



Youth Culinary Arts



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2025 Schedule

Deadline for Entries	Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
Deadline for School Entries	Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025
Delivery for Entries	Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Pick-Up Dates for Ribbons	Wednesday, Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(All items in the Baked Goods Department become property of the State Fair of Virginia and will not be returned.)

***Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org.**

Mail entry forms to SFVA, Arts & Crafts, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047.

Faxed entries will not be accepted.

The Youth Arts and Crafts competitions are divided into the following age divisions:

Age on September 1, 2025: Ages 5 – 8 Ages 9 - 13 Ages 14 – 18

You MUST provide birthdate and correct age for the entry form to be automatically entered in the appropriate age division.

Youth Baked Goods Department Rules:

1. **State Fair General Rules apply to this department. By entering, you agree to read and abide by all State Fair General Rules and the rules of this department.**
2. Use the General Competition entry form or use on-line registration. No late additions or alterations of entries are permitted. Mailed forms postmarked after **September 12** will not be accepted.
3. Individuals entering the Youth Arts and Crafts Department must be between the ages of 5 and 18. Articles entered must be the work of the youth competitor and must have been completed within the last year. No passes will be issued to individuals competing in this department.
4. Only one individual may enter per entry form. Teachers and schools may enter items made by a group of students in the classes which specify group projects. The age of the oldest child participating will determine which age group to enter.
5. List article on entry form according to DIVISION and CLASS. You may make only one entry per class with no more than **15** items entered all together in the Baked Goods department. As a competitor, you are solely responsible for deciding on the proper DIVISION and CLASS for your entry. **Entries improperly classified will not be changed or judged.** We reserve the right to accept or refuse an exhibit.
6. No article will be accepted unless there is a DIVISION and CLASS covering it as listed in the Competition Guide. Articles entered in the "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must not fit in any class listed elsewhere in the Guide. Articles entered in "Miscellaneous" or "Other" classes must be named and described on entry form.
7. Upon receiving and processing your entry form, the State Fair will print entry identification tags which will be made available to you **at check-in** to attach when your entries are brought to the Fair. Altered tags will not be accepted, but you may add requested information to the back of the tag. If the item is original or unusual, please include that information on the **BACK** of the tag. Items consisting of multiple parts must be connected, mounted or stabilized in some way to keep all pieces together.

8. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibited items from any cause. Any insurance desired on an entry must be carried by the individual who entered it. No one will be allowed to set up, remove, handle or rearrange exhibits. Security will be provided. Every possible care will be taken to protect the exhibit and competitor's materials. All articles will be entirely under the control and jurisdiction of the State Fair of Virginia until after close of the Fair.
9. Where there is only one item entered in a class, a blue ribbon, if merited, will be awarded. Where articles are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a ribbon of such grade as the article deserves.
10. Entries that do not receive a ribbon will not be displayed if space does not permit. **All items become property of the State Fair of Virginia and will NOT be returned after the Fair.** No materials will be released before 9 a.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The Arts & Crafts Department will not be responsible for articles left after 6 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Again, no Baked Goods entries will be returned but ribbons will be available during pickup.

NOTE: Baked goods and candies must be brought to the **Arts and Crafts Hall** on **Wednesday, September 24, between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

- All entries, except cakes, must be put in clear zipper lock plastic bags. All entries must be placed on non-returnable plates. Cardboard base for cakes must not exceed 13 inches square. Whole cakes and pies are required for judging.
- Decorated cakes to be judged on decorations only so forms may be used. Cakes are to be on cardboard base or disposable plate not to exceed 13 inches square. Cakes not to exceed 18" tall, including decorations.
- All baked goods become the property of the State Fair of Virginia and will not be returned.

Division 42: QUICK BREADS

Bread must be baked in standard loaf pan and placed in clear plastic bag. Rolls, biscuits, etc. should be placed on disposable plate.
Cover with CLEAR plastic wrap.

Class

- 4201 Cornbread/Hush puppies, etc.
Any quick bread made with cornmeal
Or cornmeal mix.
- 4203 Scones
- 4206 Loaf Fruit or Vegetable Bread
- 4208 Half-dozen Biscuits
- 4209 Half-dozen Muffins, any type

Division 43: YEAST

Class

- 4301 Half-dozen Cinnamon Rolls
- 4302 Half-dozen Rolls, any shape
- 4303 Bread, any type
- 4304 Sweet Rolls

Division 45: CAKES
(No Refrigerated Cakes)

Class

- 4502 Pound Cake (iced or uniced)
- 4503 Vegetable Cake – Any kind
- 4504 Fruit Cake (iced or uniced)
- 4505 Chocolate Cake – Any kind
- 4507 Your Favorite Cake

Division 47: COOKIES

(1/2 dozen each)

Class

- 4701 Bar Cookies – Any kind
- 4702 Nut or Nut Butter Cookies
- 4703 Chocolate Chip Cookies
- 4704 Sugar Cookies – Any kind
- 4705 Fruit or Vegetable Cookie, any kind
- 4706 Your Favorite Cookie (describe)

Division 49: PIES

Use disposable containers.
(No Refrigerated Pies)

Class

- 4901 Your Favorite Pie
- 4902 Fruit Pie
- 4905 Chocolate Pie
- 4906 Chess Pie – Any kind
- 4907 Vegetable Pie
- 4908 Nut or Nut Butter Pie

Division 51: CANDY

Each entry must be at least one-half pound or six pieces

Class

- 5104 Brittle, any flavor
- 5105 Fudge, any flavor
- 5106 Crockpot Candy (*NEW*)
- 5107 Chocolate Candy (*NEW*)
- 5109 Any other Candy

Division 55: SPECIALTY CAKES

Class

- 5501 Novelty (shape)
- 5503 Iced Cake (decorated with tube); may be done on form
- 5504 Decorated Cake (judged on decorations only)
- 5505 Decorated Cupcakes ½ dozen (judged on decorations only)

Division 57: BAKED GOODS, SPECIAL POPULATIONS Developmentally Challenged

Class

- 5701 Cake
- 5702 Cookies
- 5703 Pie
- 5704 Bread

Division 61: GLUTEN-FREE

Class

- 6103 Desserts
- 6104 Snacks (*NEW*)

Division 62: After-School (*NEW*)

Entries in this category should be easy to prepare in less than ~30 minutes. Recipes should be included with entry.

Class

- 6201 After-School Snacks (non-refrigerated)

Division 65:

STATE FAIR SPECIAL COOKIE COMPETITION

***Parent/Child, Grandparent/
Grandchild, Guardian/Child***

Special Rules

1. Create cookies from scratch. No mixes are allowed in any recipe.
2. All cookies must be prepared by the child with the assistance of the parent, grandparent or guardian. Age of child must not exceed 12 years of age by Sept. 1, 2024.
3. Chocolate Chip Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies and Brownies will be judged on taste (50%), appearance (40%), and originality (10%).
4. Decorated Sugar Cookies will be judged on taste (30%), appearance (50%), and originality (20%).
5. In this section only, cookies may be presented in decorated boxes, trays, plates, etc.

Class (1 dozen each)

- 6501 Chocolate Chip Cookies
- 6502 Brownies
- 6503 Peanut Butter Cookies
- 6504 Decorated Sugar Cookies



Peanut Pies & Mini-Pies Recipe Contest

Peanuts are delicious, nutritious and packed with protein. They can be incorporated into any meal or enjoyed as a snack. Get creative and make your most delicious pie or mini pies with peanuts or peanut butter. Sweet or Savory. Anything goes to WOW the judges and win first prize with VA peanuts!

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2025

DATE OF CONTEST: Sunday, October 5, 2025

PRIZES

1st Prize.....	\$50
2nd Prize.....	\$30
3rd Prize.....	\$20

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to entrants ages 5 - 18. Must be a legal US resident.
2. Any pie recipe may be submitted. Sweet or savory. All recipes must use at least ½ cup of peanut butter and/or fresh peanuts. Mini pie recipe should make at least 12-15 mini pies.
3. To be a contestant, enter on-line at StateFairVa.org. Division 83, class 8301. Please note the entry fee is \$5. Email your typed recipe before competition day to arts@statefairva.org.
4. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons or fractions thereof; also include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any other pertinent information. Recipe should serve between 4-6 servings. [1]
5. Judging will be based on Taste/Flavor (50%), Creativity (20%), Ease of Preparation (10%) Presentation (20%).
6. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Upon submission recipes become the property of the Virginia Peanut Growers Association and the State Fair of Virginia, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion or advertising without compensation.
8. Entries must be presented at the Fair ready for judging.
9. The cooking contest superintendent and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.

DAY OF CONTEST

- Entries will be received from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Arts Hall. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest. The recipe must be typed and emailed to arts@statefairva.org before competition day.
- Judging will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- Prizes will be awarded at 2:00 p.m. (or when contest is completed).
- Contestants will be admitted into the fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 2. A delivery map and tickets will be sent via email after entries close.
- Participants should be a half dozen of cupcakes. Entries may be brought in any type of container (preferably disposable); it is not the responsibility of the fair to return any dishes or containers.
- Entries must be prepared at home and brought to the fair on the day and time of the contest.
- Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at (804) 994-2847.



~ Special Contest ~

King Arthur Flour

Pastries

www.kingarthurfLOUR.com

Division 95 Class 9501

Youth Category

- 1st place: \$40 gift certificate to the online Baker's Catalogue at kingarthurfLOUR.com
2nd place: \$25 gift certificate to the online Baker's Catalogue at kingarthurfLOUR.com
3rd place: King Arthur Flour Tote Bag

All winners will also receive a beautiful ribbon.

Special Rules:

1. Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when he/she submits the entry.
2. Entry may use any ingredients for recipe as long as King Arthur Flour is used.
3. Enter on-line or by mail using Division 95, Class 9501 in Youth Culinary Arts.
4. All entries must be submitted on a disposable container for judging and follow all other general Culinary Arts guidelines and delivery instructions (entries to be delivered with other culinary items on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025).
5. Must provide a typed recipe; recipe must use King Arthur Flour.
6. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor	50 points
Overall Appearance + Creativity	25 points
Texture	<u>25 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

7. Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.
8. Please provide a list of the ingredients with your entry. Contact the Culinary Arts Department with any questions at 804-994-2847.

State Fair of Virginia

Culinary Arts Scholarship

International Favorites

Division 40 Class 4001

2025 Scholarship Awards

First Place	\$1,000.00 & Rosette
Second Place	\$ 500.00 & Rosette
Third Place	\$ 200.00 & Rosette

Open to: Students in **grades nine through twelve** or 18 and under as of 9/1/25 across Virginia

Format: Recipe must be a dish from another country.

Originality: All work submitted must be made by the student. If entry is found to be made by someone other than the student, it will be disqualified.

Submission: One entry per student only. Entries are only eligible for scholarship competition. Delivered September 24, 2025 from 7:30 am to 10:30 am with all other culinary competitions (excluding peanuts).

Educational Piece: Along with international culinary favorite **and recipe**, student must also submit an educational brochure, flyer, poster, handout, display etc. on the food's country of origin. Educational piece should also include a brief background or impact of agriculture on food in the country (top commodities, seasonal and cultural foods, imports/exports, etc.). Educational pieces may be shared, replicated, and reused by and with the SFVA and any scholarship competition sponsors. Pieces will not be accepted without educational ag component and typed recipe.

Ag Resources: [Ag Literacy Resources \(agfoundation.org\)](https://agfoundation.org/), [https://agclassroom.org//](https://agclassroom.org/),

How to Enter: Enter online for **\$1.00 per entry** at **www.statefairva.org** as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. **Enter Division 40, class 4001.** Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

1. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor	40 points
Overall Appearance	25 points
Texture	25 points
Egg Inclusion	<u>10 points</u>

TOTAL 100 points

2. Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.

3. Upon submission recipes become the property of the State Fair of Virginia, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use for publicity, promotion, or advertising without compensation.

**Award Winning Baked Items Will Be Displayed during the State Fair of Virginia – Culinary Arts
September 26 - October 5**



State Fair of Virginia Culinary Arts Scholarship

Meant to be Broken, Virginia Egg Council

Division 40 Class 4002

2025 Scholarship Awards

First Place	\$500.00 & Rosette
Second Place	\$300.00 & Rosette
Third Place	\$200.00 & Rosette

As part of the "Meant to Be Broken" Teen Recipe Contest, we encourage you to break the mold and think outside the shell. Whether it's a breakfast classic, a savory snack, or a delectable dessert, we can't wait to see how you transform eggs into something extraordinary.

Open to: Students in **grades nine through twelve** or 18 and under as of 9/1/25 across Virginia

Format: Recipe must include at least 4 eggs. Recipes can be an entrée, appetizer/snack, or dessert.

Originality: All work submitted must be made by the student. If entry is found to be made by someone other than the student, it will be disqualified.

Submission: One entry per student only. Entries are only eligible for scholarship competition. Delivered September 24, 2025 from 7:30 am to 10:30 am with all other culinary competitions (excluding peanuts).

Supplemental Material: Along with dish and **recipe**, student must also submit a photo of the recipe and a one-page education resource that highlights the benefits of eggs. Include information about egg nutrition, versatility, and tips for cooking with eggs. Get creative and have fun with graphics. An additional photo of you preparing the dish is welcome.

How to Enter: Enter online for **\$1.00 per entry at www.statefairva.org** as if registering for any other youth arts & crafts competition. **Enter Division 40, class 4002.** Mail-in entry forms must be accompanied by a check made out to State Fair of Virginia to cover all entry fees per exhibitor.

1. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- **Creativity:** Originality and innovation in the use of eggs (20 points)
- **Taste:** Flavor and overall deliciousness of the dish (25 points)
- **Presentation:** Visual appeal and plating of the dish (15 points)
- **Clarity:** Clear and detailed instructions that are easy to follow (20 points)
- **Education materials:** Visual creativity and quality of educational content (20 points)

TOTAL 100 points

2. Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification
3. By participating, you agree that the Virginia Egg Council may use your recipe and photos for promotional purposes. Recipes will become the property of the Virginia Egg Council and State Fair of Virginia.

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