The 2025 Cleveland Apple Festival™

Apple Dessert Contest

We are looking for the best homemade apple dessert in the valley!

We'll be judging the desserts on Saturday, October 18th at The Cleveland Apple Festival™ in downtown Cleveland TN between 11:15 AM and 12:30 PM at the Gazebo and the winners will be announced from the stage at 2 PM.

Please read the rules and complete the application if you would like to participate.

Entry deadline:

Entry forms must be completed and submitted via mail

Postmarked on or before October 1st, 2025 to qualify for Early Bird entry or brought to the Apple Contest Table during the festival before 12:30pm on Saturday October 18th for regular entry. There will be a total of 2 prizes for the best recipes:

One grand prize and one runner up.

• Grand Prize will be a $50 gift certificate

• Runner Up will be a $25 gift certificate

1. You may enter up to three (3) dessert submissions. However only one dessert per entry fee will be accepted.

A panel of community leaders will judge the event.

2. This competition is open to anyone 12 years old or older. Participants must also purchase an entry ticket to The Cleveland Apple Festival™ at the gate. (Employees of The Cleveland Apple Festival™ or Apple Valley Orchards and their immediate families are ineligible to participate in this contest.)

3. The completed application along with a non-refundable\* EARLY BIRD entry fee of $10 (Ten dollars) must be mailed to

Apple Dessert Recipe Contest PO Box 0761 Cleveland TN 37364-0761. You may also bring your application and the regular fee of $12 (Twelve dollars) to the festival on Saturday October 18th before 12:30pm.

4. The homemade dessert must be brought to The Cleveland Apple Festival™ Apple Dessert Contest Table Saturday October 18th in downtown Cleveland, TN between the hours of 11:15 AM and 12:30 PM at the Gazebo. Judging will begin promptly at

1pm and the winner announced at 2 PM.

5. Each participant must submit one freshly made Apple based dessert for each paid entry form (limit of 3 per household) in an 8 to 12 inch (approximately) NON returnable dessert pan or plate. All desserts become property of The Cleveland Apple Festival™ .

6. Each entry will be recorded and a number assigned to the contestant. The number will be placed on the bottom of the pan. No other identifying marks may be

made on the dessert or the pan. Only The Cleveland Apple Festival™ Dessert Committee will know the identity of the dessert maker.

7. All desserts must contain apples as their primary ingredient.

8. The desserts will be judged according to the following: 1) appearance and 2) taste

9. Winners will be announced from the performance stage at 2pm Saturday, October

18th during the festival.

Winners must be present at this time to accept prizes.

10. The Cleveland Apple Festival™ reserves the right to limit the number of entries should the amount of entries become larger than can feasible be judged by the judging panel in the allotted time.

11. \*The Cleveland Apple Festival™ reserves the right to terminate this contest for any reason deemed appropriate by The Cleveland Apple Festival™ Committee and shall refund any entry fees received.

12. The Cleveland Apple Festival™ reserves the right to award alternate prizes of equal or greater value if, in the unlikely event, the prizes listed above as awards are unavailable or otherwise unobtainable by The Cleveland Apple Festival™ prize committee.

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Cut and mail this bottom half to PO BOX 0761 Cleveland, TN 37364-0761 Make checks payable to :

"The Cleveland Apple Festival™".

Entry deadline: Entries must be postmarked no later than Oct. 1st, 2025

I have enclosed my fee to enter The Cleveland Apple Festival ™ Apple Dessert Contest. I have read the above rules and will comply.

My dessert will be delivered to The Cleveland Apple Festival™ Dessert Judging Area on October 18th in downtown Cleveland, TN between 11:15am and 12:30pm

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(There is an entry fee at the gate to enter the festival.)

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Dessert Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Entry #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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