



Barbecue News Magazine

2026 Sauces Of Honor



GOAL: Find and promote the best BBQ sauce for Chicken, Pork, Beef, and Seafood, plus the most versatile sauce Overall.

What You Can Enter:

- Any BBQ sauce—**homemade** or **commercial**
- Awards: **Chicken • Pork • Beef • Seafood • Overall**

Containers + Labels

- Use **clean, airtight container with a tight lid.**
- **You may send ONE container per sauce, even if you enter that sauce in multiple categories.**
- **Homemade sauces:** label the container with the **sauce name and the maker's name.**
- On the label, list every category you are entering with that sauce: (**example: CHICKEN / PORK or CHICKEN / PORK/ BEEF / SEAFOOD**).
- Send at least **4 ounces** per category entered (**example: 2 categories = 8 oz+ total; 4 categories = 16 oz+ total**).
- **DO NOT send an extra container for Overall.** Overall is based on your scores in the four protein categories)

How Many Containers Do I Need?

- **You may send ONE container per sauce (instead of one per category).**
- Your container must include at least **4 ounces** of sauce for **each protein category** you enter.
- Example If you enter **Chicken + Pork** with the same sauce, you must send at least **8 ounces** total in one container.
- If you enter all **four proteins (Chicken + Pork + Beef + Seafood)**, you **MUST** send at least **16 ounces** total in one container.
- **“Same sauce” means the same recipe and the same batch.**
- **Do NOT** send an extra container for Overall. Overall is **calculated** from your scores in the four protein categories.

Entry Forms + Payment

- If entering the **same sauce** in multiple categories, fill out the form **once** and **circle all categories**
- **Fees: 1 category = \$35 2 categories = \$70 3 categories = \$105 4 categories = \$140 5 categories (includes Overall) = \$175**
- **One check is fine** for the total (no separate checks needed)
- Put your **entry form(s) + check** in a **sealed Ziploc bag** inside the box (in case of leaks)

Exactly How It Will Need To Be Addressed:

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Douglas, GA 31533
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Protein Category Prizes (Chicken/Pork/Beef/Seafood):

Top 10: certificates

- **1st place: \$300**, custom plaque, and **either a \$750 ad contract** or a **1-year NBBQA Professional Membership (\$175 value)**
- **2nd place: \$200**

Overall Category (Most Versatile)

- You may **ONLY** enter **Overall** if the **same sauce** is entered in **Chicken, Pork, Beef, and Seafood**
- Overall is the **total score** from the four protein categories
- **Overall Winner Receives: \$500**, special plaque, certificate, **\$750 advertising contract**, and a **1-year NBBQA Professional Membership (valued at \$175)**

Judging

Sauces are judged on **plain, unseasoned smoked protein:**

- **Beef:** brisket • **Chicken:** boneless skinless thighs • **Pork:** Boston butt • **Seafood:** grilled white fish (tilapia) or shrimp

Deadlines + Results

- Entries must arrive by **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2026 (no late entries)**
- Top 10 announced on **Facebook & YouTube** on **April 30, 2026**
- Winners published in May 2026 issue of **Barbecue News Magazine** on May 1, 2026

Final Notes

- Double-check your **name, mailing address, email, phone, sauce name, and company name**
- **It is very important that you regularly check your email, as this is our primary method of communication.**

All important updates—including confirmation of entry receipt and award ceremony details—will be sent by email.