

LCFA FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION ELIGIBILITY, RULES, & ENTRY FORM

LCFA Family & Community Health Committee
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I. Eligibility

The Family and Community Health Division of the LCFA is open to all residents of Limestone County and/or enrolled in Limestone County schools. The student must be eligible according to UIL standards and a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA by October 31, 2023 (4-H members must have an ENROLLMENT CARD in the County Extension Office by October 31, 2023).

II. Rules

1. Each entry must be entirely the work of the exhibitor. Failure to do your own work will mean disqualification. Entries must have been produced in 2024.
2. Each entry must have a paper entry form and must be entered through the online registration process on www.fairentry.com
3. FCH Validation/Entry forms with a **PRINTED COPY OF THE RECEIPE** are due March 1, 2024, before 5:00 pm.
4. Online registration through FairEntry.com must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 03/01/24.
5. Entry form with name, age, grade, address, parent signature, telephone number, Club, and one copy of the recipe on the provided recipe form (if in the food class), may be turned in or mailed to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office, P.O. Box 191, Groesbeck, TX 76642, located on the ground floor of the Limestone County Courthouse, 200 W. State Street. Mailed entries must be received on or before March 1, 2024. Items postmarked/received after the due date will not be accepted.
6. Entry fees - \$10.00 for each food item and \$5.00 for all other items. Make checks payable to "LCFA."
7. Each family represented in the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show is required to pay a \$10.00 membership (See General Rule #1).

8. Only one entry per class, per exhibitor is allowed.
9. All entries must be brought to the Groesbeck High School Auditorium between 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Monday, March 18, 2024. Entries will not be accepted at check-in if they do not comply with all rules, especially rule 11. Items must be complete upon arrival. You will not be allowed to adjust or set-up entries once you have checked in.
10. One copy of the recipe on a 3x5 index card, **without** the participant's name, must be attached to the food item upon arrival. All recipes must be on a 3x5 index card and may be written or typed and **you will not be allowed** to write your recipe down during check in. No logos on recipe cards, such as 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or other will be allowed. Judges will disqualify entries without a recipe card.
11. ****For food safety purposes, NO item requiring refrigeration will be accepted at check-in. This includes cheesecakes, custards, etc., as well as any recipes containing those words in title (Example: cheesecake brownies.) Please do NOT bring butter or other toppings for items.**
12. ****All food entries must be on a disposable cardboard cake plate or a disposable (one use) foil pan. Items may not be sent in a container purchased at store bakery. Items brought in plastic containers, chargers, plates, baskets, **BOXES** etc. will not be accepted. Items may be wrapped with clear plastic wrap or covered with the plastic lid that comes with the disposable (one use) foil pan. **No entries will be accepted covered in foil or with any added decorations.****
13. ****All Items will be limited to the following sizes/amounts:**
 - a. Cakes/Breads + Cake boards may not exceed 10in x 10in. Whole sheet cakes or items larger than 10in x 10 in will not be accepted.
 - b. Cookies may not exceed 1 dozen.
 - c. Muffins/cupcakes may not exceed 1 dozen.
 - d. Candies may not exceed 2 dozen.
14. ****No purchased kits will be allowed in arts and crafts. Work must be entirely of the participant and original. This includes coloring pages, paint by number, etc.**
15. Entries in the pie class must contain homemade pie crust: store bought crusts will not be allowed.
16. Decorated Cakes will be judged based on presentation only and will not be eligible for Grand/Reserve.

17. Judging will begin at 9:00 am. The doors will be locked, and no one will be allowed into the judging area while judging is taking place.
18. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each class at the judge's discretion.
19. There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awarded in the following categories: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads, Brownies & Bar Cookies, and Candies. Decorated cakes will be judged on presentation only and will not be considered for Grand/Reserve. Only the Grand Champion will be auctioned.
20. A student can sell only one Grand Champion food item.
21. Any recipe that makes it to the auction cannot be entered the following year.
22. A Grand Champion winner must present the buyer with a freshly baked item. **It cannot be the item that was judged in the show.**
23. All entries must be left on exhibit until Silent Auction.
24. Every precaution is taken to protect all articles, but it is distinctly understood that in no case shall the LCFA, its Board Members, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and its employees, or Limestone County and its employees be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any person, animal, vehicle, art work, exhibit or article, while participating in FCS Division at the county show. Any insurance deemed necessary by an exhibitor must be provided by that exhibitor.
25. **An exhibitor may enter his or her food item in classes 1 through 9 to be sold in a bake sale. The LCFA cannot guarantee that items placed in the bake sale will be sold. Exhibitors receive all monies from items being sold in the bake sale. Any food item not sold in the bake sale will be discarded after the bake sale.
26. **If an exhibitor does NOT want to place his or her items into the Silent Auction, he or she needs to have marked the checkbox on the entry form and pick up the item(s) during the designated pick-up time. **The LCFA, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and Limestone County are not liable for any items being placed in the Silent Auction by mistake.**
27. Absolutely no animals allowed in the FCH Division building at any time.

28. There will be no viewing of items prior to Silent Auction taking place. Results will be posted outside the building for all to see once judging is complete.

29. Buyers for the FCH Division Silent Auction must be a registered buyer with the LCFA prior to silent auction. (Must have buyer number/information on file).

III. Age Divisions (grade as of 9/1/2023)

Pee-Wee Grades K-3rd
Juniors Grades 4th-8th
Seniors Grades 9th-12th

IV. Entries may be submitted in the following categories:

Foods

Class 1 – Cakes
Class 2 – Pies
Class 3 - Cookies
Class 4 – Candies
Class 5 – Quick Breads
Class 6 – Yeast Breads
Class 7 – Cake Mix Plus Cakes
Class 8 – Brownies & Bar Cookies
Class 9 – Decorated Cakes

Food Preservation – Proper Canning Seal Required

Class 10 – Canned Fruit
Class 11 – Canned Vegetables
Class 12 – Jellies & Jams
Class 13 – Preserves, Butters & Marmalade
Class 14 – Pickles
Class 15 – Relishes

Arts& Crafts

Class 16 – Paintings (Oil, Acrylics, Watercolor, Paint-by-number)
Class 17 – Photography (Must be framed or mounted)
Class 18 – Sculptures
Class 19 – Woodwork
Class 20 – Needlework and Cross Stitch
Class 21 – Knit and Crochet

Class 22 – Quilts

Class 23 – Misc. Arts & Crafts

Sewing

Class 24 – Clothing and accessories

Class 25 – Decorative Textiles

Class 26 – Home Décor

For more information, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at (254) 729-5314.