



GUELPH AND DISTRICT MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL INC.

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JUNE 12-14, 2026

FOOD VENDOR - APPLICATION FORM-2026

Company:	
Contact Person:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Cell:
Email:	
Website/Social Media:	
The culture you are representing:	
<u>PLEASE NOTE THAT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND SECURE YOUR PARTICIPATION, THE FULL PAYMENT AND APPLICATION MUST BE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1st, 2026.</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10'x10' space including 2 tables, 2 chairs & electricity = \$750	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone truck spot (please indicate size _____) = \$900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-cancellation/Refund Policy/No Shows: A 75% refund will be given with a written request received by May 5th, 2026 , if space can be filled from an approved waiting list. NO refunds will be given for any request received after May 5th, 2026.	
*Proof of insurance due with the application or by May 25th, 2026, to ensure your spot.	

I, the undersigned adult, agree to hold the GDMF and its board members and staff, while acting within the scope of their duties, harmless from all causes of actions, demands and claims, including the cost of their defence, arising in favour of myself, participant or a third party on account of personal injuries, death or damages to property arising out of activities at the premises and in any way connected with activities of myself or my participating in the GDMF Festival, except for those acts or commissions which are the sole negligence of the GDMF.

I certify that I have personally read and understand this waiver and release. I also certify that I have received a copy and agree to abide by the GDMF Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I acknowledge that any pictures taken during the Festival weekend will be used for marketing proposes for the Guelph & District Multicultural Festival Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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MENU INFORMATION

Company: _____

Please list all the items on your menu:

Product Name	Description	Price



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Please tell us about any of your best green recycling practices:

For example, The Festival has a No Styrofoam policy. Other examples may be particular recycling practices, free-trade products, local produce and products, organic products, or others you incorporate into your business

Please list all the cooking appliances you will be using at the Festival (i.e. microwave, hot plates, BBQ, etc.)

- Photos of your booth or products are appreciated.
- We strive to avoid over-saturation. However, we do not grant exclusive rights to any product.
- Only the committee-approved items must be sold by the Food Vendors.
- We want a variety of ethnic foods available to suit different palettes and promote Multiculturalism through food.
- You are not guaranteed a space just because you have been there in previous years.
- You are expected to leave the Park in the same clean condition as you found it at the beginning of the Festival. There will be an extra \$50.00 charge for the cleanup if you do not follow this rule.

RULES and REGULATIONS

Application Deadline: All vendors must have their application and payment by **February 1st, 2026**.

Hours of Operation:

5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on **Friday, June 12th, 2026**

11:00 am to 10:00 pm on **Saturday, June 13th, 2026**

11:00 am to 6:00 pm on **Sunday, June 14th, 2026**

Utilities:

Two 110V outlets are provided to each vendor. Please plan accordingly. Vendors must bring their own heavy-duty, outdoor, grounded extension cords, as they are not provided.



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Booth Size and Assignment:

Available booth sizes are 10'x10'. Booth space is measured in depth by width (frontage selling space), and the booth location will be pre-assigned. We will do our best to accommodate special requests.

Parking:

Do NOT drive your vehicle on the grass, or the City of Guelph will charge you. Vendor parking is provided in a designated area, and no parking is allowed on the grass.

Set-Up:

You may arrive as early as noon on Friday. Your booth must be ready for inspection by the Guelph Wellington Dufferin Public Health Dept. and operational as of 4:30 pm on Friday.

Booths must always be staffed and remain open for business until 6:00 pm Sunday, the Festival's last day.

Displays and Clean-Up:

Displays must be kept tidy and contained within your space. Vendors must keep their recycling bags outside the tent for their use.

Vendors are responsible for cleaning their space and any waste materials from the area. A \$50.00 fee will be charged to the vendor if the site is not kept clean.

Policies:

There is no bottled water to be sold by the food vendors, and no styrofoam dishes are allowed in the food tent.

Liability Insurance:

Food vendors must include proof of liability insurance listing the GDMF as additionally insured at a minimum of \$2,000,000 (\$2 million).

You can contact your broker **or** you can obtain quotes online through PAL Insurance and have a policy issued directly, as this is their specialty. Here is the website that you can use to inquire about the insurance:

<https://www.palcanada.com/index.php/en-us/>

Security and Loss:

Although overnight Security is provided, GDMF is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Respect:

This Festival is a community event that promotes Multiculturalism. Vendors are expected to show respect to each other, to GDMF organizers, volunteers, and patrons. If a problem arises, don't hesitate to contact the Food Vendor Coordinator or the Security on-site, as appropriate.

General Rules:

- Vendors are responsible for their set-up and cleanup.
- GDMF reserves the right to close any vendors deemed inappropriate or violating the Rules and Regulations.
- The fee schedule is outlined in the Food Vendor application. Only cash or cheque is accepted, and make cheque payable to Guelph & District Multicultural Festival Inc.
- All Food Vendors must follow the Fire Safety and Public Health rules and regulations to guarantee optimum performance during the Festival.
- GDMF cannot guarantee attendance or sales.



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- GDMF is not responsible for and does not provide refunds due to weather conditions or artificial or natural disasters.
- The booth must always be staffed during Festival hours.
- Vendor spaces within the tent will be pre-assigned.
- Vendors shall not substitute items or services provided for sale without the consent of the GDMF Food Vendor Committee.
- Vendors shall not sub-let their assigned spaces.
- If your website and social media information is provided, it will be uploaded to the GDMF website for promotional purposes.

Guelph & District Multicultural Festival (GDMF)

Mission Statement:

"The mission of Guelph & District Multicultural Festival (GDMF) is to produce for the people of Guelph & District and visitors to our City, a world-class, multi-cultural festival that will offer the viewing public an affordable and accessible multi-faceted cultural experience. It is the intention of GDMF to use this platform to generate cultural awareness of and significant funding for local community groups as well as foster economic development in Guelph and beyond."

Disclaimer:

Only groups that build bridges between cultures by celebrating a particular culture or cultures or promote economic advancements will be accepted to participate in the Guelph & District Multicultural Festival.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) Applicants are prohibited from displaying, speaking, handing out or promoting any forms of content that are offensive.
- 2) Applicants promoting any political parties, affiliated groups and their policies will not be allowed to participate.
- 3) Applicants promoting religious content of any kind, including but not limited to advocacy, conversion or expanding membership, will not be allowed to participate.
- 4) Applicants are not allowed to discuss, display or promote content that discriminates based on gender, race, religion, caste, creed, origin, disability, handicap, age, sexual orientation or any other basis prohibited by law and deemed by the GDMF.
- 5) The Guelph & District Multicultural Festival has the sole discretion, at any time and at any stage, to refuse participation of any group that does not adhere to the stipulations set out in the terms and conditions of the eligibility criteria in order to maintain the vision and mission values of the Festival.

Code of Conduct:

The Guelph & District Multicultural Festival Inc. herein, referred to as GDMF, is a community event promoting Multiculturalism.



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At GDMF, we believe our community should be truly open for everyone in equality. As such, we are committed to creating an environment that is welcoming, friendly, diverse, inclusive, safe, and free from discrimination for all community members, employees and volunteers

All organizers, attendees, participants, vendors, exhibitors, and volunteers at GDMF must conform to the Code of Conduct regarding Harassment and Discrimination.

Harassment and Discrimination include verbal, physical, or visual conduct based on nationality, race, ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and disability.

“**Harassment**” is defined as any vexatious behaviour in the form of repeated and hostile or unwanted conduct, verbal comments, actions or gestures that affect an individual’s dignity or psychological or physical integrity and result in a

harmful event environment for the community members. A single severe incidence of such behaviour that has a lasting detrimental effect may constitute harassment.

This definition includes sexual harassment and harassment related to one of the grounds in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. These grounds are sex, race, colour, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, family or marital status, or sexual orientation.

Harassment may be manifested in various forms: verbal, physical, psychological and sexual.

“**Discrimination**” is defined as (i) any action, inaction or behaviour which negatively affects the status of anyone with whom we come into contact at the GDMF office or the event or (ii) treating anyone unequally based on any prohibited ground under human rights legislation, such as sex, race, colour, creed, religion, nationality or ethnic origin, age, disability, family, marital status, or sexual orientation.

If any individual engages in harassing and discriminatory behaviour, whether in person or virtually, the event organizers may take any action they deem appropriate depending on the circumstances, ranging from issuance of a warning to the offending individual to expulsion from the event (with no refund and prohibiting from participating in future events, in case of vendors and performers).

If you see someone behaving disrespectfully and feel safe and comfortable doing so, you are encouraged to discourage them from such behaviour respectfully. If you do not feel safe, comfortable, or able to respond and resolve the situation respectfully, please immediately bring it to the attention of GDMF event staff and the area-specific coordinators. We want to hear from you about any behaviour you feel is disrespectful, threatening, or unacceptable. We will listen and work to resolve the matter.

Event organizers will enforce this Code of Conduct throughout the event to ensure a pleasant and inclusive experience for everyone.

**** I acknowledge that I have carefully read and understood the Eligibility Criteria and the Code of Conduct.**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***** I acknowledge that any pictures taken during the Festival Weekend will be used for marketing purposes for the Guelph & District Multicultural Festival Inc.**

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FAQ's for Insurance Requirements for Guelph & District Multicultural Festival

Please note that liability insurance coverage is mandatory and the minimum required limit for the Festival is \$2 million.

1) Why do I need insurance?

To protect yourself and/or your business against liability claims such as Bodily Injury and Property Damage caused by your business operations.

2) What will insurance cover?

The primary coverage you require is the liability for the event. This will be an additional cost if you choose to purchase coverage to insure your equipment.

3) When do I need it by?

You will require coverage for the length of the event. Please note an insurance quote can only be provided within 30 days before the event.

4) Where can I get insurance?

- You can contact your broker **or** you can obtain quotes online through PAL Insurance and have a policy issued directly, as this is their specialty. Here is the website that you can use to inquire about the insurance:

<https://www.palcanada.com/index.php/en-us/>

- **Please include both the City of Guelph and Guelph & District Multicultural Festival as additional insureds on your liability policy.**

- **The address for the City of Guelph is:**

1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON
N1H 3A1

- **The address for Riverside Park, which is owned by the City of Guelph and where the Guelph & District Multicultural Festival takes place, is:**

Riverside Park
709 Woolwich St.
Guelph, ON
N1H 7G6

5) How long is the insurance in effect for?

The coverage will remain in effect for the entire duration of the Festival.