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## 2026 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 2026.**
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:

<b>Flavor</b> (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) .....	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Texture</b> (appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar) .....	<b>25 points</b>
<b>Inside Characteristics</b> (even grain, evenly baked, free from air pockets) .....	<b>20 points</b>
<b>Outside Characteristics</b> (uniform size, shape, appearance, overall appeal) ....	<b>15 points</b>
<b>Creativity</b> .....	<b>10 points</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 points</b>

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

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2027 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the 2027 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 at any other fair in 2026.**
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 **2027 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the **2027 PA Farm Show** Competition: 1st = \$500; 2nd = \$250; 3rd = \$100; 4th & 5th = Rosette Ribbon

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# 38<sup>th</sup> 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 2026.**
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 2026 for this Blue Ribbon Apple Pie contest, that individual is now considered qualified through that Fair to compete at the 2027 PA Farm Show and is no longer eligible to enter this contest at any upcoming Fairs.*

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2027 PA Farm Show** competition.

**Premiums for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition:**

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

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# 2026 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 2026.
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 1/2" 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:

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

First Place Winner is eligible for the  
**2027 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the  
2027 PA FARM SHOW competition  
**First Place – \$500.00**  
**Second Place – \$250.00**  
**Third Place – \$100.00**  
Fourth & Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon

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## PSACF Special Contest

### 2026 PSACF Apron Contest - Showcasing Fairs and Carnivals

#### General Rules:

1. Exhibitor must be a resident of Pennsylvania – one entry per person.
2. Apron Details:  
Primary Fabric should be themed material showcasing Fairs and Carnivals  
Type:
  - Half Apron
  - Bib ApronApron must have been made in 2026
3. Entries to be judged on workmanship, worth of article, appropriateness of material and design, based on the following point system:

Overall appearance	25 points
Creativity	25 points
Workmanship/Suitability	30 points
Design/Color	20 points

**FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$25; 2nd = \$20; 3rd = \$15** First Place Winner is eligible for the **2027 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the **2027 PA Farm Show** Competition: 1st = \$250; 2nd = \$150; 3rd = \$100; 4th & 5th = Rosette Ribbon

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