

2026 PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars

RULES:

1. Exhibitor must be an individual **amateur baker** (age 8 through and including 18 years at the time of the fair) who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won first place in this PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest at any other fair in 2026.**
3. Entry must be a plate of **six (6) individual size portions** of the baked entry item.
4. Entries must be made from scratch. Premade mixes are not acceptable ingredients. **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
5. **At least (2) PA Preferred™ or locally produced ingredients** must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred™ grains (such as oats or flour,) butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
6. Entry must be submitted for judging on a foodsafe disposable setting. All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.
7. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. **The PA Preferred™ ingredients must be listed clearly in the ingredient list, specifying the ingredients and the company that made/grew them.** (ex. PA Preferred Milk- Galliker's brand). Entrant's name, age, email address, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)
8. **A PA Preferred™ logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred™ products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient.
9. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons. **Note: The Solanco Fair is unable to accept any entries that require refrigeration (See Baked Products Rule #4, page 84).**
10. **Judging criteria:**

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings).....	40 points
Inside Characteristics (texture, even grain, evenly baked).....	30 points
Overall Appearance (surface, size, shape, color).....	20 points
Topping, Icing, Decoration.....	10 points
Total	100 points



Solanco Fair Prizes: 1st - \$25 2nd - \$20 3rd - \$15 4th - \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2027 PA Farm Show competition:

1st - \$500, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$100, 4th - Rosette Ribbon, 5th - Rosette Ribbon

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