



Blas na hEireann – The Irish Food Awards **2015 Application Form**

Closing date for entries Wednesday 17th June

Enter online for the 2015 awards on www.irishfoodawards.com

Important dates to remember

- ✓ June 17th Closing date for entry (**no entries accepted after this date**)
- ✓ Jul 30th – Aug 10th UCC Delivery for initial judging (Specific days by category)
- ✓ Sept 2nd The Baking Academy Delivery & Judging (Categories 20-25)
- ✓ September Finalist producers will be notified
- ✓ October 1st Final judging session (**delivery details to follow**)
- ✓ October 3rd Finalist Networking Event and Award ceremony

Online Entry

- ✓ Early bird entry fee of €45 per product available to **online entries submitted by 30th April**
- ✓ You can enter online on www.irishfoodawards.com from the 17th of March
- ✓ Entering online will ensure that you receive instant confirmation of your entry. This will include important information including entry number & delivery dates.
- ✓ If entering online you can now choose to either make payment online or pay later by bank transfer or cheque, whichever suits you best

Postal Entry

- ✓ All postal entries are at a fee of €55
- ✓ You can enter the awards by post if you prefer by completing the form below and returning by post before the 17th of June.
- ✓ Please send completed form by email to info@irishfoodawards.com or by post to Blas na hEireann, Dingle, Co. Kerry. Payment can be made by cheque or bank draft made payable to Blas na hEireann or by bank transfer.
- ✓ Entries submitted via this form, either by email or post, will receive a confirmation email with delivery dates and information. Please allow up to 10 working days to process.

Producer Details:

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Email 2: _____

Where possible please do include a secondary email address.

We'll send all correspondence to both to be sure you don't miss anything!

Address: _____

County: _____

Telephone: Office: _____ Mobile: _____

Website: _____

No of Employees: _____

Company Description:

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Rules, Terms & Conditions

1. The Blas na hÉireann awards are open to food producers registered on the island of Ireland.
2. All entries must be produced on the island of Ireland.
3. Entries must be made by the producer.
4. All entries must be commercially available at the time of entry.
5. All entries must be of the exact standard as the same products available commercially. ***Please note that we do ask for details of at least one outlet where the products are commercially available and we do conduct mystery shopping on our entries.***
6. Particular note to ingredients, all core ingredients which can be of Irish origin and can be readily sourced in Ireland must be both sourced in Ireland and of Irish origin.
7. Please note products should be delivered as they are presented in their packaging to the customer. This should include all labelling which adheres to current legislation.
8. All deliveries should be submitted with the applicable delivery sheet and identifiable by entry number.
9. All entries are tasted blind, the Blas na hEireann team will unpack and prepare for blind tasting.
10. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure prompt and safe delivery of entries.
11. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that all foods entered are packed, transported and delivered in a condition that makes them safe and fit for consumption.
12. While Blas na hÉireann will take great care to ensure safe keeping of all entries throughout the judging process, the organisers, serving team and associates cannot be held responsible for this safe keeping.
13. No entries will be returned to entrants, this includes finalist products which are submitted for producer showcase.
14. Your fees paid includes your membership fees to the Blas na hEireann producers forum for 2015. These fees are non-refundable.
15. No information relating to the identity of any of the judges will be disclosed.
16. All award winners will be announced at the awards ceremony and will also be announced online on www.irishfoodawards.com
17. In all matters regarding the awards, the verdict of the judges is final.
18. Each entry must reach a minimum standard to proceed within the competition.
19. A minimum of 5 samples are to be delivered for each product
20. Where the level of entries in a category is too low, categories can be combined at the discretion of Blas na hEireann. Where the level of entries is sufficient, subcategories may be created at the discretion of Blas na hEireann.

Awards:

In addition to Gold, Bronze and Silver Medals in each of the following categories, there will be various other Awards including overall Supreme Champion & 'Best Artisan Product'*, Chefs' Choice** & New Product***

*Artisan producer – is a producer who hand makes in relatively small quantities / batches, not mass produced. Produced using local materials / resources / craft.

**Chefs' Choice is based on products which would be used in the restaurant or catering trade.

***New Products must be less than 12 months commercially available.

1. **Bacon products**
 - a. Rashers
 - b. Other bacon products
2. **Beef (Value added)**
 - a. Prime Cuts
 - b. Other Beef
3. **Cured Meat, Charcuterie**
 - a. Ham
 - b. Beef
 - c. Other
4. **Lamb (Value added)**
5. **Other Meats (Value Added)**
6. **Pork (Value added)**
7. **Poultry (Value added)**
 - a. Chicken
 - b. Chicken (prepared)
 - c. Duck
 - d. Turkey
8. **Puddings**
 - a. Black pudding
 - b. White pudding
9. **Sausages**
 - a. Breakfast sausages
 - b. Flavoured sausages
 - c. Other meat sausages
10. **Dairy**
 - a. Yoghurt
 - b. Butter
 - c. Butter (Flavoured)
 - d. Cream
 - e. Milk
11. **Ice Cream & Sorbets**
12. **Cheese**
 - a. Blue
 - b. Goats
 - c. Hard
 - d. Hard (Added Flavour)
 - e. Soft & Semi Soft
13. **Seafood Products**
 - a. Hot Smoked
 - b. Cold Smoked
 - c. Prepared Fish
 - d. Prepared Shellfish
14. **Terrines/ Pates**
 - a. Meat
 - b. Seafood
 - c. Vegetarian
15. **Savoury Pies/ Quiche**
16. **Soups & Chowders**
17. **Ready Meals & Prepared Foods (Hot)**
 - a. Meat
 - b. Fish
 - c. Vegetarian
 - d. Stuffing
18. **Ready Meals & Prepared Foods (Cold)**
 - a. Meat
 - b. Fish
 - c. Vegetarian
19. **Baby Food**
20. **Bread**
 - a. Sourdough
 - b. Craft Bakers Soda Bread
 - c. Craft Bakers Yeast Bread
 - d. Packaged White Bread
 - e. Packaged Bread (Not White)
21. **Traditional Irish Barm (Yeast) Brack**
22. **Sweet Dough Goods (Including Teabrack & Sweet Buns)**
23. **Morning Baked Goods (Including Baps, Teacakes & Scones)**
24. **Continental Style Breads (Including Brioche, Ciabatta, Focaccia, Bagels)**
25. **Pastries (Inc Danish, Croissant, Pain Au Chocolate)**
26. **Dietary Specific Foods (Certification to verify product claim required)**
 - a. Dietary Specific Bread
 - b. Dietary Specific Other
27. **Ready Mix cakes & breads**
 - a. Cakes & Other Sweet Ready Mix
 - b. Breads & Other Savoury Ready Mix
28. **Puddings & Desserts**
29. **Cakes**
 - a. Chocolate
 - b. Other
30. **Christmas Cakes & Puddings**
 - a. Christmas Cakes, Pies, Crumbles, Other
 - b. Christmas Puddings
31. **Biscuits/ Snacks Sweet**
 - a. Biscuits
 - b. Other sweet snacks
32. **Chocolate**
 - a. Individual Chocolates
 - b. Bars
33. **Confectionery**
34. **Breakfast Cereal**
 - a. Granola
 - b. Muesli
 - c. Porridge & Other
35. **Sauces & Syrups**
 - a. Sweet Sauces & Syrups
 - b. Savoury Sauces & Dips
36. **Snacks Savoury**
37. **Oils, Seasonings, Dressings & Vinegars**
 - a. Oils
 - b. Seasonings
 - c. Dressings
 - d. Vinegars
 - e. Salt
 - f. Pesto
38. **Pickles, Chutneys & Relishes**
 - a. Pickle
 - b. Chutney
 - c. Relish
39. **Preserves, Conserves & Marmalade**
 - a. Preserve
 - b. Conserve
 - c. Marmalade
40. **Honey & Other spreads**
 - a. Pure Irish Honey
 - b. Other Spreads
41. **Hot Beverages**
 - a. Coffee
 - b. Tea
 - c. Other Hot Drinks
42. **Non alcoholic Drinks**
43. **Spirits & Liqueurs**
44. **Beers**
45. **Ciders**

You can enter as many products as you wish. For further entries please copy & complete the below to supply details for each

Product 1:

Category: _____

Product Name: _____

Description: _____

RRP: _____

Shelf life: _____

Please specify at least one retail outlet (markets included) where your product is available for sale:

This product should be considered for Chef's Choice

This product is new to the market in the last 12 months

Product 2:

Category: _____

Product Name: _____

Description: _____

RRP: _____

Shelflife: _____

Please specify at least one retail outlet (markets included) where your product is available for sale:

This product should be considered for Chef's Choice

This product is new to the market in the last 12 months

Product 3:

Category: _____

Product Name: _____

Description: _____

RRP: _____

Shelf life: _____

Please specify at least one retail outlet (markets included) where your product is available for sale:

This product should be considered for Chef's Choice

This product is new to the market in the last 12 months

All of the above information is required – Incomplete entries will be considered invalid.

Products must be commercially available at time of entry, please specify a minimum of one outlet

as we do conduct mystery shopping.

Important – This section must be completed

Producer registration or approval no: _____

Under food hygiene legislation, food businesses must be registered with an official agency. Please include above your registration/approval number/health mark with your relevant body, i.e. HSE, FSAI, etc.

Checklist:

- ✓ Contact details and producer registration/approval number included
- ✓ Category you wish to enter confirmed and checked for each entry
- ✓ Please keep a copy of the entry form for your own records

Declaration

- I have read and accept the competition rules enclosed.
- I confirm that all products entered are produced on the island of Ireland.
- I wish to enter as an Artisan producer
- I trade at Farmers Markets and wish to be considered for Best in Farmers Market

Total number of products entered: _____
Total cost of entry @ €55 per product: _____

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Please note for postal entries you will receive an online confirmation within 10 working days of receipt. It is your responsibility to check that you have received this confirmation by email and that entry is confirmed and that all details on the online confirmation are correct. If you do not receive this confirmation within 10 working days or if any of the information on the online confirmation is incorrect please contact the Blas team and we will be happy to help.

Signature: _____

Questions?

Call us on 087 9029329 or email info@irishfoodawards.com