

2025 St. Charles County Fair

Open Home Economics Rules and Regulations

GENERAL RULES

1. **Entries will be accepted Monday, July 21st, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 22nd, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.** (free admittance both times). Judging will take place on Tuesday, July 22nd.
2. **Entries will be accepted from St. Charles County and adjoining counties.**
3. Exhibitors are limited to one exhibit per class, unless otherwise specified. However, they may participate in as many classes as they wish.
4. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor. Must be made in August 2024 – July 2025.
5. Danish system of judging will be used for all exhibits. Each qualifying exhibit will be judged according to merit and receive a blue, red, or white ribbon. Only blue ribbon exhibits are eligible for the “Best of Show”, which will receive a rosette ribbon and \$15.00.
6. All decisions of the judges will be final.
7. All entries must remain on display until checkout on Sunday, July 27th, 2025. **Entries must be picked up on Sunday, July 27th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Premium money will be available for pickup on **Sunday, July 27th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** along with exhibit release. **No Exceptions.**
8. The St. Charles County Fair Board and the members of the Open Home Economics committee are not responsible for exhibits left after 10:00 a.m. Premium money will not be mailed if it is not claimed by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 27th, 2025.
9. Violations of any of the above rules will result in forfeiture of any premium money won and future exhibiting privileges.
10. While measures will be taken to provide a secure display area, neither the Open Home Economics committee or the St. Charles County Fair Board will be held responsible for lost, broken, damaged, or stolen articles in exhibits.

One Entry Per Class Note: The miscellaneous categories are only for items that do not fit any other category in the Home Economics Listing.

FOODS

1. No mixes allowed except where stated.
2. Amount required per exhibit is listed.
3. All jars must be clear, standard in size and clearly labeled.
4. All food entries must be made by the exhibitor.
5. All other entries must be exhibited on sturdy non-breakable containers. Specific containers may be listed under the appropriate food category.
6. Only clear wrap may be used.
7. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**
8. **All food entries will only be accepted on Tuesday, July 22nd, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Breads

1. Yeast and Quick breads should be plastic wrapped.
2. Breads are to be exhibited on a sturdy paper plate.
3. An exhibit will consist of ¼ loaf of bread or plate of 6 rolls.
4. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**
5. Include two samples wrapped separately from the exhibit or placed in plastic sandwich bags.

Class	Blue	Red	White
1. Yeast Bread – cinnamon rolls (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
2. Yeast Bread – coffee cake (½ of cake)	3.00	2.00	1.00
3. Yeast Bread – dark loaf	3.00	2.00	1.00
4. Yeast Bread – raised donuts (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
5. Yeast Bread – rolls (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
6. Yeast Bread – white loaf	3.00	2.00	1.00
7. Yeast Bread – miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00
8. Quick Bread – biscuits (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
9. Quick Bread – cake donuts (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
10. Quick Bread – cornbread	3.00	2.00	1.00
11. Quick Bread – corn muffins (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
12. Quick Bread – fruit bread	3.00	2.00	1.00
13. Quick Bread – nut bread	3.00	2.00	1.00
14. Quick Bread – zucchini bread	3.00	2.00	1.00
15. Quick Bread – miscellaneous bread	3.00	2.00	1.00
16. Quick Bread – miscellaneous muffins (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00

Candy

1. Exhibit should consist of 1/4 pound of candy displayed on a sturdy paper plate.
2. Two samples should be wrapped separately.
3. Candy will be judged by taste of candy, not by eye appeal.
4. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**

Class	Blue	Red	White
17. Chocolate Fudge with Nuts	3.00	2.00	1.00
18. Chocolates	3.00	2.00	1.00

19. Nut Brittle	3.00	2.00	1.00
20. Peanut Butter Fudge	3.00	2.00	1.00
21. White Fudge with Nuts	3.00	2.00	1.00
22. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Cookies

1. Cookies should be exhibited on a sturdy paper plate with clear plastic wrap.
2. **An exhibit should consist of 6 cookies to be displayed.**
3. **In addition, two cookies should be wrapped individually as a sample.**
4. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**

Class	Blue	Red	White
23. Bar Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
24. Blonde Brownies	3.00	2.00	1.00
25. Chocolate Brownies	3.00	2.00	1.00
26. Chocolate Chip Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
27. Drop Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
28. Peanut Butter Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
29. Pressed Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
30. Roll Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
31. Sugar Cookies	3.00	2.00	1.00
32. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Cakes: Iced-not Decorated

1. All cakes must be exhibited on heavy cardboard.
2. One-half cake will be accepted.
3. Cakes may or may not be cut to determine quality.
4. Cakes may not be more than two tiers and not exceed 13" at base.
5. Two slices of cake should be individually wrapped as samples.
6. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**

Class	Blue	Red	White
33. Angel Food	3.00	2.00	1.00
34. Applesauce	3.00	2.00	1.00
35. Devil's Food (any icing)	3.00	2.00	1.00
36. German Chocolate (traditional icing)	3.00	2.00	1.00
37. Spice	3.00	2.00	1.00
38. Upside Down	3.00	2.00	1.00
39. Yellow Cake (any icing)	3.00	2.00	1.00
40. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Pies

1. Exhibit should consist of ¼ pie in an aluminum disposable pan or two tarts (to allow showing of crust).
2. One slice of pie or one tart wrapped separately on a paper plate should be included.
3. **All entries are required to have recipe cards attached to the item.**

Class	Blue	Red	White
41. Apple	3.00	2.00	1.00
42. Berry	3.00	2.00	1.00
43. Cherry	3.00	2.00	1.00

44. Nut	3.00	2.00	1.00
45. Peach	3.00	2.00	1.00
46. Tarts	3.00	2.00	1.00
47. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

Cakes: Decorated

1. All cakes must be exhibited on heavy cardboard.
2. Cakes must be whole to allow for best judging.
3. Cakes may be made from mix or Styrofoam.
4. Cakes may not be more than two tiers and not exceed 13” at base.
5. Cupcakes should be displayed on a sturdy paper plate.

Class	Blue	Red	White
48. Non-professional Birthday Cake	3.00	2.00	1.50
49. Non-professional Cupcakes (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.50
50. Non-professional Novelty Cake	3.00	2.00	1.50
51. Non-Professional Wedding Cake	3.00	2.00	1.50
52. Non-professional Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.50

One Best of Show for the above classes

PRESERVED FOODS

1. All canned goods must be in standard canning jars, sealed with two-piece lids using appropriate heat processing, and less than one year old. Paraffin is not an acceptable seal. Bands should be in place for transporting jars but will be removed for judging.
2. **Entries must be labeled with product name, date of preparation, processing method, length of processing time and recipe source. Entries with incomplete labels will be disqualified.**

Example of a qualified label:
 Snap Beans 7-2002
 Pressure canned 10 pounds
 25 minutes
 University Extension Guide GH1454

3. All Foods must be canned according to 1989 or later USDA, University Extension, Ball or Kerr, etc. instructions.
4. Any Sign of spoilage, alteration from standard processing guidelines or lack of label information, will be the basis for disqualification of the exhibit.
5. No Food will be sampled by judges.

Butters and Marmalade – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
53. Apple Butter	3.00	2.00	1.00
54. Marmalade	3.00	2.00	1.00
55. Peach Butter	3.00	2.00	1.00
56. Pear Butter	3.00	2.00	1.00
57. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Canned Fruit – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
58. Apples	3.00	2.00	1.00
59. Applesauce	3.00	2.00	1.00
60. Berries (any kind)	3.00	2.00	1.00
61. Cherries	3.00	2.00	1.00
62. Peaches	3.00	2.00	1.00
63. Pears	3.00	2.00	1.00
64. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Canned Vegetables – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
65. Beets	3.00	2.00	1.00
66. Carrots	3.00	2.00	1.00
67. Corn	3.00	2.00	1.00
68. Green Beans	3.00	2.00	1.00
69. Peas	3.00	2.00	1.00
70. Spaghetti Sauce	3.00	2.00	1.00
71. Tomatoes	3.00	2.00	1.00
72. Tomato Sauce	3.00	2.00	1.00
73. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Jams – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
74. Apricot	3.00	2.00	1.00
75. Cherry	3.00	2.00	1.00
76. Peach	3.00	2.00	1.00
77. Pear	3.00	2.00	1.00
78. Strawberry	3.00	2.00	1.00
79. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Jellies – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
80. Blackberry	3.00	2.00	1.00
81. Grape	3.00	2.00	1.00
82. Peach	3.00	2.00	1.00
83. Strawberry	3.00	2.00	1.00
84. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Pickles and Relish – 1 Jar

Class	Blue	Red	White
85. Bread and Butter Pickles	3.00	2.00	1.00
86. Dill Pickles	3.00	2.00	1.00
87. Pickled Beets	3.00	2.00	1.00
88. Pickled Green Tomatoes	3.00	2.00	1.00
89. Pickled Okra	3.00	2.00	1.00
90. Relish (any kind)	3.00	2.00	1.00
91. Salsa	3.00	2.00	1.00
92. Sweet Pickles	3.00	2.00	1.00
93. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

Meats (Beef, Pork, Venison, Wildlife)

Class	Blue	Red	White
94. Jerky – ground and formed	3.00	2.00	1.00
95. Jerky – whole muscle	3.00	2.00	1.00
96. Summer Sausage (one stick)	3.00	2.00	1.00
97. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

AGRICULTURE

1. Exhibitor must have grown or raised the product.
2. Judged on market value.

Farm Crops

Class	Blue	Red	White
98. Alfalfa – one banded foot	3.00	2.00	1.00
99. Corn – Ears of Corn (5 ears)	3.00	2.00	1.00
100. Corn – Shelled Corn (1 gallon)	3.00	2.00	1.00
101. Corn – Stalked Corn with Best Ears (group of 3)	3.00	2.00	1.00
102. Grass Legume – one banded foot	3.00	2.00	1.00
103. Red Clover – one banded foot	3.00	2.00	1.00
104. Soybeans – (1 gallon)	3.00	2.00	1.00
105. Soybeans – Bundle of Soybeans (4 plants)	3.00	2.00	1.00
106. Wheat – (1 gallon)	3.00	2.00	1.00
107. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

Fruits and Vegetables

1. Exhibitors must display on heavy grade white paper plate. No plastic wrap.

Class	Blue	Red	White
108. Berries (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
109. Cabbage (plate of 1)	3.00	2.00	1.00
110. Cantaloupe (plate of 1)	3.00	2.00	1.00
111. Cucumbers (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
112. Eggplant (plate of 1)	3.00	2.00	1.00
113. Green Beans (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
114. Okra (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
115. Onion (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
116. Peppers – Hot (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
117. Peppers – Sweet (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
118. Potatoes – Red (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
119. Potatoes – White (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
120. Pumpkin (1 pumpkin – no plate needed)	3.00	2.00	1.00
121. Sweet Corn with husk (plate of 3)	3.00	2.00	1.00
122. Tomatoes (plate of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
123. Tomatoes – Cherry (plate of 6)	3.00	2.00	1.00
124. Watermelon (1 watermelon – no plate needed)	3.00	2.00	1.00
125. Zucchini (plate of 2)	3.00	2.00	1.00
126. Other Fruit	3.00	2.00	1.00
127. Other Vegetable (plate of 3)	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

Floriculture

1. Exhibitor must have grown or raised the product.

Class	Blue	Red	White
128. Cut Flowers	3.00	2.00	1.00
129. Potted Flowers	3.00	2.00	1.00
130. House Plants	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

WORKING WITH WOOD

1. Exhibits entered in the Working with Wood class must consist mostly of all wood. Fabric, glass, metal, plastic, or wire will be permitted for completion of the exhibit.

2. Kits are not allowed in any of the woodworking or wood art classes. Kits are permitted in the wood craft classes.

Woodworking

Class	Blue	Red	White
131. Birdhouse or Bird Feeder	4.00	3.00	2.00
132. Book rack or Book ends	4.00	3.00	2.00
133. Furniture – large (over 2 feet)	4.00	3.00	2.00
134. Furniture – small (under 2 feet)	4.00	3.00	2.00
135. Jewelry Box	4.00	3.00	2.00
136. Shadow Box	4.00	3.00	2.00
137. Toys – large (over 12 inches high)	4.00	3.00	2.00
138. Toys – small (under 12 inches high)	4.00	3.00	2.00
139. Miscellaneous	4.00	3.00	2.00

Wood Art

Class	Blue	Red	White
140. Hand Carved Item (8" X 10" or smaller)	4.00	3.00	2.00
141. Hand Carved Item (Between 8" X 10" and 16" X 20")	4.00	3.00	2.00
142. Hand Carved Item (16" X 20" or larger)	4.00	3.00	2.00
143. Intarsia Item (16" X 20" or smaller)	4.00	3.00	2.00
144. Intarsia Item (larger than 16" X 20")	4.00	3.00	2.00

Wood Crafts

Class	Blue	Red	White
145. Painted Wood Item (8" X 10" or smaller)	3.00	2.00	1.00
146. Painted Wood Item (Between 8" X 10" and 16" X 20")	3.00	2.00	1.00
147. Painted Wood Item (16" X 20" or larger)	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

STITCHERY

1. Soiled, unfinished, or commercially made articles will not be accepted.
2. Items must be properly presented for judging.
For example, stitched items must be pressed and/or blocked. Framing is optional.

Crochet

Class	Blue	Red	White
145. Afghan	3.00	2.00	1.00
146. Afghan – baby	3.00	2.00	1.00
147. Bedspread/Tablecloth	3.00	2.00	1.00

148. Doilies	3.00	2.00	1.00
149. Hat/Scarfs/Mittens	3.00	2.00	1.00
150. Sweater/Vest	3.00	2.00	1.00
151. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Crossed Stitched – Stamped

Class	Blue	Red	White
152. Framed Pictures	3.00	2.00	1.00
153. Pillow	3.00	2.00	1.00
154. Pillowcase	3.00	2.00	1.00
155. Tablecloth	3.00	2.00	1.00
156. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Crossed Stitched – Counted

Class	Blue	Red	White
157. Christmas Ornament	3.00	2.00	1.00
158. Framed Pictures	3.00	2.00	1.00
159. Pillow	3.00	2.00	1.00
160. Tablecloth	3.00	2.00	1.00
161. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Embroidery

Class	Blue	Red	White
162. Framed Embroidery Pictures	3.00	2.00	1.00
163. Pillow	3.00	2.00	1.00
164. Pillowcase	3.00	2.00	1.00
165. Napkins	3.00	2.00	1.00
166. Tablecloth	3.00	2.00	1.00
167. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Knitting

Class	Blue	Red	White
168. Afghan	3.00	2.00	1.00
169. Afghan – baby	3.00	2.00	1.00
170. Bedspread/Tablecloth	3.00	2.00	1.00
171. Doilies	3.00	2.00	1.00
172. Hat/Scarfs/Mittens	3.00	2.00	1.00
173. Sweater/Vest	3.00	2.00	1.00
174. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Needle Art

Class	Blue	Red	White
175. Candle Wicking (any article)	3.00	2.00	1.00
176. Crewel (any article)	3.00	2.00	1.00
177. Needlepoint (any article)	3.00	2.00	1.00
178. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

Quilts

Class	Blue	Red	White
179. Hand Quilting – Appliqued	4.00	3.00	2.00
180. Hand Quilting – Embroidered	4.00	3.00	2.00
181. Hand Quilting – Pieced	4.00	3.00	2.00
182. Machine Quilting – Appliqued	4.00	3.00	2.00
183. Machine Quilting – Embroidered	4.00	3.00	2.00
184. Machine Quilting – Pieced	4.00	3.00	2.00
185. Antique Quilt – minimum of 50 years old (not previously entered)	4.00	3.00	2.00
186. Baby Quilt	4.00	3.00	2.00
187. Group Quilt (made by 2 or more people)	4.00	3.00	2.00
188. Quilts made by youth (age 12 and under)	4.00	3.00	2.00
189. Quilts made by youth (age 13 to 18)	4.00	3.00	2.00
190. Wall Hanging	4.00	3.00	2.00
191. Miscellaneous	4.00	3.00	2.00

Two Best of Show for the above classes: One for machine quilts and one for hand quilts

CLOTHING

1. All clothing items to be exhibited on hangers. (Must be entered on hangers.)
2. Soiled, unfinished, or commercially made articles will not be accepted for competition.

Children

1. Clothing articles made for Children 6 and younger.

Class	Blue	Red	White
192. Child's Dress-up Outfit (boy or girl – any fabric)	4.00	3.00	2.00
193. Child's Play Set (boy or girl – any fabric)	4.00	3.00	2.00
194. Child's Sleepwear	4.00	3.00	2.00

195. Miscellaneous

Teen

1. Clothing articles made for pre-teens and teens.

Class	Blue	Red	White
196. Boy's Suit or Jacket	4.00	3.00	2.00
197. Girl's Party Dress	4.00	3.00	2.00
198. Sportswear – 2 piece	4.00	3.00	2.00
199. Miscellaneous	4.00	3.00	2.00

Adult

Class	Blue	Red	White
200. Casual Dress – any fabric	4.00	3.00	2.00
201. Dressy Dress – any fabric	4.00	3.00	2.00
202. Jacket – men's	4.00	3.00	2.00
203. Jacket – women's	4.00	3.00	2.00
204. Slacks – men's	4.00	3.00	2.00
205. Slacks – women's	4.00	3.00	2.00
206. Sportswear – men's or women's (2 pieces)	4.00	3.00	2.00
207. Vest – men's or women's	4.00	3.00	2.00
208. Miscellaneous	4.00	3.00	2.00

Sewing

Class	Blue	Red	White
209. Costumes	3.00	2.00	1.00
210. Dolls	3.00	2.00	1.00
211. Pillow/ Pillowcase	3.00	2.00	1.00
212. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

CRAFTS

Handmade Crafts

1. No Kits can be used to make the handmade crafts.

Class	Blue	Red	White
213. Candles – hand poured	3.00	2.00	1.00
214. Christmas Decorations	3.00	2.00	1.00
215. Christmas Tree Ornaments (set of 4)	3.00	2.00	1.00
216. Decorated Article	3.00	2.00	1.00
217. Decorated Clothing	3.00	2.00	1.00
218. Door or Wall Hanging	3.00	2.00	1.00
219. Handmade Dolls	3.00	2.00	1.00

220. Jewelry	3.00	2.00	1.00
221. Potholders	3.00	2.00	1.00
222. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

FINE ARTS

1. The Open Superintendents reserve the right to jury all work for content and size.
2. All two-dimensional artwork must be framed and ready to hang with wire.
3. All three dimensional artwork must be ready for display.
4. All items not to exceed 24" x 30".

Ceramics

Class	Blue	Red	White
223. Bisque	3.00	2.00	1.00
224. Glazed	3.00	2.00	1.00
225. Sculpture	3.00	2.00	1.00
226. Stained	3.00	2.00	1.00
227. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Drawing

Class	Blue	Red	White
228. Cartooning	3.00	2.00	1.00
229. Charcoal	3.00	2.00	1.00
230. Colored Pencil	3.00	2.00	1.00
231. Felt-tip	3.00	2.00	1.00
232. Mixed Media	3.00	2.00	1.00
233. Pastel	3.00	2.00	1.00
234. Pen and Ink	3.00	2.00	1.00
235. Pencil	3.00	2.00	1.00

Mosaic

Class	Blue	Red	White
236. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

Painting

Class	Blue	Red	White
237. Acrylic – original	3.00	2.00	1.00
238. Mixed Media	3.00	2.00	1.00
239. Oil – original	3.00	2.00	1.00
240. Watercolor – original	3.00	2.00	1.00

Sculpture

Class	Blue	Red	White
241. Clay	3.00	2.00	1.00
242. Metal	3.00	2.00	1.00
243. Mixed Media	3.00	2.00	1.00
244. Recycled Materials (90% from recycled goods)	3.00	2.00	1.00
245. Wood	3.00	2.00	1.00

Stained Glass

Class	Blue	Red	White
246. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Prints may be either black and white or color.
2. Prints can be cropped to odd sizes. Print size must be no smaller than 5" X 7" and no larger than 8" x 10".
3. Prints must be adhered on top of a single mat board that is not larger than 11" X 14". Prints mounted on foam board or poster board will not be accepted. Mat board can be purchased at a local craft store such as Hobby Lobby, Michael's, etc.
4. Exhibits must be placed in a zip-lock style bag to protect from dust and moisture. Image will be removed from bag for judging and returned to bag for displaying purposes.
5. No framed prints will be accepted.
6. All prints must be original work of the exhibitor.
7. Professional printing is encouraged.
8. Photos entered in the "At the St. Charles County Fair" class, must exhibit photos taken at the 2024 St. Charles County Fair. Take pictures at this year's fair to enter next year.
9. There is a limit of 1 photo per class and a limit of 4 classes per exhibitor.

Class	Blue	Red	White
247. "At the St. Charles County Fair"	3.00	2.00	1.00
248. Children	3.00	2.00	1.00
249. Domesticated Animal	3.00	2.00	1.00
250. Family Fun	3.00	2.00	1.00
251. Landscape	3.00	2.00	1.00
252. Portrait	3.00	2.00	1.00
253. Still Life	3.00	2.00	1.00
254. Wildlife	3.00	2.00	1.00
255. Miscellaneous	3.00	2.00	1.00

One Best of Show for the above classes