

# Taste of State

## Poland

Facebook and Tumblr Contest for Alumni of USG Sponsored Exchange Programs

### RULES

#### Terms:

1. The term "Contest" refers to the Polish edition of the "Taste of State" contest.
2. The "Contestant" is the user who submits a recipe and a photo.
3. A "Recipe" is any eligible culinary recipe in the English language accompanied by a photo of the meal, the Contestant's name, exchange program, and its date, submitted both to the International Exchange Alumni Tumblr <http://goo.gl/oB5h8o> and posted in the Polish alumni group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/> no later than 23:59:59 CET November 20, 2014.
4. The term "Alumni" means alumni of U.S. government sponsored exchange programs such as Fulbright, Ron Brown Fellowship Program, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), Voluntary Visitors (VOLVIS), U.S.-Polish Youth Exchange, Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative, Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI), Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA), Teacher Holocaust Training, FORTUNE/State Women Leaders Partnership, Sports Exchanges, and other programs sponsored by Department of State or other agencies of the U.S. government.

#### Eligibility:

1. Contestant must be at least 16 years old at the start of the contest.
2. Contestant must be a citizen of Poland.
3. Contestant must be an alumnus / alumna of a U.S. government sponsored exchange program and be prepared to present a relevant certificate in case of need of verification.
4. To become a registered user of Facebook, individuals must register for an account and agree to the Facebook "terms of use" set forth at <https://www.facebook.com/terms.php>.
5. To become a member of the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group, the contestant must go to <http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/>, click "Join Group" in the right upper corner and wait for the group administrator to accept him/her in the group.
6. There is no fee or charge to become a registered user.
7. If the Contestant is not registered on Facebook, they can submit their Recipes and photos by e-mail to [USGAlumni@state.gov](mailto:USGAlumni@state.gov), but they still must submit them to the International Exchange Alumni Tumblr page at <http://goo.gl/oB5h8o> to be eligible.
8. Only Recipes in the English language, with the contestant's name, title of exchange program, and its date will be deemed eligible. Recipes must be accompanied by photos of meals to be eligible.
9. Photos accompanying Recipes must be submitted in the JPG format and be no larger than 1 MB to be eligible. The Contestant must own the submitted Photo.
10. The following individuals are not eligible to enter the contest: employees, directors and officers of the contest sponsors, the U.S. government, as well as contractors of the U.S. government; distribution, web design, advertising, fulfillment, judging and contest agencies involved in the administration, development, fulfillment and execution of

this contest (collectively, "contest parties"), and the immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling and spouse or "step" of each) and those living in the same households of each such individual.

11. No entry fee is necessary to participate or win in the contest. The contest is void where prohibited by law, regulation, statute or other appropriate authority.

#### **General Requirements:**

1. Contestants are asked to send a recipe in the English language and a photo of the meal in the Recipe. Recipes can be the Contestant's any favorite meal, Polish or other, e.g. from the Contestant's exchange program. Preference will be given to Recipes accompanied by good quality photos.
2. Contestant may submit only 1 Recipe with 1 photo.
3. By submitting the Recipe with the Photo in the contest, the Contestant agrees that U.S. Embassy Warsaw can publish them in the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/>); on the U.S. Embassy Warsaw official website <http://poland.usembassy.gov>; and its Facebook fanpage <http://facebook.com/USEMBASSYWARSAW>.
4. Recipes and photos must not contain profanity, explicit sexual material, graphic violence, and appeals to violence or commercial promotion. They must adhere to the norms of civil discourse and should not contain material that might be considered abusive, inflammatory, or disrespectful to other groups or individuals.

#### **Liabilities and Rights:**

1. U.S. Embassy Warsaw does not permit copyright infringing activities or infringement of any other intellectual property rights and reserves the right to remove any Recipe and Photo in violation of another party's copyright or other intellectual property rights.
2. The Contestant assumes sole responsibility for the material contained in the Recipe and Photo.
3. Contestants retain ownership of their photos. However, by submitting a Recipe and Photo to the contest, contestants grant U.S. Embassy a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, and display photos in any media formats and through any media channels in perpetuity in connection with the contest.

#### **Judging and Prizes**

1. A jury consisting of representatives of U.S. Embassy Warsaw will choose the winning Recipes and Photos. Authors of the best 5 Recipes will be awarded "The All-American Cowboy Cookbook", a U.S. Embassy Warsaw mug, and sunglasses. U.S. Embassy Warsaw has sole discretion over the criteria for which the winning Recipes and Photos will be chosen.
2. The winners will be announced by December 1, 2014 in the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/>).

#### **Privacy:**

Winners of the contest may be publicly identified by name. Beyond the identification of the winners no personally identifiable information will be sold or distributed to any third party for any other purpose.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

If for any reason the contest is not capable of running as planned, including without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect

the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, at their sole and absolute discretion to cancel, modify or terminate the contest. Further U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, at any time and in their sole and absolute discretion, to disqualify and/or deem ineligible any individual they suspect (a) to have failed to agree to the Official Rules or to be violating the Official Rules; (b) to be violating the Facebook Terms of Service, or (c) to be acting in a bad faith, unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to disregard such individual's entry in this contest.

**Limitations of Liability and Release:**

U.S. Embassy Warsaw assumes no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the contest or ability or inability to upload or download any information in connection with participating in the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw assumes no responsibility or liability for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the contest: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless, or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts, or providers; garbled, jumbled, or faulty data transmissions; failure of any email transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed, or intercepted email transmissions; inaccessibility of the contest site in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the contest site; unauthorized human or nonhuman intervention of the operation of the contest, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; destruction of any aspect of the contest; or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility, or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not responsible for any typographical errors in the announcement of prizes or these Official Rules. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to contestants' or any other person's computer equipment resulting from participation in the contest, use of the contest site or the download of any information from the contest site. By participating in the contest, the contestant releases U.S. Embassy Warsaw from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to the contestant's participation in the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not liable in the event that any portion of the contest is cancelled due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, or any other condition beyond their control (a "Force Majeure Event").