

Winchester Pickle Festival

2026 Canning Contest Entry Form

Rules:

- Submissions must have been produced, prepared and processed by the entrant within the past year.
- All submissions must be in glass half-pint, pint, or one-quart canning jars, and sealed using new, flat canning lids with rings left on.
- **Any submission with a rusty lid or ring, or a broken seal will be automatically disqualified.**
- Submissions will only be accepted on Saturday, September 26, 2026 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. noon during the Winchester Pickle Festival at the Pickle Store in front of Winchester Town Hall.
- Judging will begin promptly at 12 p.m. at Winchester Town Hall; winners will be posted at the Pickle Store upon completion of the judging process.
- Submissions must include a label describing the pickled product, but **must not** include the name of the entrant.
- Each submission will be judged on the following:

Appearance:		Taste (with entrant consent, see below):	
Quality of product Appearance of ingredients, natural color, etc.	45	Balance of flavors Flavor profile, balance of sweetness, acidity, spiciness, saltiness, etc.	50
Quality of pack Good proportion of product to liquid	15	Mouth feel/texture Crispness vs. soft/mealy/rubbery	50
Quality of liquid Clear and free of sediment	30		
Appearance of jar Clean standard jar; new lids and bands	10		
Total	100	Total	100

Available prizes:

- Best appearing home-canned pickled cucumber
- Best appearing home-canned other pickled item
- Best appearing home-canned pickled relish
- Best tasting home-canned pickled cucumber
- Best tasting home-canned other pickled item
- Best tasting home-canned pickled relish

Entrant information:

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE	ZIP	PHONE	

Pickle submission information:

NAME OF PRODUCT			
CHOOSE CATEGORY			
☐ Pickled cucumber		☐ Other pickled item	
		☐ Pickled relish	
DO YOU WANT YOUR SUBMISSION TO BE TASTED BY THE JUDGES?		DO YOU WANT YOUR SUBMISSION RETURNED TO YOU?	
☐ Yes ☐ No		☐ Yes ☐ No	