PUMPKINFEST 2026 ENTRY FORM

Horton Farmers' Market
Phone: 519-868-5551
Email: hortonfarmersmarket@stthomas.ca

Entrant's Name: _____
Business Name (if applicable): _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Category and Name:	Section:	Article # and Description:
Ie: Junior Baking, Jane Doe	1	Article 2: Pumpkin Pie

The undersigned proposes to enter at the Horton Farmers' Market held at 10 Manitoba Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, and certifies that the article(s) are entered in accordance with the Rules and Regulations contained in the Horton Farmers' Market Prize List and agrees to be governed by the said Rules and Regulations. By signing this form, you are giving permission for the Horton Farmers' Market to use the above personal information for uses described in our Privacy Policy.

Entrant's Signature: _____

Guardian's Signature (if applicable): _____

Date: _____

GENERAL ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries to be submitted to the Horton Farmers' Market as follows:
   - Photography: digital submissions due via email to hortonfarmersmarket@stthomas.ca by **Tuesday, October 20** at 5pm.
   - Baking: **Saturday, October 24** by 8:30am.
   - Pumpkin carving: **Saturday, October 24** by 8:30am.
   - Costumes: by **Saturday, October 24** between 10am and 10:30am.
   - Guess the pumpkin weight: at the Horton Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 24 during market hours (8am-12pm)
   - Guess the number of pumpkin seeds: at the Horton Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 24 during market hours (8am-12pm)
2. Late entries in any section will not be accepted.
3. All entries must be the work of a single entrant and not by a group.
4. For Junior entries, PLEASE DO NOT put the child's address or phone number on the entry tags, but be sure to include them on the entry form.
5. Judging will commence on Saturday, October 24, at 11:00am.
6. All entries must remain at the Horton Farmers' Market until 11:30am on Saturday, October 24th.
7. All entries **MUST** be picked up by Saturday, October 24th, at noon, or your entry will be disposed of and any ribbon or prize will be forfeited.

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CATEGORIES

Class 2 - Photography

Prizes:
Junior Category: 1st place - $10 HMD*, 2nd place - $5 HMD
Senior Category: 1st place - $15 HMD, 2nd place - $10 HMD

Entry Rules:

1. Review all General Entry Rules and Regulations.
2. For Junior entries, all photos MUST have been taken by the child entering the submission.
3. All winners agree to the use of their name and picture without payment.
4. Open to all skill levels, the market reserves the right to create additional categories should the submission volume warrant.
5. All photos must be submitted digitally by Tuesday, October 20 at 5pm. Photos can be submitted via email to hortonfarmersmarket@stthomas.ca
6. Each entrant is allowed ONLY ONE entry per section.

Note: When possible, please try to respect people's privacy and ask for permission before including them in any photographs when possible.

Section 1: 17 years of age and under

Article 1: Take a photo of your favourite produce at the Horton Farmers' Market
Article 2: Take a photo of fall trees or colours

Section 2: 17 years of age and older

Article 1: Elgin County or St. Thomas fall scene
Article 2: Market memory (Ie. A dinner you hosted and made with market ingredients, your market haul laid out on a table or in a basket, a portrait of a market vendor you have connected with, etc.)
Article 3: Something spooky (Have fun and be creative! Do spiders scare you? Did you find a spooky knot in a tree? Showcase your creativity.)

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CATEGORIES

Class 3 - Baking

Prizes:
Junior Category: 1st place - $10 HMD*, 2nd place - $5 HMD
Senior Category: 1st place - $15 HMD, 2nd place - $10 HMD

Entry Rules:

1. Review all General Entry Rules and Regulations.
2. All baking must be done from scratch (must be homemade - no mixes).
3. Open to all skill levels, the market reserves the right to create additional categories should the submission volume warrant.
4. All entries must be cool at the time of entry.
5. Indicate whether the pie will be picked up or donated upon entry.
6. All entries will be judged on appearance, taste and texture of both pastry and filling.
7. All winners agree to the use of their name and picture without payment.
8. All entries must be picked up following judging on Saturday October 25th by 12pm at the Horton Farmers' Market.

Section 1: 17 years of age or Under

Article 1: Apple Pie

1. Indicate the variety of apple(s) used.
2. Pies must be in a 9" (nine inch) aluminum pie pan.

Article 2: Pumpkin Pie

1. Indicate the variety of pumpkin(s) used.
2. Pies must be in a 9" (nine inch) aluminum pan.

Article 3: Fall Market Loaf

1. Loaf must include an ingredient from the Horton Farmers' Market (Ie. Zucchini, apple, pumpkin, honey, etc.)
2. 8.5" x 4.5" minimum size once baked.
3. Bread must be on a foild cardboard "plate" in an extra-large resealable plastic zipper bag.

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CATEGORIES

Class 3 - Baking (cont.)

Section 2: 18 years of age and Older

Article 1: Apple Pie

1. Indicate the variety of apple(s) used.
2. Pies must be in a 9" (nine inch) aluminum pie pan.

Article 2: Pumpkin Pie

1. Indicate the variety of pumpkin(s) used.
2. Pies must be in a 9" (nine inch) aluminum pan.

Article 3: Fall Market Loaf

1. Loaf must include an ingredient from the Horton Farmers' Market (Ie. Zucchini, apple, pumpkin, honey, etc.)
2. 8.5" x 4.5" minimum size once baked.
3. Bread must be on a a foild cardboard "plate" in an extra-large resealable plastic zipper bag.

CATEGORIES

Class 4 - Pumpkin Painting and/or Carving

Prizes:
Junior Category: 1st place - $10 HMD*, 2nd place - $5 HMD
Senior Category: 1st place - $15 HMD, 2nd place - $10 HMD

Entry Rules:

1. Review all General Entry Rules and Regulations.
2. Pre-register at any of the Horton Farmers' Markets leading up to PumpkinFest (every Saturday from 8am to noon).
3. Pumpkins must be real.
4. Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or decorated.
5. No pre-decorated or store bought pumpkins allowed.
6. *All entrants* must paint or carve their own pumpkin. Guardians may help junior entrants where a knife is required.
7. One pumpkin per entrant.
8. All winners agree to the use of their name and picture without payment.
9. Winners will be selected by public voting.
10. Pumpkins MUST be picked up between 11:30am and noon or they will be discarded.

Section 1: 9 years of age and Under

Article 1: Paint a pumpkin

Section 2: 10 to 17 years of age

Article 1: Paint and/or carve a pumpkin

Section 3: 18 years of age and Older

Article 1: Paint and/or carve a pumpkin

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CATEGORIES

Class 5 - Best Costume

Prizes:
Junior Category: 1st place - $10 HMD*, 2nd place - $5 HMD
Senior Category: 1st place - $15 HMD, 2nd place - $10 HMD
Vendor Category: 1st place - two 6' exterior space rentals, 2nd place - one 6' exterior space rental

Entry Rules:

1. Review all General Entry Rules and Regulations.
2. Costumes MUST be suitable for a family-friendly environment. Costumes must NOT be overly revealing, include profanity, or be inappropriate.
3. Costumes must NOT include weapons or elements that could pose safety risks. Real weapons are NOT permitted, and fake weapons must remain sheathed.
4. Use of liquids, messy substances, smoke, flames, or overly large prop pieces are not allowed.
5. Participants (excluding vendors) must register between 10am and 10:30am on Saturday October 24 at the Horton Farmers' Market. Judging will begin at 10:30am, and all entrants must remain on-site until winners are announced.
6. All winners agree to the use of their name and picture without payment.
7. Winners will be selected by judges.

Section 1: 17 years of age and Under

Article 1: Best overall costume

Section 2: 18 years of age and Older

Article 1: Best overall costume

Section 3: Vendors only

Article 1: Best overall costume

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