



# JUNIOR BAKING COMPETITION

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**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2026**  
**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026**  
**ENTRY DROP OFF Saturday, August 8, 2026, 9AM-1PM**

**at the Event Center Vestibule located off South Park Ave next to Hamburg Gaming**  
**\*All entries become property of the Erie County Fair and are not eligible for removal**

**Entry Fee:** \$5.00 allows entries throughout Junior Departments in Creative Arts and Ag-Grange. ALL KIDS 12 & younger receive FREE admission every day at the Fair.

**Ages:** 12 & Under

**Prize Checks:** Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.  
**\*Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

### Junior Baking Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 1, 2026.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. Anyone 12 years old and younger is eligible to enter this competition.
4. Creations are to be brought to the drop-off location on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may only enter one (1) entry per class.
5. Special requirements:
  - Cookies **MUST** be brought with six (6) cookies for submission.
  - Cakes **MUST** be standard for the class. Cakes taller than 6" will be disqualified.
  - Dishes/pans **WILL NOT** be returned to the exhibitor. All entries must arrive on/in disposable serve-ware or container.
  - Entries are limited to classes offered. If an entry does not fit in this year's offerings, it will be refused.
6. **Recipe Card** – The recipe for each entry must be included; typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet paper. The exhibitor's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe. Entries without recipe will not be accepted.

### Judge's Criteria

Appearance/Overall Impression	40%
Flavor	35%
Texture/Crumb	25%

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# JUNIOR BAKING COMPETITION CLASSES

**Premiums Offered:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$4

**Tri-Color:** \$25 & Eligible for *Best of Tri-Color Award*

\*Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each section.

## **COOKIES-1**

1. Bar
2. Drop (No Special Shaping)
3. Heritage Recipe - Chocolate Chip
4. Decorated Cutouts - Americana Themed (Will not be tasted)

## **CAKES (Limited to 6" and under)-2**

1. Butter or Oil Cakes (Plain, With fruit, With nut)
2. Pound or Bundt
3. Specialty (Angel, Sponge)
4. Decorated - Americana Themed (Will not be tasted)

## **SPECIALTY-3**

1. Cheesecake

## **PIE BAKING – 4**

1. Double Crust American Heirloom Fruit – Choose 1 CHERRY (Red), APPLE (White), BLUEBERRY (Blue) \****Other varieties not accepted***