

Heritage Alliance of NE TN & SW VA  
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Greetings,

My name is Anne G'Fellers-Mason and I am the Executive Director at the Heritage Alliance. The Heritage Alliance is excited to announce our second annual "Taste of Tennessee" event, which will take place from September 17-24 throughout Northeast Tennessee.

"Taste of Tennessee" is a weeklong festival celebrating Appalachian food and foodways, including the history and culture of the region's cuisine. Our first in-person "Taste of Tennessee" festival was held in 2022 as a one-day event. We are excited to expand the festival this year. Last year we welcomed over 500 attendees who participated in our festival marketplace, cooking classes, demos, and guest lectures/panels.

This year the "Taste of Tennessee" will include a food tour of Jonesborough, a hands-on sauerkraut workshop, an Appalachian inspired dinner with Chef T of Union 41 restaurant, a cast iron clinic, an open-hearth cooking class for students, and a Festival Showcase with vendors, live music, demos, and our "Take the Cake" baking competition. We are honored to partner with Create Appalachia on several of our events.

To attract an even wider, and larger, audience this year, we are asking local businesses to consider contributing to "Taste of Tennessee" as a sponsor. "Taste of Tennessee" is a great opportunity to showcase local establishments, especially those in the food and beverage industries (restaurants, breweries, food markets, gift shops, etc.). Such events increase visitation and spending in downtown Jonesborough, benefiting local merchants and vendors alike. The festival features other aspects of Appalachian foodways, including agriculture/farming, art, history, culture, and more.

The name and/or logo of sponsors will appear in event publications, including press releases, signage, programs, and more. Sponsorships can include financial donations (please see below) or donations of goods/services, including products and gift cards. If you choose to support the event by becoming a sponsor, please return the inserted "Sponsor Card" or complete your sponsorship registration online.

We are excited to welcome local residents and visitors alike to this unique celebration, one that highlights the fantastic legacy and influence of Appalachian foodways. And we are especially grateful for your support as we work to make "Taste of Tennessee" something truly special.

Best,

Anne G'Fellers-Mason  
Executive Director

## “Taste of Tennessee” Sponsorship Card

*Please submit your pledge to the Heritage Alliance*

You can register for a sponsorship via mail, online, or in-person!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge Amount:**

\$100

\$200

\$300

\$400

\$500

\$500+

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check this box if you wish for your pledge to remain anonymous.**

**Check this box if you require a donation receipt.**

You may also complete your sponsorship pledge online at: <http://www.heritageall.org/get-involved/donate/>. Remember to include your information and contact details in the section marked: "Add special instructions to the seller."

Or complete your sponsorship pledge in-person at the Heritage Alliance offices, located at 212 E. Sabine Drive, Jonesborough, TN 37659.

**Prefer to contribute a good or service, such as a product or gift card? Please contact the Heritage Alliance directly at (423) 753-9580 or [amazon@heritageall.org](mailto:amazon@heritageall.org).**

Additional donations are always welcome!

*Questions or comments? Contact Anne G'Fellers Mason (Executive Director) for more information.*