



2018 FORTE HOLIDAY BAKE-OFF CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

Forte Chocolates & Pastry Arts, LLC and its affiliates (collectively, the "Company" or "Forte Chocolates" or "Forte"), will conduct the Forte Holiday Bake-Off Contest as described in these general rules. This is a skills based contest to promote Forte products. For a list of rules, and where you can find winners, please see below. No purchase necessary to win.

By participating in this contest, each participant agrees as follows:

1. **Eligibility:** This Contest is open to legal U.S. residents residing in one of the 50 United States who are 18 years of age or older at time of entry. Officers, directors, and employees of Forte Chocolates and their immediate families (parents, children, siblings, spouse) or members of the same household (whether related or not) of such employees/officers/directors are not eligible to participate.

2. **How To Enter:** No purchase necessary to enter. Contest begins at 12:01 am Pacific Standard Time on October 15, 2018 and ends at 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on December 5, 2018 (the "Deadline Date"). All entries must be received by 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on the Deadline Date. Forte Chocolates is the official timekeeper for this Contest. To enter, submit your recipe and a photo of the finished product through Forte Chocolates' Instagram Direct Messages, Forte's Facebook Messenger, via mail sent to Forte Chocolates 1400 Riverside Dr, Ste D, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, or via email sent to info@fortechocolates.com. All entries must include your full name, address, city, state/province, zip/postal code, telephone number and email address (if you have one). If entries do not contain all necessary information, entrant will potentially be disqualified. Please be certain to follow all directions. Eligible persons can enter as many original recipes in this Contest as they wish. All recipes must be the original work of entrant and not previously published. Photos may be taken by a professional, though submitted photos must be unpublished and Forte Chocolates reserves all rights to all submitted photos. You may use other recipes for inspiration, but you must make your own unique combination of ingredients and cooking instruction changes in order for the recipe to be considered. **Chocolate or cacao products must be used in a baked goods recipe (submitted with a photo of the finished good) to qualify.** Each submitted recipe must contain the name and brand of the chocolate or cacao products used. It is not necessary to use Forte Chocolates products to enter or win. Each submitted recipe and accompanying photo must not infringe the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity or other intellectual property rights of any person or entity, unless the product is produced by Forte Chocolates. By submitting a recipe for this Contest, you grant Forte Chocolates, its subsidiaries, affiliates, partners and licensees unrestricted use of the submitted entry which includes the right to publish your recipe, finished goods photo, and any other information provided worldwide in all print and electronic media (now or hereafter existing) without time limitation, and the right to include your name and hometown (e.g., city and state) in connection therewith. Forte Chocolates reserves the right to edit, modify, translate, reproduce and distribute the submitted material in any medium and in any manner as it deems appropriate. Forte Chocolates reserves the right to test and alter selected recipes as it deems appropriate. Forte Chocolates may contact you via phone or email regarding your submission.

3. **Judging:** This is a skills based contest. Forte Chocolates, at its sole discretion, will determine the winner of the Contest. The winner of the Contest will be determined by judging all qualifying entrants' submissions based on the following criteria: Market Appeal, Visual Appeal, Creativity, and Social Media Votes.

4. **Winners and Prizes:** A total of one (1) winner will be selected. Odds of winning will depend on number of qualified entries received. Winner will receive a Forte Chocolate prize package of goods valued at \$500 USD. The prize is for goods only, not cash. Prize is not transferable and cannot be substituted. Forte Chocolates reserves the right to substitute a similar prize of equal or greater value in the event that the stated prize cannot be awarded due to circumstances beyond the control of the Forte Chocolates. Forte Chocolates will not be responsible for any loss, liability or damage arising out of the winners' acceptance or use of the prize(s). All prizes are guaranteed to be awarded, assuming that entries received from at least fifty (50) unique qualifying entrants are received by the deadline and meet the minimum judging criteria. For the name of the winner, please contact Forte Chocolates at 1400 Riverside Dr, Suite D, Mount Vernon WA 98273 or by email at info@fortechocolates.com.

5. **Selection of Winners:** The Winner will be determined and notified on or before December 20, 2018 by phone call and/or email. In the event winner is a minor in his or her place of residence, all required documentation must be signed by parent or legal guardian. Return of prize or prize notification as undeliverable will result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. Entry and/or acceptance of prize(s) constitutes permission for the Forte Chocolates and its agencies (if any) to use the winner's name, hometown (e.g., city and state) and/or likeness for advertising and trade purposes without time limitation and without further compensation or authorization, worldwide and in perpetuity, in any and all forms of media, now known and hereafter devised, unless prohibited by law.

6. **Conditions:** Forte Chocolates reserves the right to terminate or modify the Contest at any time for any reason. In such a circumstance, the winner will be selected based on entries received prior to the date of termination. Forte Chocolates also reserves the right to modify this Contest in the event an insufficient number of entries are received and/or an insufficient number of entries meet the minimum judging criteria. In the event that two similar entries are received, only the entry judged to best meet criteria as set by Forte Chocolates will be included in the final judging. Entrants agree to indemnify Forte Chocolates, its affiliated and subsidiary companies from and against any and all claims and liabilities arising out of or in connection with this Contest.