

BURSA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

INTERNATIONAL BURSA KNIFE FESTIVAL

CHEF'S KNIFE COMPETITION FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

- **Timeline:** The pre-application form can be filled out after the publication of these specifications. The final submission deadline for entries is **April 17, 2026, at 17:00**.
 - **Age Requirement:** Designers participating in the competition must be at least **18 years old**.
 - **Individual Participation:** Participants must enter individually. No contestant may compete on behalf of a company, institution, or another person. If a design is found not to belong to the contestant, they will be disqualified.
 - **Ownership:** By participating, the designer legally accepts and declares that the design belongs solely to them.
 - **Legal Responsibility:** Contestants are legally responsible for any issues arising from non-compliance with these specifications or their own negligence.
 - **Scope:** Only chef's knives designed from recycled materials will be accepted. Knives produced in other styles will not be evaluated.
 - **Documentation:** Participants must attach a video recording (maximum **3 minutes**) documenting the transformation process from waste/raw material to the final product. The video must clearly show the source of the material, key processing stages, and the finished state. Files must be uploaded to the application form in **.mp4 or .mov** format (Max size: **1 GB**).
 - **Presentation Obligation:** The top three winners are required to give a **10-minute presentation** on the festival stage on the day of the award ceremony. This presentation should cover the story of their work, the recycling process, and technical details to promote craft sharing and sustainability awareness.
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TECHNICAL AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Raw Material Requirement:** The blade steel (e.g., old saws, shears) and the handle material must be obtained entirely from waste or secondary-life sources.
- **Kitchen Suitability:** The knife must meet professional chef standards regarding balance, ergonomics, and food hygiene (seamless craftsmanship/no gaps).
- **Fees:** There is no fee to participate in the competition.
- **Sample Submission:** Contestants must submit a functional, finished example of their recycled chef's knife.
- **Testing:** Entries must be prepared and delivered in a state suitable for **sharpness and durability testing**.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Functionality, aesthetics, ergonomics, durability, and the creative use of the transformed material.
- **Originality:** Designs must not have participated in other competitions, received previous awards, or be copies of existing works.

- **Exclusions:** Selection committee members, their first-degree relatives, Bursa Metropolitan Municipality employees, and their first-degree relatives are strictly prohibited from participating.
 - **Return of Works:** Knives that are evaluated but do not receive an award will be returned to the participant within **1 month**.
 - **Transportation Costs:** Transportation and courier costs related to the delivery and return of the submissions are entirely the responsibility of the participant..
 - **Anonymity:** The submitted knife must **not** bear any identifying marks such as seals, signatures, logos, names, or company titles anywhere on the item.
 - **Submission Limit:** Each contestant may participate with only **one (1) work**.
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CONTACT AND SECRETARIAT

Pre-application and Submission:

- **Website:** <https://www.bursamuze.com>
 - **Address:** Bursa Büyükşehir Belediyesi Müzeler Şube Müdürlüğü, Merinos Atatürk Kongre Kültür Merkezi, East Gate Entrance, 2nd Floor, Osmangazi / BURSA
 - **Phone:** +90 224 716 37 37
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AWARDS

- **First Prize:** 50,000 TL + (For 2027 Coutellia, France: Stand, flight ticket, and accommodation).
 - *Note: The fair prize is for one person and is non-transferable. The winner is responsible for visa procedures; the Municipality is not liable for visa rejections or inability to attend.*
- **Second Prize:** 30,000 TL
- **Third Prize:** 20,000 TL

Award Conditions:

- No additional payments will be made to winners, and **winning works will not be returned**; they remain with the Municipality for exhibition.
 - Cash prizes will be deposited into IBAN accounts within **90 days** of the result announcement.
 - Non-winning products must be collected within 1 month if being picked up in person.
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RESULTS AND USAGE RIGHTS

- **Announcement:** Results will be announced by the jury on the festival stage on the second day of the event (**Saturday, May 2, 2026**).

- **Usage Rights:** Bursa Metropolitan Municipality may prepare contracts with the winners (under Law No. 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works) to produce a limited number of the winning designs or use them as promotional gifts.