



Tips to be a Finalist in this Year's Culinary Competition

Have your eye on the prize? Here are some tips that may help!

1. **Be original** - You don't have to be like everyone else. Consider putting a new twist on your favorite Mexican-Inspired recipe.
2. **Be creative** - A student once submitted a recipe for "dill cookies!" Sounds terrible, but they were actually great! Don't TRY to be too weird, but we love to see recipes that are different!
3. **Don't do recipes that are too easy or too complicated.**
4. This *doesn't* have to be your own, original recipe. You can get them off the Internet or anywhere, but try to alter it slightly to make it your own!
5. SORRY, only **ONE** person can make each recipe at the competition.
6. We are looking for **healthy Mexican food**, so try to avoid recipes with a lot of sugar or fat in them.
7. At the main competition, judges will consider the following 6 criteria:
 - Taste
 - Originality
 - Ease of Preparation
 - Healthy Attributes
 - Kid Appeal
 - Plate Presentation

The use of one or more of the following ingredients will earn up to **3 bonus points** at the judging:

Brown Rice, Black Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Bolillo Rolls, Pork, Fish, Avocados, Plantains, and Veggie Crumbles

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!!!!