

Show Off Your Talents at the Jim Wells County Fair! 🍪🎨🧵

Are you a creative 4-H, FFA or FFCLA member who loves to bake, sew, paint, or craft? The Jim Wells County Fair Home Economics show is the perfect place to display your projects, win ribbons, and have fun!

This guide provides a summary of the essential rules and dates for participants entering projects in the 2026 Jim Wells County Fair Home Economics Division. For detailed rules, please refer to the complete rulebook.

Who Can Enter?

- Youth must be a member of a club like 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA and sell one (1) fair membership. Adults must be a JWCF member. Open to any Senior Citizens in JWC - no membership necessary.
- Entries are judged in age groups based on your grade as of September 1st:
 - Pee-Wee Kinder – 2nd Grade
 - Junior 3rd – 5th Grade
 - Intermediate 6th – 8th Grade
 - Senior 9th – 12th Grade
 - Adult 19-59 years
 - Senior Citizen 60 years or over

Key Dates to Remember 📅

- Entry Form Deadline: **Sunday, September 13th (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**
- Project Drop-Off: **Monday, October 19th (3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**
- Cake Pick-Up: **Tuesday, October 20th (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**
- Pick-Up All Other Items: **Saturday, October 24th (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

How to Enter in 3 Easy Steps!

Step 1: Pre-Register Your Projects (The Paperwork Part!)

- **What:** Fill out the official Home Economics Entry Form, available on the fair website: <https://www.jimwellscountyfair.com/exhibitors-rules.html>
- **How Many:** You can enter as many divisions as you want, but there is a limit of two items per class, with the exception of photography, where only one photo is allowed per class.
- **When:** Turn in your completed form on **Sunday, September 13, 2026, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**
- **Where:** The Home Economics building at the fairgrounds.

- **Heads Up!** No late forms will be accepted, so don't miss this deadline!
- **Need Supplies?:** Photo mount boards and clear food containers will be available for purchase when you turn in your entry forms. You can also buy them on **Sunday, October 18th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Home Economics building.**

Step 2: Get Your Masterpiece Ready for the Judges!

An attached 3x5 index card with a description is required for almost every department, or you'll get a 5-point deduction!

- 🎨 **Art:** All pictures must be framed and ready to hang with a wire. If they aren't, it's a 5-point deduction.
- 👗 **Clothing:** Put all garments on a hanger and cover them with a clear plastic bag. Attach your pattern's instruction sheet or a 3x5 card describing how you made it.
- ✂️ **Crafts:** Small items go in a zip-lock bag with a 3x5 card. Jewelry has a special rule: it must be on a display card inside the bag to avoid a 5-point deduction.
- 🍪 **Food:** Attach a copy of your recipe to the bottom of the container, but do not put your name on it! For cookies or cupcakes, bring four (4) pieces in a clear, hinged container. Cakes should be whole and covered. Remember: Food that needs refrigeration will be disqualified.
- 📷 **Photography:** Your 5x7 or 8x10 photo must be on a flat photographic mount board. Using a frame or foam board will result in a 5-point deduction. Attach a 3x5 card to the back explaining the photo's location and the effect you wanted to create.
- 🧶 **Textiles:** Projects like crochet, knitting, and embroidery must be completely finished, front and back. Attach a 3x5 card describing your work.

Step 3: Drop Off Your Items!

- **When:** **Monday, October 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Where:** The Home Economics Building
- **Don't Be Late!** No late entries will be accepted, so plan to arrive on time.

If you have any questions about the entry form or what category to enter, please send us an email and we would be happy to help identify what category best fits your items.

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Good luck! We can't wait to see what you create!