

**2024 PA PREFERRED™ JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST COOKIES, BROWNIES, AND BARS**



The goal of the PA Preferred™ Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania’s agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

**RULES:**

1. Open to any individual amateur baker (ages 8 through 18) 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 2024
3. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sized portions of the baked entry item.(cookies, brownies, or bars)
4. Entries must be made from scratch. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used. (ex:pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.). **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred™ ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are 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-AGPAPPreferred@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AGPAPPreferred@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 8-1/2” x 11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred™ ingredient or locally purchased ingredient must be clearly listed along with 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 .....	30 points	(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)
Texture .....	25 points	(appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar)
Inside Characteristics .....	20 points	(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)
Outside Characteristics .....	15 points	(uniform size, shape, appearance; overall appeal)
Creativity .....	10 points	
<b>TOTAL 100 points</b>		

**FAIR PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> / \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup>/ \$10**

First Place Winner is eligible for the **2025 PA Farm Show** competition.

Premiums for the **2025 PA FARM SHOW** competition

**First Place - \$500.00 Second Place - \$250.00 Third Place - \$100.00**

**Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon**

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2024 Participating Fair and 2024 PA Farm Show Contest Rules

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