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2025 PA PREFERRED® JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST COOKIES, BROWNIES AND BARS

RULES:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair's contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2025.**
3. Entry must be **six (6) individual sized portions** of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies or bars).
4. The Cookies, Brownies or Bars, and any fillings and frostings, must be made **from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) Any decorations must just be edible.
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred® or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients include grains (such as oats or flour), butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
6. A **PA Preferred® logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient. Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
7. Entry must be submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting**. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
8. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions. The name of each PA Preferred® ingredient or locally produced ingredient must be clearly listed along with the name of the source that made/grew the product (ex: PA Preferred® Milk – Galliker's brand or Apples – Smith Farm Orchard). Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. Judging criteria:

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	30 points
Texture (appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar)	25 points
Inside Characteristics (even grain, evenly baked, free from air pockets)	20 points
Outside Characteristics (uniform size, shape, appearance, overall appeal)	15 points
Creativity	10 points

TOTAL **100 points**

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$20 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the 2026 PA Farm Show Competition: 1st = \$500 2nd = \$250 3rd = \$100
4th = Rosette Ribbon 5th = Rosette Ribbon

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Angel Food Cake Contest Rules

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Angel Food Cake contest any other fair in 2025.
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be made **from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) Any decorations must just be edible.
4. The recipe shall include eggs that were produced in Pennsylvania, if possible.
5. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging **on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting**. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
6. Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed on one-side of 8-1/2" x 11" size sheets of paper). Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of all the pages. (All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
7. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
8. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor (smell, taste, flavoring).....	30 points
Inside Characteristics (texture and lightness).....	25 points
Overall Appearance (surface, size, color)	20 points
Creativity	15 points
Topping, Icing or Decoration	10 points
	100 points

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$25 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition.

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37th Annual Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest Rules

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest any other fair in 2025.
3. The Apple Pie, including fillings and crust, must be made **from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) Any decorations must just be edible.
4. Recipe **must include at least 60% apples in the filling**. It does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted apple pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
5. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a food safe disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
6. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8 1/2" by 11" sheets of paper. The recipe must list all the ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (All recipes and pies will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
7. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
8. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor.....	30 points
Filling: consistency, doneness, moistness & flavor	25 points
Crust: color, flavor, texture doneness.....	20 points
Overall Appearance.....	15 points
Creativity	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

NOTE: If an individual has already won 1st place at another fair in 2025 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2026 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2026 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition:

1st = \$500 2nd = \$250 3rd = \$100 4th & 5th = Rosette Ribbon

Sponsor: PA State Association of County Fairs

2025 Homemade Chocolate Cake Contest

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RULES:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. Entrants may **NOT** have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate Cake contest any other fair in 2025.
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex: *no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*) Any decorations must just be edible.
4. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
5. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake.
6. Entry must be frosted and frosting must also be made from "scratch" (*no pre-packaged frosting*).
7. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging **on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting**. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*)
8. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (*All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. Judging criteria:

Flavor – aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings.....	30 points
Texture – moist and tender crumb, not soggy or dry.....	25 points
Inside Characteristics – even grain, evenly baked, free from air pockets.....	20 points
Outside Characteristics – consistent shape/size/surface, overall appearance.....	15 points
Frosting – taste, texture, even color.....	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

First Place Winner is eligible for the
2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the
2026 PA FARM SHOW competition

First Place – \$500.00

Second Place – \$250.00

Third Place – \$100.00

Fourth & Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon