspectors.**
4. The GMFF is presented by employees of Manitoba Agriculture. The Manitoba Civil Service Commission Respectful Workplace Policy states: “Every employee can expect to be treated respectfully in the workplace.”

Any GMFF competitor, who treats staff in a disrespectful manner, during any point leading up to or on the date of the GMFF competition, may be subject to immediate disqualification from the competition, at the sole discretion of the GMFF committee and/or judges.
5. All information provided by competitors within the application form must be accurate. Any false or misleading information may cause GMFF competitors to be disqualified.