

CREATIVE ARTS FOR HOME AND HOBBY

NJSF/SCFHS

2025 GENERAL RULES FOR CONTESTS

The following information pertains to the Contests.

1. The Creative Arts for Home and Hobby exhibit at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show will be held in the Richards Building on the Sussex County Fairgrounds at 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ.
2. **Entry Forms:**
 - a. Available on line at www.njsfcahh.com or at the Administration Building office.

NOTE: Make sure you use the correct entry form for the contest you are entering. Example: Baking, Canning, Crafts, etc.
 - b. ALL information must be printed CLEARLY.
 - c. Age group for the Entrant must be CLEARLY checked to ensure the entry will be judged within the proper age group.
 - d. Form MUST be signed.
 - e. Each entry MUST be listed with the correct category number, an article description and whether or not the Entrant is a professional.

Professional is defined as:

- i. One who sells or offers for sale any item in the category.
- ii. Anyone who receives compensation in the form of cash or other valuable consideration for any service related to their craft. This includes teaching, demonstrating, producing samples, designing, publishing, judging, and related activities. Prizes or premiums will not be considered compensation for purposes of professional designation.
- iii. Once one qualifies as professional based on these rules such designation is perpetual. (e.g. if you sold a quilt in 1968, you are still a professional)
- iv. Professionals do not have to supply recipes of baked goods with entered items.

- f. No exhibit will be accepted with the entrant's name exposed. A piece of masking tape or painters' tape (blue tape) should be used by the entrants to cover name if it appears. This includes the recipes for baking contests.
- g. Three (3) entries are allowed by each Entrant in each Category.
- h. Mail the form with a check (FEES below) payable to NJSF/SCFHS to:

CAHH
PO Box 268
Augusta, NJ 07822-0268

NOTE: All forms & checks for Registration must be post-marked no later than **July 18, 2025**. **DO NOT** mail forms after designated date.

- i. SEE NO. 19 FOR TAKE-IN DAYS

*** You can still enter the Cookie, Blueberry, Baking and Cheesecake contests if you did not register by mail! Just bring your entry and entry form at take-in times listed below (No. 18) for the contest you wish to entry and pay the \$7.00 Late Registration and you will be entered in that contest!

3. **Fees** are as follows:

- a. **Registration fee**(entries received post-marked no later than **July 18, 2025**):
 - i. \$5.00 fee per entry form (10 items on a form) per CONTEST as follows:

CANNING (1000 category series)
BAKING (2000 category series)
CRAFTS (3000 category series)
FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE (4010)
BLUEBERRY (4041-4044)
CHEESECAKE (4061-4067)

- b. **Late Registration Fee** If you did not send in your forms and check by July 18, 2025 and you would like to enter the contest for crafts and canning, please bring your item, form and check for \$7.00 (last registration fee) on Take-in Days. See No. 6 for dates and times.

4. **FEE EXEMPTIONS:**

- Cupcake Decorating Contest for Kids – Tuesday, AUGUST 5, 2025- Sign-up is on the Day of contest between 12 and 12:30 pm in Home and Hobby.
- Categories 3500, 3600, 3700 and 3800.
- ANY entry in ANY contest by a TEEN, ADOLESCENT or CHILD.

5. **WINE MAKING and HOMEBREW CONTESTS:**

- a. Fees, Classifications, Rules, and Entry Forms available on our website:
 - i. Winemaking: <http://www.njsfcahh.com/wine-making-competition.html>
 - ii. Homebrew: <http://www.njsfcahh.com/homebrew-competition.html>

6. **TAKE-IN SCHEDULE** (ALL entries are to be dropped off at the Richards Building):

- a. **CANNING, CRAFTS and BLUEBERRY** (excludes Blueberry baked items (category #4042)) Entries:
 - i. Saturday, JULY 26, 2025 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM OR
 - ii. Sunday, JULY 27, 2025 between 12:00 NOON and 5:00 PM.
- b. **FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE:** Monday, AUGUST 4, 2025 between 12:00 NOON and 1:30 PM.
- c. **BLUEBERRY BAKED GOODS:** Wednesday, AUGUST 6, 2025 between 12:00 NOON and 2:00 PM. (New Time)
- d. **BAKING:** Thursday, AUGUST 7, 2025 between 12:00 NOON and 1:00 PM.
- e. **CHEESECAKE:** Friday, AUGUST 8, 2025 between 12:00 NOON and 2:00 PM. NOTE: Acceptance of any entry will be at the discretion of the Committee.

7. **RIBBON and COMMENT CARD PROCEDURE** If you have entries in Baking, Family Favorite Cookies, Blueberry, Cheesecake and Canning, you may pick up your ribbons prior to the end of the Fair. Please read each procedure in the section you entered to get your ribbons and comment cards.

8. **PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

- a. NO EXHIBIT WILL BE REMOVED from the NJSF/CAHH before Pick up Time.
- b. Entries **MUST** be picked-up on Sunday, AUGUST 10, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All entries that remain after 1:00 PM the entries become property of the Creative Arts for Home and Hobby Division. If you cannot pick up your items during this time, please give your entry card(s) to someone else to pick up your entries. Only in the case of adverse

conditions forcing the legal closing of the entire Fair will permit earlier returns / pickups. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

9. **BAKING RULES:**

- a. Entries MUST be dropped off on disposable containers Thursday, AUGUST 7, 2024 between 12:00 NOON. and 1:00 PM to the Richards Building. Mail-in Registration is HIGHLY recommended.
- b. Each ENTRANT will receive ONE (1) admission ticket in the mail when registering by mail for the ENTRANT ONLY to gain entrance to the Fairgrounds on AUGUST 7, 2025.
- c. If you DO NOT Register by mail (postmarked no later than July 18, 2025), please be prepared to pay the admission fee.
- d. Please be prepared for family/friends to pay the admission fee to enter the Fairgrounds - even if they are helping deliver the baked goods to be judged.
- e. Please be prepared in advance to transport your baked goods in wagons, etc. if needed.
- f. A LIST OF INGREDIENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED (NEW). The list ingredients must be on 8 ½"x11" paper and may be typed or handwritten. List of ingredients are to be dropped off with the entry.
- g. You are allowed to enter only one item in each category. You can enter in as many categories as you would like.

Ribbons and comment cards for Baking can now be picked up once all the entries are judged and displayed. You must meet with either Barb Thomas or Cheryl Steiger to receive your ribbons. If you do not pick them up at this time, they can be picked up during Pick Up time on August 11, 2025 between 11 am and 1 pm. We will no longer be mailing ribbons and comment cards to the entrants due to the cost.

10. **CANNING RULES:** Canned goods must be exhibited in one standard sized jar with two-piece lids AND must have ring on each jar. No decorations on jars or lids will be permitted.

- a. Canned goods preserved since AUGUST of 2024 are eligible.
- b. For definition of canning and judging methods used, see Canning Category list.
- c. No jars with paraffin seals will be accepted.
- d. Processing methods must be included on entry form.
- e. NO MEAT, DAIRY or SEAFOOD PRODUCTS in any submission.
- f. Labels on canned jars are **NOT TO HAVE CONTESTANT NAME but do require:**
 - i. Contents or Item Name

- ii. Date
- iii. Processing Methods

Ribbons and **comment cards** for Canning can now be picked before the end of the Fair if you are NOT picking up your jars on Pick Up day. All jars must remain at the Fair until Sunday, August 10, 2025. Please see Barb Thomas or Cheryl Steiger to receive your ribbons. If you do not pick them up during the Fair, they can be picked up during Pick Up time on August 11, 2025 between 11 am and 1 pm. We will no longer be mailing ribbons and comment cards to the entrants due to the cost

11. CRAFTS RULES:

- a. Articles previously entered may NOT be entered again.
 - b. Only articles completed within the last two (2) years will be accepted.
 - c. **Only three (3) entries per person are allowed in each category.** You are allowed to enter in as many categories as you would like.
 - d. Articles must be clean, odor free and presentable.
 - e. No article for which there is an existing category may be entered in Category 3400 - Miscellaneous.
 - f. Four or more like items may be judged as a separate group within the Miscellaneous (3400) category.
 - g. Entrants must have entries that are to be hung for exhibit, SECURELY framed AND prepared for hanging.
 - h. Any Craft entry created using CNC (Computer Controlled Equip.) equipment must be labeled accordingly.
12. The Peter's Valley School of Craft will award two scholarships to two persons in Crafts (3000 series). The award will be chosen by Peter's Valley Staff. The award will consist of a Scholarship to the School of Craft. For additional information, please visit: www.petersvalley.org.
13. All entries will be accepted, arranged, and displayed at the discretion of the Committee.
14. Judges' decisions are based on overall workmanship, general appearance and neatness. ALL ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
15. All ribbon winners will be listed on our web-site shortly after the Fair ends.
16. Contact Chairperson or ANY Committee member for additional information. [See Committee Member List] or visit our website at: www.njsfcahh.com or the official FAIR website at:

www.njstatefair.org Click on: Exhibitors, shows and contests.

17. The Committee reserves the right to re-categorize an entry and its level.

18. Please send all completed entry forms and entry fee [where applicable] for

REGISTRATION (postmarked no later than July 18, 2025) to:

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P.O. Box 268
Augusta, NJ. 07822-0268

Make checks payable to NJ State Fair/SCF&HS.

Entry forms AND appropriate fees MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 18, 2025 which is the deadline for Registration. Please do NOT mail entries after JULY 18, 2025. You can bring the entry form and Late Registration entry fee(s) when you drop off your entries on the specified dates and time.

19. SCHEDULE of EVENTS AND DROP OFF DATES:

a. DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS:

- CANNING: Saturday, JULY 26, 2025 & Sunday, JULY 27, 2024***
- CRAFTS: Saturday, JULY 26, 2025 & Sunday, JULY 27, 2025***
- BLUEBERRY: CANNING & CRAFTS ONLY Saturday, JULY 26, 2025 & Sunday, JULY 27, 2025***

***DROP OFF TIMES: Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM / Sunday 12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM

- FAMILY FAVORITE COOKIE CONTEST: Monday, AUGUST 4, 2025 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM.
- CUPCAKE DECORATING FOR KIDS: Tuesday, AUGUST 5, 2025 REGISTER 12:00 NOON – 1:30 PM.
- BLUEBERRY: BAKING ONLY Wednesday, AUGUST 6, 2025 – 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM.
- BAKING: DROP OFF Thursday, AUGUST 7, 2025 – 12 NOON – 1:00 PM.
- CHEESECAKE: Friday, AUGUST 8, 2025 – 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM only
- WINE COMPETITION: [For more info go to www.njsfcahh.com]
- HOMEBREW COMPETITION: [For more info go to www.njsfcahh.com]

b. NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SCF&HS OPENS – Friday, August 1, 2025 at 5 P.M. The Fair will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025 and Sunday, August 3, 2025. The Fair will open at 12 Noon on Monday,

August 4 to Friday, August 8, 2025. The Fair will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025 and close at 10 p.m.

- c. **NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SCF&HS- CLOSES** SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 AT 10:00 PM.
- d. **HOME & HOBBY PICK-UP:** SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.