



# Official Contest Rules & Entry Form

Entries are due at Mount Horeb Public Library on  
**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** by 5pm.  
\$5 entry fee payable in cash, or check made out to  
“Mount Horeb Public Library.”

## Who's Eligible?

- Participants and tasters must be 16 years of age or older.
- Professional cooks, chefs, bakers and chocolatiers may only enter in the **Professional** category.
- Mount Horeb Public Library staff are not eligible to compete in the Death by Chocolate Bake Off. However, Friends of the Library, Mount Horeb Public Library Board members and the family members of the library staff *may* enter.

## This Year's Categories

\* **Brownies**

\* **Cake**

\* **Cheesecake**

\* **Cookies**

\* **Open** (anything that doesn't fit in the other categories)

\* **Professional** (the only category professional cooks, chefs, bakers and chocolatiers may enter)

## How to Enter

- Fill out this entry form and drop it off at the library with the \$5 application fee (cash or check) to the Mount Horeb Public Library **by 5pm on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- Give your dessert a name; the name must not infringe on any trademarks. Fun names capture the imagination of the tasters.
- You may enter only one dessert per category, but may enter multiple categories provided you properly pay fees and submit a separate form for each entry.

## Recipes

- Desserts made with raw eggs are NOT permitted.
- Nuts are permitted. The Mount Horeb Public Library will not be held responsible for the accurate labeling of items containing nuts or nut derivatives.
- Recipes for entries must be emailed to [emily.goad@mounthorebwi.info](mailto:emily.goad@mounthorebwi.info) prior to the event (preferred) or typed/neatly written on a separate piece of paper and submitted with the dessert at drop-off.
- List all ingredients in the order used with exact measurements and package sizes. Submit complete directions including cooking times, temperature, and number of servings. If your recipe is not your own invention, please give credit to its source.
- Recipes may be published, at the library's discretion, with entrants' recognition, without further compensation.

## Your Dessert

- Bring small/bite-sized pieces (no bigger than 1 inch if possible). Due to high number of “tasters,” try to bring enough portions to serve 60. We recommend you bring a knife and plastic wrap if you plan on cutting your dessert after drop-off. Moist desserts may dry out between setup and the start of the event.
- Deliver your entry to the library between **4:45pm and 5:15pm on Sat, February 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- Entries will not be accepted in any other location or at any other time. All entries and materials submitted become the property of the Mount Horeb Public Library. Assume that all desserts will be consumed in their entirety at the tasting.
- A maximum of 70 entries may be accepted in total. See the library’s website at <http://mhpl.org> for up-to-the-moment information on available entry spots and other contest news.

## Judging and Prizes

- Doors open and public tasting begins at 6:30 pm. Awards are given after tasting. Contestants are encouraged to stay for the awards.
- Judging will be conducted by a panel of appointed judges and by the voting public tasters. Appointed judges will give the Overall Judges’ Choice Award. The public will vote for the Overall People’s Choice Award. One Judge’s Choice and People’s Choice prize will also be awarded in each category.
- *Category* winners of Judges’ and People’s Choice receive \$15 each and a ribbon. *Overall* winner of the Judges’ Choice Award receives \$100 and a coveted Death by Chocolate trophy. Overall Winner of the Peoples’ Choice Award also wins \$100 and a Death by Chocolate trophy.
- *The professional category entries are not eligible for the Overall Judges’ Choice or People’s Choice awards.* This category will be judged separately by the judges and tasters alike.
- To win, contestants do not need to be present at the event. However, the Mount Horeb Public Library cannot appoint anyone to monitor a contestant’s dessert during the competition. Each contestant is responsible for his or her own dessert.

## Entry Form

**Entry is due at the library by 5pm on Friday, February 3rd**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Dessert** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone, home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement of official rules:** By participating in this contest each entrant unconditionally accepts these official rules and the decision of the judges, promoter and administrators. Failure to comply could result in disqualifying the dessert entry or entries.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### Pick a Category

- Brownie**
- Cake**
- Cheesecake**
- Cookie**
- Open**
- Professional**

### Staff Only

Entry Signed? Y / N

Payment: Cash / Check

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_