CULINARY ARTS

We highly encourage you to enter your artwork online at www.pimacountyfair.com. Get involved!

PRICE OF ENTRIES
$2.00 per entry Adult
$1.00 per entry Teen (ages 13-17)
$1.00 per entry Youth (ages 5-12)

PASSED DOWN WITH LOVE: FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST

DIVISION 800 – FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST – ADULT
DIVISION 801 – FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST- TEEN
DIVISION 802 – FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST – YOUTH

Family Recipe Contest entries will be judged by division when the number of entries allow. If the total number of entries is limited, divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Fair judges and staff to ensure a fair and consistent judging process.

CLASS 3000 – A FAMILY RECIPE

Passed Down with Love Food has a special way of bringing people together. Whether it's Grandma's famous pie, a treasured holiday dessert, a cultural favorite, or a recipe that has become part of your own family traditions, we invite you to share it with us.

This contest celebrates the recipes, memories, and traditions that connect generations. Along with your entry, exhibitors are encouraged to share the story behind their recipe and what makes it meaningful to their family. *"Sometimes the best ingredient is the memory that comes with it."*

Contest Rules

- Open to all exhibitors
- One entry per exhibitor
- Entry must be prepared by the exhibitor
- A typed or neatly printed recipe must accompany the entry
- Include a brief story (50–200 words) describing the history, significance, or family tradition associated with the recipe
- Recipes may be original, adapted, or passed down through generations
- Entries must comply with all Fair Culinary Arts entry requirements
- Recipes and stories may be displayed for public viewing

Judging Criteria

- Taste and Flavor
- Appearance and Presentation
- Quality of Finished Product
- Creativity and Originality
- Connection to the Theme "Passed Down with Love"
- Story and Family Significance

Awards

1st Place Winner: $25
2nd Place Winner: $15
3rd Place Winner: $10

Examples of Entries

- A recipe handed down from a grandparent or great-grandparent
- A favorite holiday dish prepared each year
- A cultural recipe representing family heritage
- A recipe connected to a special family celebration or tradition
- A family cookbook favorite enjoyed for generations
- A recipe taught by a parent, mentor, or loved one

Please Note:

Recipes do not need to be generations old to qualify. Entries may be inspired by family traditions, cultural heritage, special celebrations, meaningful memories, or recipes that have become favorites in your own household.

AWARDS AND RIBBONS

1st Blue Ribbon
2nd Red Ribbon
3rd White Ribbon
Best of Show $25.00
Best of Class $15.00
People's Choice $30.00

Cash Awards: Cash awards will be given as cash vouchers. Artists must collect these vouchers from the information desk inside Old Pueblo Hall located at the front entrance.
Cash vouchers must be redeemed no later than Monday, April 26, 2027.

Award Criteria:
Ribbons will only be awarded if the entry meets a standard of quality as determined by the judge. An entry must be deemed worthy to receive an award.

Judging System:
Entries will be judged using the Danish Judging System. Under this system, each exhibit is judged on its own merit against established standards of quality and excellence, rather than against other entries in the class.

Competitive Judging: Only entries selected for Best of Class, Best of Show, Contests, Theme and People's Choice will be compared against other entries.

Best of Class Guidelines:
15 or More Entries: Eligible for Best of Class award with a monetary prize.
3 to 14 Entries: May be awarded Best of Class title, without a monetary prize.
Fewer than 3 Entries: Not eligible for Best of Class recognition.

This approach ensures that high-quality work is acknowledged in all categories while reserving prize funds for larger, more competitive divisions.

GENERAL RULES

No business cards are allowed on any entries.

Entries must be from an individual cook.

Exhibitors are responsible for selecting the correct division and class for their entries. Entries placed in an incorrect class or division may be disqualified without refund of entry fees.

Judging is closed to the public and all judging decisions are final.

All food entries will be disposed of after the Fair, so please use disposable dishes.

All food entries must be wrapped or sealed in a bag or container to maintain freshness. The Fair reserves the right to refuse any entry that appears undercooked, unsafe, or contaminated.

All food entries must be made from scratch. A complete list of ingredients must accompany each entry for judging purposes.

Candies, cupcakes, muffins, cookies, fudges, biscuits, and rolls must be submitted as four (4) pieces per entry, placed on a plate or in a Ziploc bag.

The Fair reserves the right to remove and dispose of any food showing signs of spoilage.
A picture may be taken in place of the food entry if it spoils during the Fair.

Only 10 entries are allowed for all classes

If your entry is late, it may not be judged, as judges are only given a short time frame for judging.

CANNED FOOD JUDGING STANDARDS
Canned food entries will be judged on overall quality, including appearance, color, uniformity, pack quality, clarity of liquid, texture, flavor, aroma, and proper sealing methods.

All entries must be prepared using current USDA-approved home canning methods. Jars must be clean, properly sealed, and free from cracks, chips, rust, leakage, or signs of spoilage.

DROP OFF FOOD ENTRIES

Date & Time: Saturday, April 10, 2027, 10:00am – noon.

Location: Old Pueblo Hall, Pima County Fairgrounds,
11300 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ 85747

Note: Judging starts at NOON on the same day.

ALL FOOD ENTRIES ARE JUDGED ON THE SAME DAY THEY ARE DELIVERED.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

MISCELLANEOUS

DIVISION 5000 –ADULT
DIVISION 5001 –TEEN
DIVISION 5002 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
500	Appetizers
501	Cactus
502	Candy
503	Casserole
504	Corn or Flour Tortillas
505	Doughnuts
506	Dried Fruits, Chips, Popcorn
507	Fresh Salsa
508	Fudge
509	Jerky/Dried Meat
510	Main Dish – Entrée
511	Mexican Food
512	Petit Fours
513	Salad
514	Vegetable Dish
515	Wild Venison
516	Other – Miscellaneous

QUICK BREADS AND DOUGHS

DIVISION 5003 –ADULT
DIVISION 5004 –TEEN
DIVISION 5005 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
517	Baking Powder Bread
518	Biscuits
519	Coffee Cake
520	Corn Bread
521	Fruit Bread
522	Muffins
523	Vegetable Bread
524	Other - Quick Breads and Doughs

YEAST BREADS

DIVISION 5006 –ADULT
DIVISION 5007 –TEEN
DIVISION 5008 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
525	100% Whole Grain Bread or 4 Rolls
526	Bread Machine Breads
527	Mixed Grain Bread or 4 Rolls
528	Sweet Bread or 4 Rolls
529	White Bread or 4 Rolls
530	Other - Yeast Breads

CAKES

DIVISION 5009 –ADULT
DIVISION 5010 –TEEN
DIVISION 5011 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
531	Birthday Cake
532	Bundt Cake
533	Carrot Cake
534	Cup Cakes
535	Favorite Movie or Comic Book Cake
536	Holiday Cake
537	Pound Cake
538	Wedding Cake
539	Other – Cakes

COOKIES

DIVISION 5012 –ADULT
DIVISION 5013 –TEEN
DIVISION 5014 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
540	Bar Cookies
541	Brownies
542	Cut Cookies
543	Decorative
544	Drop Cookies
545	Ethnic Cookies
546	Filled Cookies
547	No Bake Cookies
548	Refrigerator
549	Other – Cookies

PIES

DIVISION 5015 – PIES – ADULT
DIVISION 5016 – PIES – TEEN
DIVISION 5017 – PIES – YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
550	Canned Fruit Pie
551	Cream Pie
552	Fresh Fruit Pie
553	Nut Pie
554	Pastries
555	Cheesecake
556	Other – Pies

HEALTHY FOODS

DIVISION 5018 –ADULT
DIVISION 5019 –TEEN
DIVISION 5020 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
557	Low Calorie
558	Low Carbohydrate
559	Low Salt
560	Low Sugar or No Refined Sugar
561	No Salt
562	Other - Healthy Foods

DECORATING WITH SUGAR

DIVISION 5021 –ADULT
DIVISION 5022 –TEEN
DIVISION 5023 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
563	Cake
564	Character Cakes, Pan Molds
565	Cup or Mini Cakes
566	Gingerbread House, etc.
567	Gum Paste Decorated
568	Original, Free-form Dimensional Cakes
569	Sugar Egg, Bell, Heart, etc.
570	Other - Decorating with Sugar

CANNED FOODS

DIVISION 5024 –ADULT
DIVISION 5025 –TEEN
DIVISION 5026 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
571	Canned Fruit
572	Canned Meat, Poultry or Fish
573	Canned Vegetables
574	Fruit Butters
575	Honey
576	Jam
577	Jelly
578	Marmalade
579	Olives
580	Pickles
581	Relishes
582	Other – Canned Foods

HOMEGROWN FROM THE GARDEN

DIVISION 5027 –ADULT
DIVISION 5028 –TEEN
DIVISION 5029 –YOUTH

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
583	Bananas
584	Grapes
585	Limes
586	Lemons
587	Oranges
588	Peaches
589	Strawberries
590	Cactus
591	Corn
592	Lettuce
593	Squash
594	Tomato
595	Zucchini
596	Eggplant
597	Potato
598	Mint
599	Oregano
600	Thyme
601	Other - Homegrown Herbs
602	Other - Homegrown Vegetables

EXCLUSIVE EXHIBITOR PASS OFFER

This special opportunity is available only to those who enter artwork in the Pima County Fair Art Competition!
As a participating exhibitor, you may purchase up to two (2) Exhibitor Passes, each valid for all 11 days of the Pima County Fair.

YOUR EXHIBITOR PASS INCLUDES:
• Unlimited Fair admission for all 11 days, one complementary parking pass is included.
• The opportunity to visit your artwork throughout the Fair
• Access to exhibits, entertainment, attractions, and more all Fair long

EXHIBITOR PASS DETAILS:
• Cost: $30 per pass (Includes one complementary parking pass)
• Valid all 11 days of the Fair
• Limit two (2) passes per exhibitor

ADDITIONAL PARKING PASSES:
• Additional Parking passes may be purchased for $30 per vehicle, Valid for all 11 days of the Fair.
Limit two (2) passes per exhibitor.

With daily Fair admission valued at $13 per day, an 11-day Exhibitor Pass provides up to $143 in admission value for only $30 — a savings of up to $113 per pass!
This exclusive exhibitor benefit is not available to the public and is our way of thanking you for sharing your creativity and participating in the Pima County Fair Art Competition.
Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Southwestern Fair Commission, Inc. (SWFC).

CULINARY ART DROP-OFF
Saturday, April 10, 2027 | 10:00 AM – 12:00PM

If your entry is late, it may not be judged, as judges are only given a short time frame for judging

RIBBON PICK-UP:
Ribbons are available for pickup any day during the Fair. Please stop by the Home Arts Section Help Table to collect your ribbon(s).

Understand that all food entries will be disposed of at the conclusion of the Fair. Acknowledge that any plates, containers, jars, or other serving items submitted with my entry will not be returned or retained by the Fair. By submitting an entry, you agree to abide by all stated rules, regulations, and judging decisions of the Fair.

If you prefer to mail your entry form, please send the completed form to:

SWFC Entries
11300 S. Houghton Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85747

Include the entry form and entry fees. Make checks or money orders payable to SWFC. Cash is also accepted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mica at mica@pimacountyfair.com or fairentries@pimacountyfair.com. You can also call 520-762-9102.

CULINARY HOME ARTS ENTRY FORM

ENTRANT'S LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ALL ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
$2.00 Adult (18+)
$1.00 Teen (13-17)
$1.00 Youth (5-12)

#	Division No.	Class No.	Title of Entry	Special Needs Y/N	Entry Fee
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Exhibitor Passes are good for all eleven (11) days of the Fair. $30 Each (Includes one complementary parking pass)
Additional Parking Pass are good for all eleven (11) days of the Fair. $30 Each
Passes for Main Gate Parking Only. Only 2 tickets may be purchased by each exhibitor

1 Ticket $30.00_____
2 Tickets $60.00_____
Parking $30.00_____

TOTAL: _____

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Signature_____ Date_____