

2020 Northwest Chocolate Awards Submission Guidelines

Online Submission Dates: March 15th - August 31st, 2020 Shipping Dates for Product: September 1st - 20th, 2020

- 1. The Awards are open to all chocolate companies. Please note there is a submission fee associated with each product submission. \$65.00 fee per product.
- 2. All products must be submitted using our online form. To access the submission form <u>CLICK HERE</u> and to pay for your submission <u>CLICK HERE</u>.
- 3. Submissions and payment must be received within the competition submission date listed at the top of this page.
- 4. Products must be shipped to arrive between September 1st September 20th. Late arrivals will not be entered into the Awards. Shipping instructions will be provided.
- 5. Products must be shipped to arrive in quality condition for entry: bloomed chocolate, unlabeled products, failure to pay admission fees, incomplete labels, or other noticeable defects may disqualify entries from competition.

The Awards process is as follows:

- Products must be shipped with all product information included.
- Awards team "blind" all entries for judges, removing all labeling from products.
 Coordinators retain a list of all products by category and ingredients.
- Judges have two weeks to evaluate, re-evaluate, and score all products.
- Judges marks are scored independently and scores are returned independently to the coordinators. Judges do not share scores nor discuss reviews of entries to avoid influence of scoring process.
- Coordinators match top scores with product list and product ingredients to verify accurate categories for each award.
- Finalists for 2020 Awards will be announced prior to The Festival Weekend.
- Awards are announced for 2020 the weekend of The Festival.

Award Winners Receive:

- Physical Award with Company Name, Award Title, and Award Year
- Listing in Festival Social Media, Festival Website, and Press/Media Announcement
- Digital Award Badge for company website and product packaging

We are happy to offer this Awards Competition to the entire Chocolate Industry. Involvement with the Northwest Chocolate Festival does not change eligibility for award(s). All chocolate companies are welcome to submit products for evaluation.

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Quantity to submit:

- Six (6) bars representing each product entry must be submitted.
- Twelve (12) pieces representing each confection entry must be submitted.

Submission Fee:

• \$65 per entry required click here to pay online

Please make checks payable to: Chocolate Trade Show, LLC 3419 NE 35th Place Portland, OR 97212

2020 Chocolate Award Categories:

- Milk Chocolate Bar
- Dark Chocolate Bar
- Inclusion Bar
- Confections: Truffles or Bon-Bon

2020 Industry Awards Presented:

- Mott Green Sustainability Awards
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Package Design
- Innovation

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS FOR SUBMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BY CLICKING HERE

SUBMIT PAYMENT ONLINE BY CLICKING HERE

SHIPMENT DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED COMPANIES. THANK YOU.

Questions? Please contact: info@nwchocolate.com