

2026 PA Preferred® JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST COOKIES, BROWNIES AND BARS

Chairman: Diane Shirk - ext. 1515

Received: Monday, Week of Fair - 3:00-8:00 P.M.

Where: Fair Building

RULES:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the Fair's contest) who is a resident of Lancaster County or contiguous counties. 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. Any decorations must be edible.
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred® or locally produced ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients included 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. The PA Preferred® entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.
9. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the 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 - Gallicker'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.
10. 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.
11. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	40 points
Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked)	30 points
Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color)	20 points
Topping, Icing, Decoration	10 points

**FAIR PRIZES: 1st - \$20.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00;
4th - \$5.00; 5th - \$5.00**

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

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2026 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

Chairman: Diane Shirk - ext. 1515

Received: Monday, Week of Fair - 3:00-8:00 P.M.

Where: Fair Building

RULES:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a resident of Lancaster County or contiguous counties. One entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Homemade Chocolate 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. Any decorations must be edible.
4. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
5. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake**. **The finished overall size of the cake, including decorations, shall not exceed 12"x12"x12".**
6. Entry **must be frosted** and frosting must also be made from "scratch."
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. The Cake entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
9. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8½" x 11" sheets of paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages.
10. 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.
11. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)	35 points
Inside Characteristics (texture, moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry)	25 points
Frosting (taste, texture, even color)	20 points
Overall Appearance (surface, shape, finished size, color)	15 points
Creativity	5 points

FAIR PRIZES:

**1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00;
4th - \$5.00; 5th - \$5.00**

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

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1st - \$500; 2nd - \$250; 3rd - \$100

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