



# JUNIOR CANNING COMPETITION

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**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026**  
**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 27, 2026**  
**ENTRY DROP OFF AUGUST 10, 2026 1PM-8PM at the AG-GRANGE BUILDING**  
**ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 24, 2026 7:30AM-9AM**

**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:** 5-12

**Prize Checks:** Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the AG-Grange 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 Canning Competition Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 27, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. Anyone 5-12 years of age may enter.
4. Only one (1) entry may be made in a class.
5. **NO LABELS ON THE SIDES OF JARS. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THE JAR.**
6. The jars must have 2-piece lids. Please check that the jar is sealed before entering. **Any product that spoils or ferments after it has been judged shall forfeit its premium. We reserve the right to dispose of any spoiled food.**
7. **All jars should be pint jars unless otherwise noted.**
8. If food has been artificially colored, it **must** be indicated at time of drop off.
9. Jars **must** have rust-free screw bands in place.
10. All jam must have been preserved within the past year.

## **Judging Criteria**

### **Score Card for Canned Goods:**

Color	(20)	As nearly as possible to the color of the freshly cooked product; even color.
Clearness	(20)	Clear liquid, free from bubbles. Must cover canned product.
Texture	(20)	No blemishes; firm enough to hold shape; uniformity.
Pack	(20)	Attractively arranged with the best use of space; uniform pieces; jars full (1/2 to 1/8 inch from top, according to product)
Container	(20)	Suitable size as specified according to class. Perfect seal; clean and properly labeled. No rust on lid or screw band.

# JUNIOR CANNING COMPETITION CLASSES

**Premiums Offered:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$3

## **Junior Canning (Ages 5-6) -14**

1. Any Variety Freezer Jam

## **Junior Canning (Ages 7-9) -14**

2. Any Variety Freezer Jam

## **Junior Canning (Ages 10-12) -14**

3. Any Variety Freezer Jam