



## Contestant Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item you are baking: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the entry in 75 words or less. Highlight pertinent information like its Slavic roots, holidays during which it might be used, and where you first ate it. (Attach an additional sheet of your description if necessary.) : \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List of Ingredients: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entries will be judged on three criteria: Taste (50%), Authenticity (25%), and Presentation (25%)

Please bring 2 of your baked goods (cookies 2doz) to SMARTS, located in the Ohio One Building, 25 E. Boardman Street in Youngstown on Sunday, June 14, 2026, 12 Noon, the day of the baking contest. Entrance is on Boardman Street. Judging starts at approximately 1pm. The baker is required to bring their baked good entry and be present during the judging as well as through the announcement of the winners. Some of their baked goods will be used for judging; the remaining will be sold to raise additional funds for future Simply Slavic events, related events, or scholarship.

**Note:** Entries must be from non-professionals. A professional is defined as a person who is paid or has been paid to cook or bake. Entries submitted by professionals will be disqualified.

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

By signing and submitting an entry form to participate as a contestant in the Simply Slavic Baking Contest, you agree to the terms and contest rules of the Simply Slavic Baking Contest. And that you are NOT a professional baker.

Please send a copy of this entry form with a \$5 non-refundable entry fee check made payable to "Simply Slavic" to:

Slavic Baking Contest  
c/o Marta Mazur  
7050 Market St. #108  
Boardman OH 44512

You can also send your registration fee to Venmo @Marta-Mazur-3

For questions or more information, please call Marta Mazur at 330-261-4263 or email [bakingcontest@simplyslavic.org](mailto:bakingcontest@simplyslavic.org)

Entries should be received no later than Monday, June 7, 2026. Please read carefully all of the following pages of the rules of the Simply Slavic Baking Contest before submitting your entry form.



### Rules

#### **Deadline to accept entry applications is Monday, June 7, 2026**

Bakers should check their e-mails frequently for communication from the organizers of the Simply Slavic Baking Contest. If a baker does not have e-mail, other arrangements will be made by the organizers. Please notify the organizers at the time of submission of the application.

Entry fee is \$5 for anyone over 18, free for folks under 18, and is non-refundable. Entries must be from non-professionals. Baked goods will be accepted at SMARTS on Sunday, June 14 at 12noon, the day of the baking contest. Judging begins at approximately 1pm at SMARTS.

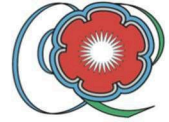
There will be a maximum of ten (10) contest participants on a first-come basis. Presentation will be limited to what will be shown individually to the judges with their baked good. Bakers may bring special plates, silverware, napkins; but Simply Slavic and SMARTS staff are not responsible for loss, theft, damage or breakage of these personal items. No baked goods can be submitted or will be accepted that have to be frozen, refrigerated, or heated. Entry will be presented to the judges at room temperature.

The baker is required to bring their baked good entry and be present during the judging as well as through the announcement of the winners. Some of their baked goods will be used for judging; and the remaining will be sold to raise additional funds for future Simply Slavic events, related events or scholarship. The First Place Winner will be given the opportunity to be a judge for the next year's baking contest.

The First, Second, and Third Place winners will be announced on Sunday, June 14; will have their pictures taken, and will be announced at the Simply Slavic Festival on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Their likenesses will be displayed on the Simply Slavic web site and other media for publicity to promote the Simply Slavic event; or other similar cultural events. (Winners must not be present at the Festival.)

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## OFFICIAL RULES

To enter into the contest, an entry form, a description of your recipe and its historical Slavic roots in 75 words or less, and a \$5 non-refundable entry fee (made payable to Simply Slavic) must be received by Monday, June 7, 2026.

The recipe needs to be for a baked good that would serve multiple guests (not an individual plated dessert), must be baked at some point during preparation and has Slavic origins. Only one entry per participant will be accepted.

Entries must be from non-professionals. Professional is defined as a person who is paid or has been paid to cook or bake. Entries that are submitted by professionals will be disqualified. There are no restrictions on participant's age, gender or nationality.

All participants are to bring their baked goods (ready to be judged) to the site of the Simply Slavic baking contest, which is at SMARTS, located in the Ohio One Building, 25 E. Boardman Street in downtown Youngstown, on Sunday, June 14, 2026, 12noon, the day of the baking contest. If your entry is not present at the time of judging, your spot will be forfeited. Some of your baked goods will be used for judging. The remaining will be sold to raise additional funds for future Simply Slavic events, related events, or scholarships.

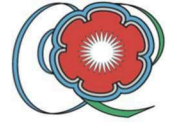
Bakers may create a small presentation set up for their baked goods, no more than 2 feet x 2 feet in table space. Bakers should remain on hand to watch their set ups, and will have any materials (dishes, table settings, etc.) returned upon conclusion of the contest.

**JUDGING:** Judges will be professional bakers, community members, or leaders from businesses throughout the Mahoning Valley. Judging will occur on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at approximately 1pm.

Entries will be judged on three criteria – Taste (50%), Authenticity (25%), and Presentation (25%). The decision of the judge(s) is final. Copies of the judging sheets (with any comments) will not be distributed to the contestants after the event.

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. Winners will be announced at the Judging Event at the Simply Slavic Baking Contest on Sunday, June 14, 2026 by 3pm and then will be announced each day of the Simply Slavic Festival 2026.

The Simply Slavic Festival organizing committee reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value at its discretion. By participating, a winner grants Simply Slavic and its affiliated sponsors the right to use the winner's name, picture, biographical information and written submissions or oral statements, for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation unless required by law.



**RESTRICTIONS:** Participants may only enter one item and must be present at the baking contest – during judging through to the announcement of the First, Second and Third Place winners. There will be a maximum of 10 contest participants on a first-come basis. No baked goods can be submitted, or will be accepted, that have to be frozen, refrigerated or heated. Entry will be presented to the judges at room temperature.

Simply Slavic volunteers, event sponsors, and their affiliated companies are not responsible for any inaccuracies in information which may be used in the contest, or for any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of entries, including data entered by contestants.

Simply Slavic reserves the right to discontinue the contest at any time. The information that you provide in connection with the contest may be used for Simply Slavic's internal purposes and you will be added to the Simply Slavic database. This information will not be provided to third parties.

Entries and other submitted material become the property of Simply Slavic and will not be acknowledged or returned. Simply Slavic volunteers, and those working for them or on the behalf, will not be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, or postage due mail or e-mail and for Internet, computer hardware and software, phone, and other technical errors, malfunctions, and delays.

Simply Slavic reserves the right in their sole discretion to modify or cancel all or any portions of the Contest. Simply Slavic also reserve the right in their sole discretion to disqualify any entrant who fails to comply with these Official Rules, who attempts to enter the contest in any manner or through any means other than as described in these Official Rules, or who attempts to disrupt or to circumvent any of these Official Rules.

By entering, entrants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges and these Official Rules and to comply with all federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations. By entering, each winner accepts all of the conditions, restrictions, requirements, and/or regulations required by Simply Slavic and also agrees to accept delivery of prize.

Entrants agree to release and hold harmless Simply Slavic volunteers, sponsors, their affiliates and subsidiaries, and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns, from any damage, injury, death, loss, or other liability that may arise from entrant's participation in the Contest or the awarding, acceptance, use, or misuse of any prize.