



Scholarship Chili Cook-Off, including Bloody Mary and Cornhole Tournament Rules

Entry Deadline: January 23, 2026, by 5pm **Event Date:** February 7, 2026

I. General Rules

- a. Team entry fee (\$300) covers one (1) recipe entry into the Chili Cook-Off, and Bloody Mary Competition if they choose to participate (Chili is the only mandatory entry).
- b. Teams are required to supply all their own cooking: equipment, materials, water, ingredients, as well as their own propane.
- c. No pop-up tents, canopies, or similar are allowed. Competition area is covered.
- d. Teams will be assigned a spot selection number at sign up and Cook-Off locations will be selected the week leading up to the Competition Date via communication from the Fair Office.

II. Chili Cook-Off:

- a. Teams are to prepare chili, which they intend to be judged. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.
- b. The submitted chili entry is to be prepared from raw, onsite. No marinating and no complete commercial chili mixes allowed.
- c. Teams are not to use fillers in their chili, such as beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar ingredients.
- d. Chili Submission containers will be provided by MCFA.
- e. Champion, Reserve Champion and Third place prizes will be awarded.

III. Bloody Mary (Optional):

- a. Teams are to prepare bloody mary onsite.
- b. Bloody Mary samples must be submitted with the top complete closed and must consist of enough liquid to be judged.
- c. Bloody Mary Submission containers will be provided by MCFA.
- d. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

IV. **Taster's Choice (Optional) (Chili Only):**

- a. Teams can enter Taster's Choice contest by preparing enough chili to be sampled by the public.
- b. All Teams participating in Taster's Choice must provide their own Sign (Poster Size), and ticket box labeled "Taster's Choice Tickets" to sit on their table.
- c. Tickets can be purchased from the MCFA Team for first \$10 Buy-in then \$1 each after on the day of the event.
- d. Submission containers will be provided by MCFA.
- e. The team with the most tickets will win a 1st place award.

V. **NEW!!!! Kids Open Breakfast Entry (Optional):**

- a. **A \$20 fee per entry/kid.**
- b. **Prepare breakfast onsite.**
- c. **Breakfast Submission container will be provided by MCFA.**
- d. **1st Trophy, 2nd and 3rd place Leather ribbon prizes will be awarded.**

VI. **Cornhole Tournament (Open to the Public):**

- a. The Cornhole Tournament consists of two person teams participating in a single elimination bracket style tournament. (limit of 32 teams)
- b. A \$20 per team entry fee is required. This fee can be paid in advance at Cook-Off registration by the deadline of January 23, 2026 or in person day of the event by 9am.
- c. The Top 3 teams will be given an award.
- d. Cornhole Rules
 - 1. First team to reach or exceed 21 points, or the leader at 10:00 minute time limit, will win the match.
 - a. Scoring:
 - i. Woody = 1 point
 - ii. Cornhole = 3 points
 - iii. Covering opponents scoring bag nullifies point in a 1:1 format.

VII. Best Dressed Bloody Mary (Optional):

- a. Must provide your own container. (will be returned after judging)
- b. You will receive 5 sample cups that must be filled with Bloody Mary mix only no garnish.
- c. Let your imagination run wild, go above and beyond with embellishments galore (does not have to be all edible).