

My Food Story - Student Chef Recipe Competition **Application Form**

Please review all competition information and conditions in this document. You must initial the statements on the last page and sign the document before you submit it. All completed application forms must be submitted to Nevolan.reddy@usda.gov no later than 23:59 SAST on 28 May 2023.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service in South Africa invites you to participate in a recipe competition for a chance to be featured in a global recipe cookbook and win a culinary tour to the United States. Share with us a family recipe in which you have incorporated one or more ingredients from the United States of America. All entries (completed and signed application, recipe, and picture) must be submitted no later than 23:59 SAST on Sunday, 28 May 2023. The judges will select the recipe(s) to be featured in the cookbook as well as the winner of the grand prize culinary tour. This competition is only open to South African citizens, and all recipes must feature at least one U.S. ingredient.

Name	
Address	
Email address	
Phone Number	
Social Media Handles	
Culinary School	
Recipe Name	
Recipe Details <i>Please list the ingredients, measurements, step-by-step instructions, cooking temperatures, and number of servings, plus any other details someone would need to replicate your recipe.</i>	

<p>Your Story</p> <p><i>Please tell us in 500 words or less about your recipe, how did your family inspire you to choose this recipe, and how you used U.S. ingredients.</i></p>	
<p>Please submit at least one (1) high-quality photo of your completed dish</p>	

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Competition Dates:

- The recipe competition will run from 9 May 2023 (08:00 SAST) to 28 May 2023 (23:59 SAST).
- The competition winner(s) will be announced no later than 12 June 2023.

Prizes:

- One grand prize winner will receive a culinary tour to the United States (itinerary to be confirmed), including round trip economy class international airfare between South Africa and the United States, U.S. visa application fee (if applicable), transportation in the United States, lodging, per diem, and activities. The winner will be responsible for transportation costs in South Africa (to/from airport), South African passport fees (if applicable), travel/medical insurance, and any other associated costs other than those explicitly provided as listed above.
- The grand prize winner and other top entrants will have a chance to have their recipe and story published in the My Food Story Cookbook.
- To claim these prizes, winners will be required to grant permission to the My Food Story project to use their name, likeness, personal story, and recipe in the cookbook.

Eligibility:

- This competition is only open to South African citizens, and all recipes must feature at least one U.S. ingredient.
- This competition is open only to South African student chefs that are currently registered at a culinary/hospitality school in South Africa.
- Employees and family members of INCO Creative and the U.S. Mission to South Africa are not eligible to enter this contest.
- Eligible participants may submit no more than one recipe entry.
- All recipes, stories, and pictures must be original, that is, not previously published by someone else and/or copyrighted in any form. Recipes copied and pasted from other sites without modification of the ingredients and cooking instruction will not be considered or judged.

Entry:

- There is no fee to enter the My Food Story student chef recipe contest.
- An individual may submit only one recipe entry (completed application and picture).
- Your recipe must feature at least one (1) U.S. ingredient, but you are encouraged to use as many U.S. ingredients as possible. You must highlight the American ingredient in your written recipe submission.
- You will be required to complete the full application form, including your contact information, full recipe details, your recipe story (500 words or less), and at least one (1) high-quality photo of your completed dish. **All completed application forms must be submitted to Nevolan.reddy@usda.gov no later than 23:59 SAST on 28 May 2023.** Your email address is safe and will not be shared with anyone.
 - Recipes must include the number of servings and should be in standard recipe format, using standard measurements. All ingredients and quantities must be complete and listed in order of use. You should also include complete easy-to-follow, step-by-step preparation and cooking instructions. If they are required, cooking times and temperatures must also be noted.

- When submitting your recipe all mandatory fields must be completed to be considered for the competition. Only valid recipes will be considered, as such, submission does not automatically mean your recipe will be entered in the contest.
- The organizers assume no responsibilities for entries that are not received by the contest deadline due to service outages or delays, problems accessing the internet, or any other computer or technical difficulties.
- By entering this contest, you agree that your personal information may in appropriate circumstances reside outside of South Africa, and you hereby agree to the transfer of your personal information to locations outside of South Africa and the use of your personal information in such locations as described above.

Evaluation of Entries:

- Scoring: The recipe will be scored on a scale of 0-100 points based on evaluation of the written application and the picture:
 - Up to 20 points awarded for explanation and adaptation of the recipe
 - Up to 20 points awarded for the presentation and description of the recipe's backstory
 - Up to 20 points for the creative showcasing of U.S. ingredients in the recipe
 - Up to 20 points awarded for use of more than one U.S. ingredient
 - Up to 20 points awarded for picture and appearance of the completed dish
- Judging: Recipes will be judged by a panel of judges from the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service in South Africa. The decisions of the judges are final.

Terms and conditions apply. To the maximum extent permitted by law, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service reserves the right to change these official contest rules at any time.

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Submission and Release Form

I, _____[print full name], certify that I have read and understand the competition rules and conditions for the My Food Story – Student Chef Recipe Contest. By submitting my recipe, I signify acceptance of all competition rules and conditions. I consent to the use of my first and last name, province, country, and recipe, without further payment and without limitation for promotional purposes by the My Food Story website and cookbook.

I release the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service and any affiliated companies from all liability for any claims, costs, injury, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the contest. I understand that any violation of the contest rules will lead to disqualification.

Please Initial below:

I have read and understand the rules and criteria for the My Food Story – Student Chef Recipe competition.

I authorize the use of my recipe for publication on the My Food Story website and in the cookbook.

Signature

Date