

**2022**  
**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

**ONLINE ENTRY & PAYMENT DATES:** January 24 – February 4, 2022 by 5:00 P.M.

**ONLINE ENTRY SUBMISSION WEBSITE:** [WWW.MCFA.ORG](http://WWW.MCFA.ORG)

**\*Check-In for Photography Show at Fair Office** Mon-Fri, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 9AM-5PM  
Read Photography Show Rules for Detailed Instructions Mon-Tue March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> by 5PM

PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNAGE PROVIDED THE DAY OF YOUR SHOW. ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING WILL BE LIMITED

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022**

**FINE ARTS, NEEDLECRAFT, PHOTOGRAPHY\* SHOWS,  
HOMEMAKING SHOWS -CAKES FROM SCRATCH, PIES, QUICK BREAD, CANNED FOODS**

**CHECK-IN**(Show Day for all other Friday Shows): 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**PRELIMINARY JUDGING:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**FINALIST & HONORABLE MENTION RESULTS:** 2:00 PM

**NON-FINALISTS & HONORABLE MENTION ENTRY PICK-UP:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
*Entries not picked up by 3:30 PM become the property of MCFA and can be Immediately disposed of.*

**10 FINALIST ENTRIES REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.**

**FINAL JUDGING & INTERVIEWS:** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS & SALE ORDER** Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 PM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**

**HANDICRAFT 1, HANDICRAFT II & HORTICULTURE SHOWS  
HOMEMAKING SHOWS: DECORATED CAKES, CAKE FROM MIX, COOKIES, CANDY, YEAST BREAD**

**CHECK – IN:** 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**PRELIMINARY JUDGING:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**FINALIST & HONORABLE MENTION RESULTS:** 2:00 PM

**NON-FINALISTS & HONORABLE MENTION ENTRY PICK-UP:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
*Entries not picked up by 3:30 P.M. become the property of MCFA and can be Immediately disposed of.*

**10 FINALIST ENTRIES REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.**

**FINAL JUDGING & INTERVIEWS:** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:** 8:30 PM  
Top 5 Winners in each Show and Auction Sale Order

**AUCTION SALE MEETING:**

Immediately Following the Announcements

**Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**AUCTION DAY**

**ALL AUCTION SALE ITEMS DUE:**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Original Non-Food Projects and Fresh Food Items

**CHECK-IN FOR AUCTION WINNERS:**

6:00 PM

**NON-LIVESTOCK AUCTION:**

7:00 PM

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PICK UP OF ENTRIES, FINAL INTERVIEWS OR THE AUCTION THAT ARE NOT IN THE RULES WILL BE HANDED TO YOU WHEN APPROPRIATE. PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

**NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS MAY BE PLACED ON ANY ENTRY.**

**ARMBANDS OR SEASON PASSES MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE GATE TO GAIN FREE ENTRY. ALL OTHERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY.**

**ALL CURRENT SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIRED MEASURES WILL BE POSTED ON THE MCFA WEBSITE, ON THE FAIR GROUNDS, AND AT OUR SHOW. PLEASE UNDERSTAND ANY CHANGES PUT IN PLACE ARE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS. YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2022 JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!**



## GENERAL PROVISIONS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH FROM PAGE 40 TO PAGE 57 AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTION WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE SHOW.

The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

Any exhibitor and/or his or her representative who violates any of the General Rules or special rules as published in these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

In order to participate in the Montgomery County Fair, each exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall be in good standing with the Montgomery County Fair Association. In the event any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen or volunteers (whether any of the above individually, or by, through and/or on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen and volunteers shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair, Show and/or Auction.

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JR. NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The Show will open **March 25, 2022** unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officers and/or Board of Directors which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, due to any cause whatsoever which they determine to be for the general good of all concerned.
2. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to amend, delete and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment, may deem advisable.
3. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officer-in-Charge or Committeemen will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident, etc.
4. Each exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, judges, volunteers, spectators and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personnel, officers, officer-in-charge, division chairmen, committeemen and/or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking, etc., may not be allowed to enter, and/or participate; may have their entries cancelled, and/or may be ordered to exit and/or remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.
5. Entrants and Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following:
  - 1) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter from September through February.
  - 2) 4-H enrolled members must have attended a minimum of three (3) local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.
  - 3) FHA – must be an active member in this school related club.
  - 4) Enrolled in a public, parochial or private school class during the entire current year, **which is related to the entry** (Example: Art Class, Photography Class, etc.). Must be 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old as of August 31, **2021** to enter.
  - 5) May be a Home Educated Student but must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule 4. 2) above. Only Home Educated students, whom would have attended a private, public or parochial school in the county, are eligible to show.

Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) below, all Entrants and Exhibitors must reside in Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps in Montgomery County five or more nights each week) and must be enrolled and attending classes in private, public, parochial school or be a home educated student in elementary or secondary schools at time of registration.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (A): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is required to attend public school inside Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attended a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

GENERAL EXCEPTION (B): Any Entrant or Exhibitor who resides outside Montgomery County (Residence to mean student who lives with parents, parent or legal guardian and sleeps outside Montgomery County five or more nights each week), but because parents, parent or legal guardian is employed by a private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County and the Entrant or Exhibitor is enrolled and attending classes in the same private, public or parochial school district or system in Montgomery County, student must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA.

Any Entrant or Exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A) or (B) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a Special General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. This form must be received in the Montgomery County Fair Office, P.O. Box 869, Conroe, Texas 77305 by **February 4, 2022**, if you are exhibiting Non-Livestock only. If you are exhibiting Livestock check division rules for due date of this form.

6. Any individual serving as Chairman, Assistant Chairman or Judge cannot allow his/her children to participate in the show in which he serves as Chairman, Assistant or Judge. Any individual serving as a committeeman (worker) cannot be present at the judging of the show in which he is working if his children are participating in that show, nor can he judge that show. **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED DURING JUDGING. NO TEACHERS OR LEADERS OF EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA DURING JUDGING.**

7. Exhibits must be entered only by the individual making or creating it.

8. Previous entries (excluding foods) in the Montgomery County Fair are not eligible for re-entry.

9. No "For Sale" Signs may be placed on items during show or while on display.

10. Show Winner Recognition and Sale Placement Announcements:

- a. Exhibitors may sell only ONE entry in the auction.
- b. Exhibitors will be recognized for their show placement in Grand – 5<sup>th</sup> place. in each department/division and awards will be presented.
- c. Final Sale Order will be announced IMMEDIATELY following the winner recognition.
- d. IF an exhibitor has multiple entries in the Top Ten, they will be required to declare which item they prefer to sell at auction by completing the Sale Item Confirmation Letter, provided by the committee prior to starting finals judging.
- e. An exhibitor is NOT permitted to drop a Grand or Reserve Champion entry to sell an entry of lower sale placement.
- f. In the event of an equal placement (2 Grand/Res. Champions) or if an exhibitor places 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> with multiple entries, the aforementioned Sale Item Confirmation Letter will decide which item will be sold.

THE EXHIBITOR MUST BE PRESENT IN PERSON DURING THE AUCTION.

EXCEPTION: A substitute showman may be allowed if the individual is participating in an MCFA show at the time of the Non-Livestock Auction.

Junior Exhibitors who had a Grand Champion in the Junior Non-Livestock Show & Sale at the 2021 Montgomery County Fair will not be eligible to compete in that show, department, or division for the 2022 Montgomery County Fair.

11. The 2022 online entry window will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, and end at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022, on the Montgomery County Fair official page - <https://mcfa.org/> Individuals wishing to compete in the Junior Non-Livestock Show must complete an online entry for EACH ITEM THEY WISH TO EXHIBIT. Entries may be completed and paid for in person at the fair office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2022, if means to complete online are not accessible by the individual. An entry fee of \$10.00 per ITEM ENTERED will be charged – NO REFUNDS. SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR, CEA/VAT OR 4-H MANAGER FAIL TO GET AN ENTRY FORM IN BY THE ENTRY DUE DATE, A LATE FEE OF \$250.00 PER ENTRY WILL BE APPLIED PLUS THE ENTRY FEE(S). There is a two-week window to submit late entries. The two-week window will begin after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022, and will end at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. IN ORDER TO SUBMIT LATE ENTRIES, THE FAIR OFFICE MUST BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE OR IN-PERSON FOR ENTRY OR ENTRIES TO BE ENTERED. ALL LATE ENTRIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE \$250.00 LATE ENTRY FEE MENTIONED ABOVE. All exhibitors will receive an armband which entitles them free entry to the Fairgrounds from March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. There is a \$5.00 replacement fee for a lost armband.

12. All exhibits will be monitored, and every precaution will be taken to protect them, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage.

13. Exhibits will be judged and awarded Blue (Excellent), Red (Good) and White (Fair) Ribbons. At the discretion of the judges, finalist ribbons and honorable mention ribbons will be presented.

14. Articles not going to final judging or being placed on display must be picked up between 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on the day of their show by presentation of Exhibitor's tag that will be issued at registration. Entries not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will become property of MCFA and will be immediately disposed of.

15. Special rules also apply for each of the following Junior Shows: Fine Arts, Photography, Horticulture, Home Economics, Needlecraft and Handicraft.

16. IT IS MANDATORY THAT EXHIBITOR BRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) TO HIS/HER BUYER(S) TO THE FAIR OFFICE, AND THE FAIR OFFICE WILL MAIL THANK YOU LETTERS AND BUYER'S PICTURES. PARENTS AND/OR EXHIBITOR ONLY MAY PICK UP CHECKS AT FAIR OFFICE. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST ALSO HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAX I.D. NUMBER BEFORE CHECK WILL BE RELEASED. **CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>. ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY MONDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> BY 5:00 P.M. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

17. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check for any and all monies received through the Fair Association. In addition, cost of pictures will be deducted from the Exhibitor's check.

18. For the 2022 Fair, it is expected that approximately 5 cakes from scratch, 5 cakes from mix, 5 cookies, 5 candies, 5 pies, 5 decorated cakes, 5 quick breads, 5 yeast breads, 5 canned foods, 5 Handicraft I, 5 Handicraft II, 5 Horticulture, 5 Needlecraft, 5 Fine Arts and 5 Photography for a total of 75 items to be auctioned.

19. An exhibitor removing his/her entry prior to 2:00 p.m. on the day of their show will automatically forfeit his/her ribbon. NO EXCEPTIONS.

20. An exhibitor cannot enter and/or sell an item in the Special Education Auction and in the Junior Non-Livestock Auction.

21. Exhibitor or one (1) member of the immediate family must bring and enter projects. No one else will be permitted into the Special Events Area.

22. An entry winning Grand, Reserve, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> place that is left in the exhibit hall until Auction, is left at the Exhibitor's risk.

23. Should a family member purchase their own child's (whether by blood, marriage, adoption, foster child, exchange student, grandchild, ward, etc.) exhibit, said exhibit must be paid for before the exhibitor will receive his/her check from the Fair Office.

**24. ANY EXHIBITOR WITH ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF SAME TO THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE THE FAIR EVENT BEGINS SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.**

25. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth from Page 40 to 57 must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Office and notice given to the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division chairman immediately after occasion for such protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until complete investigation is done. All protests will be determined by a special committee made up of five members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division chairman, and three other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the Montgomery County Fair Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the protest special committee shall be final, without recourse against the Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. (See General Provisions set forth beginning on Page 40).

26. The Officers and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to amend the provisions of the show with regard to health and safety issues of handling food items.