



# JUNIOR SPROUTING CHEFS 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 Fee:** Ages 5-12 - \$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 13-17 - \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

**Ages:** 5-12 and 13-17

**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.**

### **Sprouting Chefs 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 5-17 years old is eligible to enter this competition.
4. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted.
5. Only one (1) entry may be made in a class.
6. If food has been artificially colored, it must be stated on a label.
7. Child(ren) will make a food item (i.e. salsa) using at least 2 ingredients grown in their home or school's garden. Judging based on
  - Photo of child(ren) planting and/or maintaining the garden
  - Photo of child(ren) harvesting at least 2 of their recipe ingredients from the garden.
  - Photo of child(ren) preparing the recipe.
  - Copy of Recipe
  - Completed Questionnaire (Will be emailed prior to arrival)

### **Judging Criteria**

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| 1. Garden Quality/Plant Health | 25% |
| 2. Gardening Knowledge/Effort  | 25% |
| 3. Chef Component Creativity   | 25% |
| 4. Project Presentation        | 25% |

# **JUNIOR SPROUTING CHEFS COMPETITION CLASSES**

**Premiums Offered:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$30

## **Sprouting Chefs Competition-9**

1. Student/School Garden Club
2. Children's At Home Garden