

YOUTH FOOD SHOW ENTRY RULES

All competitors will be under the control of the La Salle County Fair Food Show Committee.

2025 Important Dates & Times:

Entry - Friday March 7th - 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Winners Announced - Friday March 7th – Approx. 1:00 p.m.

Photos - Friday March 7th - 1:30 p.m.

Auction (if applicable) - Saturday, March 8th - Approx 4:00 p.m.

1. **TIME OF ENTRY** - All food entries must be at the La Salle County Exhibit Hall between **8:00AM and 10:00 AM FRIDAY**

2. **ELIGIBILITY** - Contestants eligible for entry in the Food Show must be **a resident of LaSalle County or a student of Cotulla ISD and must show proof of eligibility** to receive an award (Cotulla ISD current ID badge, or proof of local address). All entries will be checked in through the Food Show Committee. **All youth must be passing in grading period prior to fair week to be eligible to enter. No Pass, No Bake!**

3. **INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES*** - A competitor may enter only ONE item in each category and must SUBMIT RECIPE INCLUDING: detailed list of ingredients used and a description of how the item was prepared, this should be done by the youth entering the project. IF the entry used a ready-made item in it, please specify. (Examples: I used a box cake mix, etc...) Name should NOT be on the recipe. Entries must be entered by an individual, not as a group project. **The entry items become the property of the LSCFA and will be used as a donation to the annual Scholarship fundraiser*

4. **JUDGING** - All judging will be closed to everyone except the Food Show Committee and judges selected by the Food Committee. All decisions by the judges are final.

5. **AWARDS** - Each entry will be judged on its merit and awarded a First (Blue), Second (Red) or Third (White) ribbon. The entries of Blue-Ribbon quality in each DIVISION will have the potential to become the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, or Top #1 through #4 Blue Ribbon winners. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each division. Top #1 through #4 Blue Ribbon winners will receive Blue Ribbons and Honorable Mention Ribbons. **Contestants may not be awarded both Grand and Reserve Champion position but, may be awarded additional ribbons in TOP Blue #1 thru #4 position.**

6. **DISPLAY** - All entries such as candies, rolls, cookies, etc. must contain the entire recipe. **No custards, no refrigerated items or pies are accepted. Do not decorate with refrigerated items. No fresh fruit, canned Fruit or sour cream topping; No whipped cream, or cool whip toppings. No meringues, pudding fillings or other items that can spoil if not refrigerated should be used in the recipes.** Use a disposable tray to display your entry. Serving dishes cannot be returned. Subject to the discretion of the Food Committee all Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners plus the top four blue ribbon winners in each division will be auctioned. All other blue, red, and white ribbon entries will be priced and sold starting Friday after judging and Saturday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Participants may view entries after approximately 1:00 pm. Friday of the show. ROSETTE AND TOP 4 BLUE RIBBON WINNERS' PICTURES WILL ALSO BE TAKEN FRIDAY AT 1:30 P.M.

Exhibitors are to pick up their award ribbons on Saturday, before 12:00 Noon. All student auction winners will pick up their awards Saturday, after presenting their entry at the auction.

DIVISIONS:

Elementary	Grades 1-5
Middle School	Grades 6-8
Senior High	Grades 9-12

CATEGORIES:

1. **Candies**
2. **Cakes**
3. **Cookies**
4. **Quick Bread (Any variety w/baking powder or baking soda)**
5. **Yeast Breads (Any variety with yeast)**

AWARDS PER DIVISION:**First Place** Blue Ribbon**Second Place** Red Ribbon**Third Place** White Ribbon**Grand Champion*** Rosette-50% of Auction sale price**Reserve Champion*** Rosette-50% of Auction sale price**First Place Top 4*** BLUE- 50% of Auction sale price

**The 25% of auction sale price retained by the LaSalle County Fair Association, goes directly to our scholarship fund.*

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AUCTION RULES:

1. Students must abide by the Junior Livestock Show & Sale dress code {no shorts, T-shirts, etc. acceptable} in order to participate and receive money in the auction.
2. Winners must meet at the livestock show barn at approximately **4:00 p.m. on Saturday**. There will be a designated area to prepare and present items for auction. If a student does not present his/her winning entry during the auction, his/her proceeds of the auction sale price will be donated to the La Salle County Fair Association. **STUDENTS MUST STAY UNTIL RELEASED BY CHAIRPERSON. PICTURES MAY BE TAKEN WITH BUYERS AT THIS TIME.**
3. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and the top four blue ribbon winners will pick up their awards after the auction.
4. Participants must write appropriate "thank you" notes to their buyers (forms will be mailed to you containing the necessary information). **Notes will be due on or before the second Monday of April.** Please turn them in either to the office manager before, or at the La Salle County Exhibit Hall between the hours of **3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. that Monday**. Checks for your auction item (75% of the auction sale price) will be issued on that Monday. **Failure** to provide notes at this time will result in **forfeiture** of your portion of the auction proceeds and the entire sale price will remain as a donation to the La Salle County Fair Association.

PARTICIPANTS: Proceeds from the Food Auction are used to support the fair, build and make improvements to the facilities, and support youth work throughout the County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THIS SHOW A SUCCESS!