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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS. FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE.

NOTICE: All exhibitors shall read carefully the following rules and regulations as they will be strictly enforced without deviation of any kind.

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 4 TO PAGE 93 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 reserve the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment, may deem advisable.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Show, each Exhibitor, and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardians(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, and volunteers agree to be bound by the General Rules and Special Rules as published herein. Any exhibitor and his or her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, or volunteer who violates and/or refuses to follow any of the General Rules and/or Special Rules as published in these rules shall not be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair Show an/or Auction, and/or will forfeit all privileges and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Montgomery County Fair.

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 1st 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, or 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. LIVESTOCK SHOWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Violation of stated rules could result in forfeiture of any premiums, awards, or auction proceeds and may prohibit further competition with/at the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo for not less than 400 days as well as being subject to potential criminal prosecution.

2. The Show will open Thursday, April 8, 2027, 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.

3. The Montgomery County Fair Association, its Board of Directors, Officers, Officers-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen, etc. will not be liable for any personal injuries, damages, fire, theft, accident, and/or any matters resulting from or relating to the actions of any exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, visitors, exhibits, animals, animal clinics, forfeiture of all awards and/or sale proceeds, non-payment of sale proceeds by an auction buyer(s), etc.

   NOTE: In the event it is determined that the Montgomery County Fair Association is held liable with regard to an exhibitor's animal, whether directly or indirectly relating to same, which liability is specifically denied by the Association, then in that event the limit of the Montgomery County Fair Association's liability will not exceed the market value of the exhibitor's animal (in its market class and weight) or the animal's tankage price on the

date of the Fair Auction Sale, which is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by each exhibitor as a condition of participating in the show.

4. Entrants and Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following during the current school year:
    a) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter meetings from September through February.
    b) 4-H enrolled members must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings.
    c) Home Educated Student – must be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H Club and subject to Rule 3 b) above. Only home educated students, whom would have attended a private, public, or parochial school within Montgomery County, are eligible to show.
    d) Must be eight (8) years of age and in the third grade, or nine (9) years of age as of August 31, 2026, to enter.

5. Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B), or (C) 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 (5) or more nights each week).

    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 (5) or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries, student is zoned to attend public school inside Montgomery County; 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 (5) 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; 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.

    GENERAL EXCEPTION (C): 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 (5) or more nights each week), but has been selected and enrolled in a Public School in Montgomery County through open enrollment; 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), (B), or (C) 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. All General Exception Forms are due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing or a specified date in each division rules. Any entrant or exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B), or (C) above **may not enter livestock or non-livestock entries in any other county fair** or they will be deemed ineligible for participation in the Montgomery County Fair Association and may face penalties including but not limited to forfeiture of awards or auction premiums at the discretion of Montgomery County Fair Association.

6. If a student is academically ineligible to show his/her project or show animal, the student and project will not be allowed to show in the Fair.

7. Substitute Exhibitor: Junior Show animals must be exhibited and sold by its owner.

    EXCEPTION: A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:
    - When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Junior Show and cannot be present to show their animal in another department.
    - When an exhibitor is sick (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor).

- Approved school activities, TAKS test, etc. (must be accompanied by a signed statement from a school official on school letterhead).

When one of the above conditions exists, the Show Chairman and Office-in-Charge may decide whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a substitute is allowed, the substitute showman must be from the same FFA/4-H as the original exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor also must meet all requirements of a Junior Livestock Show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from the same FFA/4-H, the Show Chairman or Office-in-Charge can approve a substitute from another FFA/4-H. Substitute showman cannot be exhibiting in the same species/show. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per division. Any exhibitor of a past Grand Champion or Reserve Champion in a respective junior market animal division is NOT eligible to serve as a substitute exhibitor. The Show Chairman or Officer-in-Charge may also require positive identification of the substitute.

8. Entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

9. There will be a $40.00 entry fee on Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Barrows, Filly and Geldings, Replacement Heifers, Market Rabbits, Breeding Bucks, Breeding Beef, Poultry, and Goats. Exhibitors will receive an armband that entitles them to free entry to the fairground, April 9 – April 11, 2027. No entries will be accepted by fax. NO REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES. SHOULD AN EXHIBITOR, CEA/VAT, OR 4-H MANAGER FAIL TO GET AN ENTRY OR ENTRIES IN BY THE ENTRY DUE DATE, A LATE FEE OF $250.00 PER ENTRY WILL BE APPLIED, PLUS THE ENTRY FEE(S). THE ANIMAL MUST ALREADY HAVE BEEN VALIDATED ON THE ORIGINAL TAG-IN DATE AND HAIR MAY BE PULLED FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. ALL OTHER RULES MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED.

10. The 2027 online entry window will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, January 18, 2027, and end at 5:00 pm Friday, January 29, 2027, on the Montgomery County Fair official website – https://mcfa.org/. Entries and fees must be submitted online by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 29, 2027. Entries may be completed and paid for in person at the fair office by 5:00 pm Friday, January 29, 2027, if means to complete online are not accessible by the individual. Any changes to an existing entry must be made during the online entry timeframe. If an entry needs to be changed during the late entry window, **each change will be subject to the late entry fee mentioned below**. Please contact the Fair Office via phone for changes needed to existing entries.

    There is a late entry window to submit late entries. The late entry window will begin on Monday, February 1, 2027, and end at 5:00pm Friday, February 12, 2027. 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 ENTRANTS AND ENTRY MODIFICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A $250.00 LATE FEE **PER ENTRY**.

    It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or Exhibitor Representative to ensure their entry is correct. Once the online entry timeframe has ended and the late entry window has closed, changes to entries cannot be made, and no new entrants/entries will be allowed.

11. Classification will be done by a classifier(s) selected by the Judges Committee and approved by the Rules Committee.

12. All animals must stay in the barn from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am each night after they are checked in, with the exception of animals checking out immediately following their respective shows. Any exercising or walking of animals will be done in the arena or in the designated exercising area.

13. Tents are not allowed in the barn or around the edges of the barn.

14. No fans will be allowed in the aisles (they can be hanging or placed in feed aisles). No generators in the Barn. No open flames are allowed in the barn. No electric heat sources are allowed in the barn (including heat lamps, heaters, electric cookers, etc).

15. Check out must be approved by the Division Chairman or his/her representative. All animals must have releases, obtained from Division Chairman or his/her representative.
    a) Livestock Release forms will require the following information: exhibitor's name, club, vehicle license number, person picking up animal, slaughter plant name (if applies), tag number of animal, and parent or exhibitor's signature.

16. Division Chairman have the right to combine classes if insufficient in number and create a class or classes if deemed necessary.

17. Any animal that is to be exhibited in the Junior Livestock Show must be cared for in Montgomery County (EXCEPTION: see General Exception Rule). They must be under the daily care of and trained, fitted, or dressed for show by the junior exhibitor under the direction and assistance from parents, siblings, grandparents, or legal guardians; CEA's or VAT's currently residing in Montgomery County; or other feeders or leaders currently residing in Montgomery County. Each exhibitor and his/her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s), and/or representative(s) agree that in exchange for participation in the Junior Livestock Show, they will allow Montgomery County Fair Association representative(s) permission to enter unannounced onto the property where the exhibitor's project is located for purposes of inspection.

18. DECISIONS OF CLASSIFIERS AND/OR SIFTERS IN ALL DIVISIONS WILL BE FINAL AT THE TIME OF SUCH CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SIFT, AND PROTESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, AND ALL SIFTED ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS.

19. Committees to inspect/sift livestock may be appointed in such divisions as the Office-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman deems advisable. It is the duty of the inspection/sifting committee to pass upon the eligibility of animal(s) for show purposes before judging beings. These committees shall be empowered and required to eliminate from entry, tag-in, participation, and/or the show, any animal which, in their judgement, is not qualified for competition. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman may require such animal(s) not to be allowed to enter, tag-in, and/or participate in the Montgomery County Fair Show and/or Auction, and/or to be removed from the show grounds.

20. The Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman reserve the right not to allow entry, tag-in, participation, and/or to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand, or show they deem unsuitable or objectionable. No wild or unruly animals will be accepted. The Officers and/or Executive Committee also reserve the right to return any entry money already paid. Officer-in-Charge and/or Division Chairman will not be required to furnish reasons for such actions, the return of the exhibitor's and/or purchaser's entry fees exonerates the Association from any claim by the exhibitor or purchaser.

21. Each exhibitor and his/her immediate family member(s), exhibitor's guardian(s), parent(s) and/or representative(s), committeemen, volunteers, spectators, and/or visitors, violating and/or not cooperating with security personal, officers, Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairmen, Committeemen/and or officials of the Fair in all matters, policy, these rules and regulations, parking laws of the State of Texas, and etc., may not be allowed to enter, tag-in, 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.

22. Any missed tag-in, validation, paper deadline, or other stated entry requirement is absolute and cannot be made-up or re-scheduled for individual reasons. In the event a tag-in, validation, paper deadline, or other stated entry requirement must be postponed due to inclement weather or other circumstance, all exhibitors and entrants will adhere to the new stated deadline.

23. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field, and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals (2) the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing an did not administer the drug, and (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Montgomery County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

    a) **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material not conductive to the health of the animal, safety of food, or

marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, airing injections and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted may be disqualified.

b) **Over Age Animals**: Over age animals will be disqualified.

c) **Illegal Use of Unapproved Drugs:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical, or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. Use of unapproved drugs is illegal by violation of federal law.

d) **Legal Use of Approved Drugs:** If any approved drug has been administered to the animal, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for any drugs or chemicals at weigh-in/check-in.

e) **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the show.

f) **Extra-Label Use of Drugs**: The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is extra-label drug use and is illegal by violation of federal law.
NOTICE: Abuse of the extra-label drug use privilege or non-compliance of FDA extra-label drug use policy by veterinarians is illegal by violation of federal law and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

24. All Junior Market Animals will be required to have a drug certification form signed by the following:
    a) Junior Exhibitor,
    b) Parent or guardian, and
    c) CEA or VAT.

    This form MUST be brought to the show and given to the Show Officials by the exhibitor at the time that the market animal(s) are checked in. NO junior market animal will be allowed to show without this drug certification form properly filled out.

25. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth in the Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of $250.00 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. Protests will be accepted prior to judging. 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 (5) members consisting of the Officer-in-Charge, Division Chairman, and three (3) other members from the rules committee and/or Board of Directors. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her 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).

26. Exhibitors from the same immediate family will be able to tag in their animals of the same species without specifying which animal belongs to which exhibitor in the immediate family, however, each child's name must be listed on each tag-in card. For each eligible species, see the following rules:

    a) **For market barrows, goats, lambs, and steers. THERE MUST BE AS MANY ANIMALS, OF THE SAME SPECIES, AS THERE ARE EXHIBITORS** (EX. THREE (3) CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY – THERE MUST BE AT LEAST THREE (3) ANIMALS OF THE SAME SPECIES TAGGED IN). The tag number of the animal they will show will be determined at the time of weigh-in. If two animals of the same species are tagged in, the first animal weighed will be the animal that is shown.

    b) For broilers, you may family tag an order of fifty (50) or an order of one hundred (100), regardless of how many family members share the tag (ex. Three siblings may share a family order of 100, or 5 siblings may share an order of 100). There is no limit to the number of immediate family members that may share a family tag. **Family Tag must be specified on the order form, and on the exhibitor card at pickup**. Family

tagging a broiler order is optional; exhibitors may choose individual orders instead. Individuals may order a minimum of 50 and maximum of 100, but animals from an individual order are not shared among immediate family. See broiler show rules for additional information on ordering.

27. **Prohibition on Double Tagging of Animals:**

    1. **Definition of Tagging-In** – for the purpose of this rule, "tagging-in" refers to the registration and completion of entry of an animal for participation in the Montgomery County Fair.
    2. **Prohibition** – an animal that has been tagged-in by one exhibitor for the Montgomery County Fair is prohibited from being tagged-in by any other exhibitor for any other show or exhibition.
    3. **Exhibitor Responsibility** – exhibitors must ensure that the animal(s) they intend to tag-in and enter in the Montgomery County Fair will not be, or are not already, tagged-in by another exhibitor for any other show or exhibition.
    4. **Enforcement** – any exhibitor attempting to show an animal in the Montgomery County Fair that was or is tagged-in for any other show or exhibition by another exhibitor will be subject to disqualification from the Montgomery County Fair and may face additional penalties as determined by the Officers and/or Board of Directors.
    5. **Verification Process** – the Montgomery County Fair Officers and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to verify the entry status of any animal. Exhibitors may be required to provide documentation or other proof of the animal's entry status upon request.

28. No scales except the official scales will be permitted on the grounds. No trailer parking will be permitted on the grounds except in the designated area.

29. Ages for Showmanship are Junior – 13 and under, and Senior – 14 and over. Ages are based on exhibitor's age the day of the show. Exhibitor must show their own animal to participate in Showmanship.

30. 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.

31. ANIMAL HANDLING DEVICES: Show Management, Livestock Office-in-Charge, or Committee Chairman reserve the right to decide what constitutes acceptable show equipment and how the equipment is being used by the exhibitor. **CABLE HALTERS ARE PROHIBITED FOR ALL SPECIES.**

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. The Auction is a continuation of the Montgomery County Fair, and all General and Division Rules and Regulations shall apply.

2. Grand and Reserve animals will sell first in the auction.

3. It is expected that **approximately** twenty-three (23) steers, forty-two (42) hogs, twenty (20) pens of broilers, ten (10) pens of rabbits, twenty (20) lambs, twenty (20) goats, and two (2) to four (4) turkeys (dependent on number of Turkeys entered to show [10 or fewer entries = 2 sale spots, 11-15 entries = 3 sale spots, 16+ entries = 4 sale spots]) will be sold in the Auction; however, that exact number will be determined by the Executive Committee and the Auction Chairman. For those divisions selling more than twenty-three (23) animals, only the top twenty-three (23) exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own animal into the sale ring. A sale ring animal will be provided for all remaining exhibitors.

4. No distressed items will be sold.

5. There will be no resale of animals back to the exhibitor.

6. A place for buyers will be reserved at the Auction.

7. At the end of the Auction, all animals must be taken back to the stalls in the show barn. Each contestant must fill out a receipt of delivery stating the wishes of the buyer. The youth will be responsible to see that the animal is maintained and delivered to the buyer on the specified date. Any youth who fails to comply with the feeding and care of the animal will never be allowed to participate in the show again. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.**

8. Junior Exhibitors who had a Grand Champion in the Livestock show at the 2026 Montgomery County Fair will not be eligible to compete in that division for the 2027 Montgomery County Fair in which their Grand Champion was exhibited (this includes substitution roles – see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations). This rule applies to all Junior Exhibitor Divisions in which Exhibitors are competing to make the respective auction sales. Exception: if an Exhibitor has two (2) Grand animals and he/she drops one, he/she will be able to show the following year in the division he/she dropped.

9. If an Exhibitor drops a Grand or Reserve Auction item to sell another Grand or Reserve Auction item, no changes will be made in the placement of other animals or poultry.

10. At the Sale Meeting following each show, the Exhibitor must be in attendance. Montgomery County 4-H Manager and Montgomery County FFA Divisions should be in attendance. A parent of each Exhibitor is encouraged to attend. All alternates should try and attend the sale meeting after the Market Steer Show. Contestants are eligible to enter each Division of the Show, however, each exhibitor may sell only one entry in the Auction. **AN EXHIBITOR PLACING MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL IN THE SALE MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE IMMEDITELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW IN WHICH THEY HAVE PLACED THE SECOND ANIMAL INFORMING THEM WHICH ANIMAL TO PLACE IN THE SALE.**

11. **CHECK PICK-UP WILL START AT 9AM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2027 - TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2027, UNTIL 5PM. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY 5PM ON JUNE 22, 2027, WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE EXHIBITOR BRING THE RECEIPT OF DELIVERY, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) FOR THEIR BUYER(S) & ADD ON'S TO THE FAIR OFFICE IN ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF THE EXHIBITOR'S CHECK.

12. 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.

13. As required by federal law, all producers (including youth) selling eligible livestock must pay Checkoff Fees, which are collected, assessed, and remitted by the USDA. Fees will be collected from the proceeds of all MCFA Livestock sales in accordance with federal law as follows:

a. $1.00 per head on all cattle sales as required by Federal Beef Checkoff Program
b. $0.35 per $100 of sale price on all swine sales as required by Federal Pork Checkoff Program
c. $0.0007 per pound live weight on all lamb sales as required by the Federal Lamb Checkoff Program
    i. Buyers will also be asses a fee of $0.42 per head on all lamb sales as required by the Federal Lamb Checkoff Program.

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

15. If an exhibitor is not present to sell his/her animal, the animal will be dropped from the sale.

16. The animal that makes the auction is the animal that is sold to buyer and delivered to buyer.

QUALITY COUNTS

VERIFICATION

4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome livestock product for the consumer.

Verification of Quality counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character.

Now and in the near future many local and major livestock shows will require that a youth exhibitor demonstrate this base knowledge by taking the online Quality Counts Verification test and obtaining a Verification Number. The Montgomery County Fair will be requiring the Quality Counts Certification and the certification number must be written on your entry form when turned in to your 4-H and FFA Leader.

DIRECTIONS FOR QUALITY COUNTS CERTIFICATION

Visit: https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/ for directions and the link to complete your Quality Counts Verification test. For more information and questions about 4-H Quality Counts requirements, please contact the Montgomery County Extension Office.

BREEDING BEEF DIVISION

In County Heifers Only
Arrival Time – Saturday, April 10 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Check-In – Saturday, April 10 from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Judging Date – Sunday, April 11, 9:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

THIS IS A HEIFER SHOW ONLY – NO BULLS

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division rules.

2. Open to all 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, or home educated students. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on January 12, 2027. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

3. Paper verification for the Breeding Beef Division for Montgomery County Fair will be held on January 12, 2027, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Montgomery County Fair Office. Original registration papers are required to be turned in at this time for all heifers showing in this show. A bill of sale will be excepted ONLY for heifers that have been tagged in for the Montgomery County Fair Replacement Heifer Show. Whether you are bringing your original registration or a bill of sale, you are required to bring two (2) copies of said papers to paper verification in order for the committee to verify eligibility. Exhibitor must present ALL papers of ALL heifers he/she is planning to exhibit at the Breeding Beef Show at the Montgomery County Fair. There will be no substitutions. Papers will be checked by Montgomery County Breeding Beef Committee. Exhibitor should be present but is not required; parent or guardian MUST be present to sign validation card. **Do not bring heifer(s); this is a paper verification only**. Committee has the right to check tattoo numbers in ear at time of show. All Montgomery County Fair Replacement Heifers and Montgomery County Fair Scramble Heifers MUST present registration papers or bill of sale at this validation to exhibit their heifer in the Montgomery County Fair Breeding Beef Show.

4. Grand and Reserve banners and buckles will be awarded to overall show winners. Grand and Reserve Belt Buckles will be awarded to division winners. Showmanship buckles will be awarded. Leather ribbons will be given to Champion and Reserve Breed Champions.
    a. All others will receive ribbons.
    b. The Fair Association will contribute $1500 to prize money and have a 60/40 payback on entry fees (60% will go to the exhibitors, 40% to the Fair).
    c. If only one entry is a class, 2nd place prize money will be awarded.

5. **Breeding beef heifers showing only in the Breeding Beef Division MUST be registered in the Herd-book of their Association in ONLY the name of the junior owner on or before November 10 of the year preceding the show. Purchase date, delivery date, possession date, transfer date, and registration date must all take place on or before November 10 of the year preceding the show.**

6. No grooming material is allowed. This is a "Blow and Go" show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state WITHOUT the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Committee has the option to towel.

7. Stomach pumping is prohibited.

8. All breeding stock must be double-tied.

9. No bedding hays.

10. Judging will be done in the following order:

AMERICAN DIVISION – Brahman, Brangus/Red Brangus, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ABC, and ARB. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the American Division.

ENGLISH DIVISION – Angus/Red Angus, Hereford/Polled Herford, and Shorthorn. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the English Division.

EXOTIC DIVISION – Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental, ORB, and AOB. The first and second place of each breed will be called back to choose the Grand and Reserve of the Exotic Division.

Breeds will be broken down into the following classes:

CLASS 1: BORN AFTER 10/1/2026
CLASS 2: 6/1/2026 – 9/30/2026
CLASS 3: 2/1/2026 – 5/31/2026
CLASS 4: 10/1/2025 – 1/31/2026
CLASS 5: 6/1/2025 – 9/30/2025
CLASS 6: 2/1/2025 – 5/31/2025
CLASS 7: 9/1/2024 – 1/31/2025

Note: To form a 'breed' in the appropriate division in the Breeding Beef Show there must be 5 (five) or more head entered (verified and paid entries) in the breed to be formed. If there are less than 5 (five) head in a breed, the breed will be shown in the ARB or ORB appropriate division.

11. Entries must be completed and paid for by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm. Entry fee is $40.00/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

12. Breeding beef heifers will be released immediately following the Breeding Beef Show on Sunday, April 11, 2027.

13. There will be one stall assigned per entry (heifer). Said entry (heifer) and exhibitor has right of occupancy and/or use of only the single assigned stall space. The Committee reserves the right to police stalls at any time to determine if any non-assigned stall space should be filled. Exceptions to this rule will be considered on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the Chairman.

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN HEIFER.

https://mcfa.org/events/breeding-beef-show/

SCRAMBLE HEIFER DIVISION

Arrival Time & Check-in – Friday, April 9, 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Judging Date – Sunday, April 11, 8:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

RULES FOR 2027 SCRAMBLE SHOW EXHIBITORS:

1. This division is subject to the General rules and these Division rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on January 12, 2027. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

2. No grooming material is allowed. This is a "Blow and Go" show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state WITHOUT the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Committee has the option to towel.

3. Stomach pumping is prohibited.

4. The breed categories will consist of:
    a. American
    b. English
    c. Exotic

5. An online entry is required, but there is no entry fee for the Scramble Heifer Division. If you wish to enter the Breeding Beef Division and/or Replacement Heifer Division, entry will need to be submitted online and entry fees of $20.00 for each division will be charged. Scramble calves may participate in the Replacement Heifer Division & Sale. If participating in the Replacement Heifer Division & Sale, you are required to tag in your heifer on October 6, 2026 (reference Replacement Heifer rules on pg. 35). Scramble Heifers may participate in the Breeding Beef Division but are required to bring papers for verification on January 12, 2027 (reference Breeding Beef rules on pg. 13). All rules for the Breeding Beef Division and Replacement Heifer Division and Sale will apply (if applicable, refer to these rules for Division requirements).

6. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

7. All Breeding Stock must be double-tied.

8. No bedding hays.

9. With regard to Calf Scramble Show placement:
    a. Belt buckles will be given to Grand and Reserve Champion of Show
    b. Leather ribbons will be given to Grand and Reserve Champion of Breeds
    c. All others will receive ribbons

10. The following scholarship money will be given:
    a. $3,000.00 for First Place overall
    b. $2,000.00 for Second Place overall
    c. $1,000.00 for Third Place overall

11. Exhibitors will be judged to determine overall placement as follows:
    a. 10% - Calf Placement in Show
    b. 30% - Presentation of Heifer and Personal Interview
    c. 60% - Essays and Monthly Reports.

    The overall placement may be determined by the following weighted factors, including but not limited to: Completeness, Neatness, Accuracy, Timeliness, and Comments of Monthly Progress Reports; Photographs; Sportsmanship; Presentation of Heifer and Personal Interview; Calf Scramble Show; Essay; Scrapbook; and Showmanship. The scholarship money will be funded directly to the College, University, or Institution of Higher Learning of the exhibitor's choice upon satisfactory proof of enrollment.

12. Once each month, the exhibitor will be required to make a progress report on their animal. The reports are marked late if they arrive at the Fair Office after the 10th of each month. They are due by 5:00 pm. No faxes will be accepted. Should the 10th fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the report will be due the following Monday. Monthly progress reports must be submitted to the Montgomery County Fair Association office, the sponsors, and the exhibitors' CEA or VAT. By November 1, 2026, by 5:00 pm, exhibitors must submit a 500-word essay on "WHY I SELECTED A *(BREED)* FOR MY SCRAMBLE PROJECT." By February 1, 2027, by 5:00 pm, exhibitors must submit a 1500-word essay on "MY BEEF CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT".

13. Scramble exhibitors who **SUCCESSFULLY** complete all phases of their project to the satisfaction of the Committee Leadership and the Fair Association will be awarded $250.00 at the completion of all Fair activities. Successful completion includes compliance with all requirements set forth in the MCFA Official Rule Book including Calf Scramble Division Rules. The timely submission of all required monthly reports, scrapbook, 500 & 1500-word essays, and exhibiting the heifer at next year's fair will be confirmed as part of the committee's decision to determine award eligibility. The decision of the Committee Leadership and Fair Association is final. This reward check will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair.

RULES THAT APPLY TO 2027 SCRAMBLERS:

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, or home educated students. Even if an exhibitor has been through the program once, they are eligible to participate in the program again, but only after they have sat out of the program for the year following their participation. They would then be placed at the bottom of the list giving exhibitors who have not participated in the program an opportunity to do so.

2. Participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 19th birthday on January 1, 2027, and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. Participants must weigh at least 100 pounds. **If you'd like to be considered for a calf scramble participant spot, you must sign up through your 4-H or FFA.**

3. Heifers MUST BE PURCHASED BY EXHIBITORS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, following the 2026 show. Payment on scramble certificates will not be made to the seller until transferred Registration Certificate and health papers, properly completed by a licensed veterinarian, are received in the fair office. Registration certificates must be transferred and/or recorded in the exhibitor's name on or before November 1, 2026. Scramble heifer must be under the daily care of the exhibitor by Replacement Heifer tag-in.

4. Heifer must be purebred and registered in the Association records of one of the following breeds: ARB, ABC, ORB, Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Angus, Hereford/Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou, and Simmental.

5. **If you are awarded a calf in the 2027 Scramble, the calf you select to show in the 2028 show must have been born between July 1, 2026, and March 31, 2027**.

6. Should any participant in the Calf Scramble fail to catch a calf because of unusual or extenuating circumstances and is then awarded a heifer by some member of the audience or hard luck donor, said participant will become a calf scramble exhibitor and participate in all events offered to scramble exhibitors.

7. Scramble catchers ARE REQUIRED to exhibit their heifer at the 2028 Montgomery County Fair. Exceptions will be considered by the Officer-in-Charge and the Chairman on a case-by-case basis. Failure of an exhibitor to participate and exhibit their heifer at the 2028 Montgomery County Fair may result in the exhibitor being required to refund all scramble certificate monies to the Montgomery County Fair Association, exception will be considered by the Officer-in-Charge and the Chairman on a case-by-case basis; the original registration papers will not be mailed to the exhibitor until said monies have been refunded to the Montgomery County Fair Association, and the above is hereby acknowledged and agreed to by the exhibitor as a condition of participating in the calf scramble program, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileged to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the further at the Montgomery County Fair.

8. Donors are obtained for the exhibitors and a purchase certificate not to exceed $1750 will be made out to the seller of the calf. Scramble exhibitors who **SUCCESSFULLY** complete all phases of their project to the satisfaction of the committee leadership and the Fair Association, will be awarded $250.00 at the completion of all fair activities. Successful completion includes compliance with all requirements set forth in the MCFA

Official Rule Book including Calf Scramble Division Rules. The timely submission of all required monthly reports, scrapbook, 500 & 1500-word essays, and exhibiting the heifer at next year's fair will be confirmed as part of the committee's decision to determine award eligibility. The decision of the committee leadership and the Fair Association is final. This reward check will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair.

9. **A MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED IN MAY IN ORDER TO PICK UP CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** A thank you note to the donor MUST be turned in at this time and payment will also be due at this time for two (2) scramble pictures. The Fair Office will mail the thank you note along with one (1) picture to the donor.

https://mcfa.org/events/scramble-heifer-show/

MARKET STEER DIVISION

Arrival Time – Monday, April 12 from 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Weigh-in Time – Monday, April 12 10:30 am – called by breeds in order of show
Judging Date – Tuesday, April 13 – 4:00 pm
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.

2. All Market Steers to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by September 8, 2026. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the steer at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Tag-in will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Steers will be nose printed by Montgomery County Steer Committee. DNA samples will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitor should be present but is not required. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance. See General Rules & Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows for rules on family tagging.

3. All steers must have official tag on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose your tag, contact the fair office at (936) 760-3631.

4. Determination of steer's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the date of registration**.

5. Steers must be dehorned, otherwise they will not be accepted in the show.

6. Any steer showing live testicular tissue will be sifted.

7. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. when weighed in. Steers will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.

8. Following completion of placing, the judge will place the sale order of the steers.

9. Steers selected for sale order will be branded on the right jaw by show officials at time of selection of sale order.

10. Champion and Reserve Champion Steer of each breed classification shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.

11. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
    a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
    b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
    c. The addition of any dust, hair, or hair like substances, including, but not limited to false tail heads and false polls. False tail switches are allowed.
    d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
    e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal confirmation.
    f. Stomach pumping is prohibited.

12. **Clipping**: Prior to arrival at the show, steers should be pre-clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Only scissors or cordless clippers may be used for touch-up prior to entering the scales. Steers will be checked for hair length at the time of weigh-in at the show. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed. The exhibitor will be eliminated from competition for the current show in the steer division. **The 1/4" hair**

requirement will be strictly enforced.

13. No bedding hays.

14. All animals must be double-tied.

15. Parents or other adults will not be allowed to assist the junior exhibitors during judging.

16. Any Breed may, at the discretion of the Division Chairman, be divided into light, medium, and/or heavy classes according to weights at the show.

17. The following is a list of Breeds and the order in which they will be judged:
    BREED 1 – AMERICAN (TO INCLUDE BRAHMAN CROSSES)
    BREED 2 – ENGLISH BREEDS (TO INCLUDE ENGLISH CROSSES ONLY)
    BREED 3 – EXOTICS

18. The use of drugs not approved for steers used for human consumption will not be allowed.

19. Except for sale animals, all steers will be released immediately following the steer show. All steers must be checked out by 10:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FOREFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.

20. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.

21. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN STEER.

https://mcfa.org/events/market-steer-show/

MARKET BARROW DIVISION

Arrival Time – Saturday, April 10 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Weigh-in Time – Saturday, April 10 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Judging Date – Monday, April 12 – 11:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules

2. All Market Barrows to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by January 5, 2027. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the barrow at the time of tag-in on January 5, 2027, from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. **No late pictures will be accepted**. Exhibitors are responsible for having their barrows' ear notched prior to tag-in. Ear notch and tag-in cards will be sent to FFA and 4-H groups upon request prior to tag-in. Ear notches should be marked and cards filled out before you get to the fairgrounds. Ear notches will be checked by a committee member. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitor should be present but is not required. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on the date/ time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance. See General Rules & Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows for rules on family tagging.

3. All barrows must have official tags on at the time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631. A fee of $300.00 will be assessed should a barrow lose both ear tags and it is determined that DNA testing is required for proper identification.

4. Determination of barrow's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics which indicate that the subject animal has the required blood relating to the class to which it is entered. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the time of weigh-in.**

5. Any barrow showing live testicular tissue will be sifted.

6. Barrow(s) deemed to have any material or substance added to the exterior of the animal with the intention of altering the weigh-in results will be sifted at the discretion of the Classifier whose ruling will be final.

7. Barrows will be divided into weight classes after check-in. Barrows shall not weigh less than 230 pounds and not more than 300 pounds. Barrows will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.

8. Any breed may, at the discretion of the Division Chairman, be divided into appropriate subdivisions according to weights at the show.

9. The following is a list of barrow breeds and the order in which they will be judged:
   BREED 1 – DUROC
   BREED 2 – OTHER PUREBREDS
   BREED 3 – HAMPSHIRE
   BREED 4 – CROSSBRED

10. Following completion of breed placing, the judge will place the sale order of the barrows.

11. The Champion and Reserve Champion Barrow of each breed classification shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.

12. No bedding hays.

13. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
    a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
    b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
    c. The addition of any dust, dry soap, hair, or hair like substances

d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.
f. No oil, paint, powder, or other dressing will be permitted on swine (ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED).

14. The use of drugs not approved for swine used for human consumption will not be allowed.

15. Except for sale animals, all hogs will be released at the conclusion of the show. All hogs must be checked out by 12:00 noon. All sale animals must be checked out by 10:00 am on Thursday morning following the auction. failure to do so may result in premium monies being forfeited. Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, ag teacher, or 4-H leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.

16. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.

17. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

NOTE: After entry deadline date it will be at the discretion of the Division Chairman and the Livestock Rules Committee whether or not to sift barrows.

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN BARROW.

https://mcfa.org/events/market-barrow-show/

MARKET LAMB DIVISION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 8 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 8 –1:30 pm – called by breeds in order of show
Judging Date – Friday, April 9 – 4:00 pm
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.

2. All Market Lambs to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the lamb at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted**. Tag-in will be held December 1, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Lambs will be nose printed. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitor should be present but is not required. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in off animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance. See General Rules & Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows for rules on family tagging.

3. All lambs must have official tags on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631.

4. Determination of lamb's classification is to be based upon predominant breed characteristics which indicate that the subject animal has the required blood relating to the class to which it is entered. **Final classification will be conducted by a classifier or classification committee at the time of tag-in. Lambs must be sheared 45 days prior to tag-in.**

5. Only wether lambs may be shown.

6. All lambs, with the exception of Southdowns, must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds. Southdown lambs must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit placed on lambs. When an exhibitor presents his/her lamb to be weighed, it is understood that the weight will be recorded and become official. Each lamb will be weighed one (1) time only.

7. Any lamb showing live testicular tissue or excessive ram characteristics will be sifted.

8. All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up, at the time of the show. All exhibitors will be responsible for shearing of their own lambs.

9. Haltered or collared lambs will be permitted in the show arena.

10. The champion and Reserve Champion Lamb of each breed classification will be eligible to compete and shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the show.

11. Following completion of placing, the judge will place sale order of the lambs.

12. No bedding hays.

13. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
    a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.
    b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
    c. The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances.
    d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
    e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.

14. Lambs will be secured at night by exhibitor.

15. Classes will be established for each breed and set by weight. The number of classes and animals per class will be at the discretion of the Lamb Committee Chairman.

16. The following is a list of lamb breeds and the order in which they will be judged:
    BREED 1 – SOUTHDOWN, FINE WOOL, AND FINE WOOL CROSS
    BREED 2 – MEDIUM WOOL

17. The use of drugs not approved for lambs used for human consumption will not be allowed.

18. Except for sale animals, all lambs will be released immediately following the lamb show. All lambs must be checked out by 7:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.

19. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.

20. Entries must be completed and paid by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

    JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN LAMB.

    https://mcfa.org/events/market-lamb-show/

MARKET RABBIT DIVISION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 8, 8:30 am – 9:00 am, Pre-Weigh-in
Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 8, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Judging Date – Thursday, April 8, 11:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules (ARBA & TRBA eliminations and disqualifications to apply). This is a youth show. A youth must present and remove the meat pen. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due when Intent to Show forms are turned in. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

2. Eligibility as per General Rules – one (1) pen per exhibitor.

3. Only meat pens will be shown. The following is the Rabbit class: Class – Pen of three (3) rabbits. A pen consists of three (3) rabbits, either sex, same breed, and variety, not over 70 days old, and weight not UNDER 3 ½ pounds each not to exceed 5 ½ pounds each. **Breed date for rabbits is December 29, 2026. Exhibitors may only tag their rabbits for Montgomery County.**

4. All rabbits will be weighed at designated time. A pen which is diseased will be sifted and immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. First three (3) rabbits weighed will be the pen, no substitutions. Legible ARBA tattoo in left ear required.

5. Exhibitors are responsible for providing equipment, feed, and water for their rabbits at all times. Exhibitors who fail to comply with this rule will not be allowed to show the following year.

6. NO CARRYING CAGES, FEED, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE SHOW AREA.

7. The use of drugs not approved for rabbits used for human consumption will not be allowed.

8. Exhibitors must own the doe(s) by November 13, 2026. Only offspring from this doe(s) will be eligible for the meat pen.

9. All rabbits must have a legible ARBA tattoo in left ear at the time of Market Rabbit Intent to Show form deadline. Tattoo must be legible at tag-in.

10. To enter AND be eligible to show, exhibitors must turn in a Market Rabbit Intent to Show form with tattoo(s) listed on the form by November 13, 2026, by 3:00 pm. Intent Forms may be emailed to intents@mcfa.org or hand delivered to the Fair Office. **MAILING THIS FORM IS NO LONGER AN OPTION**.

11. Tag-in will be held on March 18, 2027, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Fair Office. **NO MORE THAN TWENTY (20) RABBITS PER EXHIBITOR MAY BE TAGGED IN. MCFA WILL PLACE A PERMANENT TATTOO IN THE RIGHT EAR.** Exhibitors should be present but is not required. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards. Rabbits must have ARBA tattoos prior to arriving to Tag-in – **no onsite tattoos allowed**.

12. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/pen (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

ONLY RABBITS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THE MCFA MARKET OR BREEDING RABBIT BUCK DIVISION ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP. JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE BREEDING RABBIT BUCK SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. EXHIBITORS PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW A RABBIT FROM THEIR OWN MARKET RABBIT PEN OR THEIR BUCK FROM THEIR BREEDING RABBIT BUCK SHOW.

ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.

https://mcfa.org/events/market-rabbit-show/

BREEDING RABBIT BUCK DIVISION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 8
Check-in Time – Thursday, April 8, 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Market Rabbit Show lasting for 30 minutes
Judging Date – Thursday, April 8
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules (ARBA & TRBA eliminations and disqualifications to apply). This is a youth show. A youth must be present and remove the rabbit. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due when Intent to Show form is turned in. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

2. Only exhibitors who submit an Intent to Show Form for the Market Rabbit Show are eligible for the Breeding Rabbit Buck Show. **Senior breeding buck(s) must be listed on the Market Rabbit Intent to Show form (see section 10 below)**. **One (1) rabbit per exhibitor per class can be shown**.

3. There will be two classes. Class one is for Junior bucks. Only rabbits tagged for the Market Rabbit show are eligible to show in this class. These rabbits are to weigh less than six pounds. Class two is for Senior bucks. All bucks six pounds or greater will show in this class.

4. Only bucks are allowed to show in the Breeding Rabbit Buck Show. Rabbits must be a meat breed as designated by ARBA's Commercial-Breed Specialty Sanction. Rabbits do not have to be registered with ARBA but will be judged based on ARBA breed standards. The judge has full discretion in classifying the rabbit breed. In addition to breed standards, consideration will be given to the rabbit's ability to produce meat pens for the Market Rabbit Show.

5. All rabbits will be weighed at check-in. Weight will be used to determine classes, but not as a disqualification. The first rabbit checked-in will serve as the "pen", no substitutions. A pen which is diseased will be sifted and immediately removed from the Fairgrounds. Legible ARBA tattoo in left ear required at check-in.

6. Exhibitors are responsible for providing equipment, feed, and water for their rabbits at all times. Exhibitors who fail to comply with this rule will not be allowed to show the following year.

7. NO CARRYING CAGES, FEED, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE SHOW AREA.

8. The use of drugs not approved for rabbits is prohibited.

9. Exhibitors must own buck(s) by November 13, 2026, or buck must be from the exhibitor's rabbits tagged in for the Market Rabbit Show.

10. All rabbits must have a legible ARBA tattoo in left ear at either the time of the Rabbit Intent to Show form deadline or must have a legible tattoo at the market rabbit tag-in if part of the pen to be shown in the Market Rabbit show.

11. To enter AND be eligible to show, exhibitors must turn in a Market Rabbit Intent to Show form, with buck(s) listed, by November 13, 2026, by 3:00 pm. Bucks tagged in for the Market Rabbit Show will be eligible to also participate in the Breeding Rabbit Buck Show. Identification tattoos must be listed on the Intent to Show form for any additional bucks to be eligible for the Breeding Rabbit Buck show. Intent Forms may be emailed to intents@mcfa.org or hand delivered to the Fair Office. MAILING THIS FORM IS NOT AN OPTION.

12. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee. (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details). One entry fee **per class** is required to participate in the junior and/or senior class. Note: The Breeding Rabbit Buck entry fee(s) is a separate entry from the Market Rabbit entry. The Grand and Reserve of each class will receive a buckle.

ONLY RABBITS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THE MCFA MARKET OR BREEDING RABBIT BUCK DIVISION ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP. JUNIOR AND SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE BREEDING RABBIT SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. EXHIBITORS PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JUNIORS = 13 & UNDER, SENIORS = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW A RABBIT FROM THEIR OWN MARKET RABBIT PEN OR THEIR BUCK FROM THE BREEDING RABBIT BUCK SHOW.

ALL BREEDING RABBITS MUST BE CHECKED OUT AND REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS BY THE END OF THE DAY OF SHOW UNLESS REMAINING FOR DISPLAY AS PART OF THE MARKET RABBIT SHOW. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN NOT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE SHOWS.

https://mcfa.org/events/breeding-rabbit-show/

BROILER DIVISION

Arrival & Check-in Time – Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Judging Date – Saturday, April 10, 11:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due by broiler order deadline of November 13, 2026. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

2. Only broiler pens will be shown. A pen consists of three (3) broilers. One (1) pen per exhibitor.

3. The first three (3) broilers presented to the sifter will be the pen. No substitutions. Judging will begin when birds are presented at the sift.

4. Broiler pens will be sifted prior to entry into the show. The sift will consist of a check for breast blisters, bruises, and lack of fleshing. Any one (1) broiler failing the sift will eliminate the entire pen. Any bird not appearing healthy will require the sifting of the entire pen.

5. Sifted broilers will be turned over to the Montgomery County Fair Association for removal from Fairgrounds.

6. All birds must be cared for by the exhibitor. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FEED AND WATER FOR THEIR PEN OF BROILERS. EXHIBITORS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

7. To enter AND be eligible to show, exhibitors must turn in a Broiler Order Form to the Fair Office by November 13, 2026, by 3:00 pm. FFA chapters must complete the Broiler Order Form with payment in full to the Fair Office. 4-H groups must contact the County Extension Office for their broiler orders. The Extension Office will turn all 4-H orders into the Fair Office by the deadline mentioned above. Order Forms and payment should be hand-delivered to the Fair Office. **MAILING THIS FORM AND PAYMENT IS NO LONGER AN OPTION**.

   All birds will be ordered through the Montgomery County Fair Office immediately after November 13, 2026. Orders are placed in increments of fifty (50). A minimum requirement to order is fifty (50) birds, and a maximum of 100 birds is allowed. **Once birds have been ordered, no changes to name or order can be made**. See General Rules & Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows for rules on family tagging.

8. Broiler delivery/pick-up will be February 26, 2027, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Master Gardeners Building next to the Extension Office.

9. All birds will be wing-banded at time of purchase. No bird will be shown without wing-band in place. One (1) bird in the pen without a wing-band will sift the entire pen. Bands will be checked for number and condition.

10. No carrying cages, feed, etc. will be allowed to remain in the show area.

11. The use of drugs not approved for Poultry used for human consumption will not be allowed.

12. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/pen (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

13. A helper of an exhibitor must be a current member in good standing of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TURKEY SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL POULTRY ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. BROILER EXHIBITORS AND TURKEY EXHIBITORS WILL SHOW AND COMPETE TOGETHER FOR SHOWMANSHIP. EXHIBITORS WILL PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN BROILER AND/OR TURKEY.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR BROILERS. ALL BROILERS ENTERING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WILL BELONG TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.

https://mcfa.org/events/turkey-broiler-show/

TURKEY DIVISON

Arrival & Check-in Time – Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Judging Date – Saturday, April 10, 11:00 AM
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due when Intent to Show Forms are due on November 13, 2026. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

2. A pen consists of one (1) turkey. HENS OR TOMS MAY BE EXHIBITED.

3. One (1) entry per exhibitor.

4. Each pen of one (1) bird must weigh at least fifteen (15) pounds with no maximum weight.

5. Pens will be sifted prior to entry into the show. This sift will consist of a check for breast blisters, bruises, and weight. Any bird not appearing healthy will be sifted.

6. Sifted turkeys will be turned over to the Montgomery County Fair Association for removal from Fairgrounds.

7. The first turkey presented to the sifter will be the pen. No substitutions.

8. All turkeys must be ordered through Texas A&M University. Exhibitors are responsible for placing their order through their 4-H or FFA club prior to the deadline set by their 4-H or FFA club. Turkey Intent-To-Show forms must match the original order. If family ordered, each family member must be listed on Intent-To-Show form.

9. To enter AND be eligible to show, exhibitors must turn in a Turkey Intent to Show Form listing wing band numbers to the Fair Office by November 13, 2026, by 3:00 pm. Intent Forms may be emailed to intents@mcfa.org or hand-delivered to the Fair Office. **MAILING THIS FORM IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.** NO TURKEY WILL BE SHOWN WITHOUT WING-BAND IN PLACE. BANDS WILL BE CHECKED FOR NUMBER AND CONDITION.

10. All birds must be cared for by the exhibitor. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FEED AND WATER FOR THEIR ENTRY. EXHIBITORS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL OT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

11. NO CARRYING CAGES, FEED, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE SHOW AREA.

12. The use of drugs not approved for turkeys used for human consumption will not be allowed.

13. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/pen (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

14. A helper of an exhibitor must be a current member in good standing of a Montgomery County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TURKEY SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL POULTRY ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. BROILER EXHIBITORS AND TURKEY EXHIBITORS WILL SHOW AND COMPETE TOGETHER FOR SHOWMANSHIP. EXHIBITORS WILL PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN BROILER AND/OR TURKEY.

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR IS A TERMINAL SHOW FOR TURKEYS. ALL TURKEYS ENTERING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WILL BELONG TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.

https://mcfa.org/events/turkey-broiler-show/

MARKET GOAT DIVISION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 8, 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 8, 11:30 am
Judging Date – Friday, April 9, 10:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.

2. All market goats to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by December 1, 2026. Market goats will be toothed at this time and must have milk teeth in place and be showing no permanent teeth. Each exhibitor can tag and register two (2) animals but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the goat at the time of tag-in. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Tag-in will be held December 1, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Goats will be tattooed, and DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitor should be present but is not required. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance. See General Rules & Regulations for all Junior Livestock Shows for rules on family tagging.

3. All goats must have official tags on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose one tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631. **A fee of $300.00 will be assessed should a goat lose both ear tags and it is determined that DNA testing is required for proper identification**.

4. This show is open to any breed of wether goat. Goats must be wethers before weigh-in and show no signs of testicular development.

5. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and not over 130 pounds at the official weigh-in. Goats will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight. Goats will be weighed with the collars off.

6. Goats must be summer shorn above the knee and hock to a length less than 3/8" before the animal is allowed to cross the weigh scale. Removal of horns on grounds is not permitted. Goats must be dehorned or horns tipped. End of tipped horns must be greater than the diameter of a dime at the time of weigh-in.

7. Each exhibitor must be able to show his/her goat unassisted. Haltered or collared goats will be permitted in the show arena.

8. The first and second place goats of each class will be eligible to compete and shall return to the judging arena for selection of the Grand and Reserve Champion of the Show.

9. Following completion of placing, the judge will place sale order of the goats.

10. No bedding hays.

11. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
    a. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.
    b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
    c. The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances.
    d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide, or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
    e. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid, under the hide to alter the normal conformation.

12. Goats will be secured at night by exhibitor.

13. Classes will be established by weight. The number of classes and animals per class will be at the discretion of the Goat Committee.

14. The use of drugs not approved for goats used for human consumption will not be allowed.

15. Except for sale animals, all goats will be released immediately following the goat show. All goats must be checked out by 8:00 am the following morning. **ALL SALE ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN PREMIUM MONIES BEING FORFEITED.** Release forms will be completed and given to the exhibitor, parent, Ag. Teacher, or 4-H Leader at the time of weigh-in or when the exhibitor is given their exhibitor number.

16. Sale animals may be used in Livestock Judging Contest.

17. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW. EXHIBITOR MUST SHOW THEIR OWN GOAT.

https://mcfa.org/events/market-goat-show

FILLY AND GELDING DIVISION

Arrival & Check-in Time – Monday, April 12, 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Judging Date – Monday, April 12, 9:00 am
RELEASE AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW

1. This Division is subject to the General Rules and these Division Rules.

2. All animals to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by October 6, 2026.

3. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of four (4) horses and show a total of three (3). Please see guidelines below:
    a. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of two (2) yearlings, however, they may only show one (1).
    b. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of one (1) two-year-old and show the tagged two-year-old.
    c. Each exhibitor may tag-in a total of one (1) three-year-old and show the tagged three-year old.

4. Tag-in will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Livestock Barn on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. ANIMAL MUST BE PRESENT. Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself and the animal at the time of registration. **No late pictures will be accepted. Animal may only be shown by exhibitor designated at tag-in date during the feeding period.** NOTE: The feeding period for all animals shown in the Filly and Gelding Division is the tag-in date through the date of the Filly and Gelding show at the 2027 Montgomery County Fair. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance.

    At tag-in, an original proof of negative Coggins Test and a copy of registration papers or breeder's certificate must accompany the animal. Failure to present aforementioned paperwork in the designated registration hours will result in the forfeiture of registration and participation in the 2027 Filly and Gelding Division. Absolutely no exceptions will be made for any reason.

5. Animals of the following Breed Association may enter: American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., Ponies of the America's Club, Inc., Pinto Horse Association (stock horse designation only), and Arabian Horse Association. Either filly or gelding. No stallions allowed under any circumstance. Horse must be gelded by check-in on Monday, April 12, 2027. If horse is tagged-in as a Quarter Horse, it must show as such.

6. All foals must be born between January 1 and June 30, 2026.

7. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE **ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS IN THEIR NAME** and available for inspection when he/she arrives at the fairgrounds for check-in on Monday, April 12, 2027. A letter saying the registration has been received and/or is in process does not count or replace registration papers. Absolutely no exceptions will be made. Please make sure to apply for registration papers as soon as you tag-in, if not before.

    At check-in, the following paperwork must accompany the animal:
    a. Current original proof of negative Coggins test.
    b. Original registration papers in the exhibitor's name.
    c. A general health exam certificate from a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of the show (to prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as influenza and vesicular stomatitis, etc.).
    d. Completed drug form.

    Failure to present aforementioned paperwork on the designated date and hours of arrival to the fairgrounds for check-in will result in the forfeiture of participation in the 2027 Filly and Gelding Division. No exceptions will be made for documentation and no extra time will be given under any circumstance.

8. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
    a. No change to the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing is allowed.

b. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
c. The addition of any dry soap, dust, hair, or hair like substances if not allowed.
d. The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide is not allowed.
e. The removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal is not allowed.
f. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid, under the hide to alter the normal confirmation is not allowed.

9. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CHECKED OUT TWO (2) HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF SHOW**.

10. Parents or other Adults will not be allowed in the arena or to assist the Junior Exhibitors during judging.

11. The Fair Association will contribute $3,000.00 in premium pay-out and $1,500.00 in scholarships to the Yearling winners.

12. Belt buckles and banners will be awarded to hi-point winners. To be eligible for hi-point, the exhibitor MUST show in all four (4) classes.

13. Entries must be completed by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a $40.00 entry fee/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

14. Classes will be as follows:

YEARLINGS:

CLASS	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	TOTAL
Class 1: Halter - Filly	$250	$200	$150	$600
Class 2: Halter - Gelding	$250	$200	$150	$600
Class 3: Showmanship	$250	$200	$150	$600
Class 4: Longe Line	$250	$200	$150	$600
Class 5: In-Hand Trail	$250	$200	$150	$600
PREMIUM PAY OUT TOTAL				**$3,000**

TWO-YEAR-OLDS:

CLASS:
Class 1: Halter - Filly
Class 2: Halter - Gelding
Class 3: Showmanship
Class 4: Longe Line
Class 5: In-Hand Trail

THREE-YEAR-OLDS:

CLASS:
Class 1: Halter - Filly
Class 2: Halter - Gelding
Class 3: Showmanship
Class 4: Versatility
Class 5: Stock Horse Pleasure

https://mcfa.org/events/filly-gelding-show/

REPLACEMENT HEIFER DIVISION & AUCTION

Arrival Time – Thursday, April 15, 7:00 am – 9:15 am
Weigh-in Time – Thursday, April 15, 8:15 am – 9:15 am
Judging Date – Thursday, April 15, 11:00 am (sale meeting immediately following)
Sale – Thursday, April 15, 7:00 pm

THIS PROJECT IS IN ADDITION TO THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS. 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS CAN SELL IN THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS IN THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION. (EXAMPLE: YOU CAN SELL A HEIFER IN ADDITION TO A BARROW, LAMB, BROILERS, RABBIT, STEER, OR TURKEY.) HOWEVER, EXHIBITOR MUST ABIDE BY THE GENERAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES AND THESE DIVISION RULES.

1. All Junior Replacement Heifers to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor by October 6, 2026. Each exhibitor can tag, weigh, and register two (2) animals, but may only show one (1). Exhibitor must present a LEGIBLE color photograph of himself/herself and the heifer at the time of tag-in, which will be held on October 6, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the rodeo arena on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. **No late pictures will be accepted.** Heifers will be nose printed, and DNA will be collected for positive identification. Exhibitors should be present. A parent or guardian MUST be present in order to sign tag-in cards and hair sample envelopes. Exhibitor must bring a formal Bill of Sale signed by the breeder showing the heifer's date of birth. Handwritten Bills of Sale will not be accepted**; however, registration papers will be accepted as the bill of sale.** A blank Bill of Sale form may be found at mcfa.org on the Replacement Heifer Tab.

2. If an exhibitor requires a General Exception Form (refer to page 5), it will be due on the date/time of tag-in of animal exhibitor is showing. Each exception form will be reviewed for compliance**.**

3. All heifers must have official tag on at time of weigh-in at the Fair. If you should lose your tag, contact the Fair Office at (936) 760-3631.

4. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by Montgomery County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag. Teachers and County Agents.

5. The Junior Replacement Heifer Show and Sale, is an opportunity for Junior exhibitors to show and sell replacement heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show.

6. Scramble heifer participation in the Replacement Heifer Show must be tagged in on Tuesday, October 6 but the exhibitor can decide later whether they want to show and sell the heifer.

7. All heifers must be brucellosis calf hood vaccinated by the initial tag-in/weigh-in on Tuesday, October 6. They must have a tattoo and the exhibitor may bring vaccination papers with them. Heifers must be de-horned **BEFORE** tag-in/weigh-in on Tuesday, October 6.

8. No grooming material is allowed. This is a "Blow and Go" show. All heifers will be shown with hair in a natural state WITHOUT the use of glues, adhesives, paints, etc. Heifers with any type of glue, paint, adhesive, etc. in the hair will be disqualified and premiums forfeited. Committee has the option to towel.

9. Stomach pumping is prohibited.

10. The following age heifers will be eligible to show: Heifers must be born between July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

11. Classes will be broken by weights and number of classes will be determined per number of entries.

12. Additional program dates will be set and exhibitors will be notified.

13. Heifers will be weighed in for show on Thursday, April 15, 2027, beginning at 8:15 am. Heifers will be weighed one (1) time only and that weight will be the official weight.

14. If heifers are to be sold as registered, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name and turned into the Chairman the day of show during weigh-in. Scramble exhibitors must also notify the chairman during this time, so papers may be released from the fair office.

15. The show will open Thursday, April 15, 2027, 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.

FOR RECORDBOOK COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION:

16. Exhibitors will be required to complete all aspects of the Replacement Heifer Project to be eligible to sell their animal. Exhibitors will be judged as follows: 25% on record book and project closeout summary, 25% on interview, 25% on test, and 25% on calf placement in show.

17. To complete the record book and closeout summary, the exhibitors must weigh back their heifer on the closeout date of **March 5, 2027**; ending weight MUST be documented in the closeout summary.

18. Record book and closeout summary sheet completion is required by Friday, March 5. The record book with completed closeout summary sheet is due in the Fair Office on Monday, March 8 & Tuesday, March 9 by 5:00 pm. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED nor will items placed in the drop box be accepted.

19. The summary sheet will be used by the judges to conduct interviews on **Saturday, March 20th.** NOTE: all interviews and testing will be completed on the same day and all exhibitors must participate in BOTH to be eligible to sell their heifer. Should an exhibitor present UIL documentation for a conflicting event which prevents them from completing the interview on Saturday, March 20th, the exhibitor can choose to forfeit all points from the interview and complete the test on a makeup date set by the chairman in order to show and sell their animal. Documentation from the exhibitor's school principal on official letterhead stating the conflicting event must be provided to fair office and chairman via email at least 10 business days prior to interview date. Only UIL excuses will be accepted. The exhibitor's results in the other categories will not be affected.

FOR AWARDS, SALE PROCEDUES AND RULES:

20. Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 10th places. A Grand and Reserve Banner will be given at the Heifer Show and to the overall winners. A Showmanship award will be given.

21. All heifers must sell on Thursday. Cattle will sell beginning with Grand through 10th place. All others will be drawn at random. Any heifer weighing in at 700 lbs. or less **will not be able to show or sale**. A 5% sales fee will be deducted from each sale.

22. **Heifers that are to be presented as pregnant at the time of sale must turn in a written statement from a veterinarian that the heifer has been palpated and a pregnancy exam performed verifying said pregnancy within 30 days of the show. Paperwork must be turned into the Chairman the day of show during weigh-in.**

23. All heifers will be released after the sale by the Committee.

24. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyers and will remain sold. **THERE SHALL BE NO RESALE OF THE HEIFERS BACK TO THE EXHIBITOR.** Montgomery County Fair Association will not act as an agent in the resale of the heifer. Buyers must pay for the heifers the day of the sale. The halter that the calf has on when it is sold becomes the property of the buyer.

25. All exhibitors who sell MUST HAVE THANK YOU LETTER(S) to their buyer, their receipt of delivery, and their social security number to the Fair Office **WHEN CHECKS ARE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2027, AT 9:00 AM, CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2027, BY 5:00 PM WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

26. The following scholarship money will be given:

a. $1,500 for First Place overall
b. $1,000 for Second Place overall
c. $500 for Third Place overall

The scholarship money will be funded directly to the college, university, or institution of higher learning of the exhibitor's choice upon satisfactory proof of enrollment. Scholarships must be used within one (1) year from date of graduation of high school.

27. Entries Open on Monday, January 18th and must be completed and paid by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm with a **$40** entry fee/head (see Jr. Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

JR. AND SR. SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SHOW AND IS OPEN TO ALL ENHIBITORS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. YOU PAY $5.00 (CASH) AT THE ENTRY GATE AND THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED ALL PRODCEEDS AT THE EXIT GATE. JR'S = 13 & UNDER, SR'S = 14 & OVER AS OF THE DAY OF THE SHOW.

https://mcfa.org/events/replacement-heifer-show

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Date: Wednesday, April 14
Pre-Registration Deadline: Friday, April 2 by 5:00 pm (Lunch included with pre-registration)
Entry Fee: $40 per team and $10 per individual
On-Site Registration: Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 am - 8:30 am
On-Site Registration Entry Fee: Original entry fee plus $25 late fee (Lunch is not guaranteed for late entries)
Contest Time: 9:00 am

A) We encourage all participants to pre-register online by the deadline of Friday, April 2 by 5:00 pm. On-site registration on the morning of the contest will be available, with a late entry fee of $25 plus the original entry fee. Lunch is not guaranteed if you enter on site.

1. Each FFA Chapter or County 4-H may enter as many teams as they wish. Each team will be comprised of three (3) or four (4) members with the three (3) highest scores used for tabulation. Individuals may also judge.

2. There will be two (2) age divisions: junior and senior. The junior division will consist of members who are in the 8th grade or below. The senior division will consist of students in the 9th – 12th grades. Younger students may move up to the senior division, if necessary, but older students cannot move down. There will be no separate divisions for 4-H and FFA.

3. Ten (10) classes will be available for judging. There will also be 3 a-question classes and a 50-question exam. Official FFA scantron sheets must be used. Students, Chapters, or Clubs should bring their own scantrons. Scantrons will be available to purchase onsite for $1.00 per sheet if needed. The officials will place and give reasons at the conclusion of the contest. **Texas FFA CDE Rules will apply!**

4. All contestants: The top five (5) teams in each division will receive plaques. Individual awards will include belt buckle for high point senior and junior, and plaques for 2nd through 10th place.

   High point individual senior MCFA eligible exhibitor will be awarded a $3,000.00 scholarship. High point individual junior MCFA eligible exhibitor will be awarded a $500.00 gift card.

5. The entry fee is $40.00 per team or $10.00 per individual. Contestants may pre-register or register onsite the day of the event. **See above for more details in section (A)**

6. County animals, including sale animals, may be used in judging contests.

7. For entry form or information, please visit https://mcfa.org/events/livestock-judging/ or contact the Montgomery County Fair Association with questions at (936 760-3631).

8. The contest will open Wednesday, April 14, 2027, unless postponed and/or canceled by the Officer 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.

9. The Officer and/or Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules as they in their judgment may deem advisable.

10. Once the exhibitor turns in their scantron, it can no longer be given back or changes to be made. All contest results posted are final.

https://mcfa.org/events/livestock-judging/

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

Check-in: Thursday, April 8, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm - You must be in line by 6:00 pm
Judging Date: Saturday, April 10, 9:00 am
Awards: Saturday, following judging
Check-out: Wednesday, April 14, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Purpose of the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs.

2. To promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition.

3. To recognize individuals and groups accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics.

4. To provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA programs.

Awards

Blue ribbon – 90 to 100 points
Red ribbon – 80 to 89 points
White ribbon – 70 to 78 points

Leather ribbons will be awarded to 1st through 3rd in each division. Buckles will be presented to the overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion project of the show. A sweepstakes award will be presented to the school with the most points from all projects.

Projects will be judged on the following point system:

Workmanship	30 points
Design & Materials used	20 points
Practicality	20 points
Degree of Difficulty	10 points
General Appearance and Finish	10 points
Documentation & Presentation	10 points

Rules

1. All Agricultural Mechanics Projects are subject to the Montgomery County Fair Association general rules and regulations.

2. Projects exhibited must have been constructed and fabricated by FFA and 4-H members as part of their agriculture mechanics instruction in Agricultural Science class, where applicable, or as part of their schools supervised work experience/trades program(s) in the absence of traditional agriculture mechanics allowing for FFA participation.

3. All projects must be clean, painted or treated, and in presentable condition even though they may have been used.

4. A working plan, blueprint or drawing, photographs showing construction, and bill of materials are required to be submitted with each project entered.

5. All projects are to be identified with standard club exhibitor cards or computer-generated cards that include the exhibitors name(s), chapter or club, school, and project description.

6. A project can be exhibited only one (1) time at the Montgomery County Fair and must have been completed within one (1) calendar year of the exhibition date.

7. **Projects can be individually or group of four (4) constructed and may be individually or chapter owned. All projects must be entered (in the maximum of four (4) exhibitors) names of who participated in planning and construction of the project.**

8. Classes with less than four (4) entries are subject to being combined.

9. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Montgomery County Fair nor the officials of this show will be responsible for any losses or damages to projects.

10. Main structure of project must be fabricated in metal for all divisions.

11. Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels, and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as found on self-feeder, roofs, bale movers, etc., are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. Items that lack sufficient support will be laid down, supported, or removed from the display area.

12. All trailers and other projects to be towed on public roads must be registered and licensed and must meet current Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regulations. A copy of registration is required at check-in.

13. There is to be no more than two (2) gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. The fuel tank cap is to be in place and sealed with tape. The battery is to be disconnected. This applies to all engines in the exhibit area.

14. No "For Sale" or sponsorship signs may be placed on projects.

15. All judge's decisions and announced results will be final.

16. An entry fee of $40.00 will be charged per project of (four (4) exhibitors) entered.

17. Entries must be completed and turned in by Friday, January 29, 2027, at 5:00 pm. No late entries will be accepted. Go to www.mcfa.org to enter online and submit payment or you can email entries to agmechanshow@mcfa.org and payment mailed or taken over the phone with a credit card.

18. The show will open Saturday, April 10, 2027, 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.

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

20. Entry updates will be requested 10 days prior to check in of the show.

21. Projects needing special assistance in offloading and loading shall have fork pockets, lifting eyes, or proper means for handling the project. The committee shall be notified 2 weeks prior to check-in of any special handling needs.

22. Items such as truck bumpers/beds etc. are to be displayed on appropriate and safe stands only. Items cannot be mounted to vehicle. Pictures can be provided to show proper fitment for judges.

23. Eligibility notices are required for all exhibitors as per General Rules.

THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED:

Division I – Ag. Machinery and Equipment – must meet current ASABE standards.

- Hay handling equipment
- Spray equipment
- Mounted or pull type equipment
- Hydraulic equipment
- Shop equipment
- Truck trailer, and ag equipment accessories

Division II – Automotive Truck Equipment

- Truck beds
- Bumpers
- Fuel tanks
- Headache racks
- Tool boxes
- Brush guards

Division III – Livestock Equipment

- Gates and livestock panels
- Squeeze chute and restraining equipment
- Trim chutes, blocking stands, and livestock moving equipment
- Head gates
- Feeders, self-feeders, and creep feeders

Division IV – Wildlife Equipment

- Wildlife feeders
- Wildlife blinds
- Wildlife traps

Division V – BBQ pits and Fire pits

- Section A. BBQ pits – no open flame, enclosed
- Section B. Fire pits – open flame, not enclosed

Division VI – Trailers

- Utility trailers
- Stock trailers
- Implement trailers
  - Section A. 16' and under
  - Section B. Over 16'

Division VII – Miscellaneous

- Benches, tables, and other projects that do not fit specifics above.

ENTRY FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE – https://mcfa.org/events/ag-mechanics/

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Online Entry & Payment Dates: Monday, January 18, 2027 – Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm

Online Entry Submission Website: www.mcfa.org

Photography entries must be submitted to the Fair Office between Monday, March 9, 2027, and Friday, March 29, 2027, by 5 pm. Read the Photography Show Rules for detailed instructions.

ALL THE SHOWS ARE IN THE EXHIBIT BUILDING.
THESE SHOWS ARE SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS AND SPECIFIC SHOW RULES THAT FOLLOW. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE JR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW AND YOUR SPECIFIC SHOW RULES SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

Friday, April 9, 2027

FINE ARTS, NEEDLECRAFT, PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS, and HOMEMAKING SHOWS: CAKES FROM SCRATCH, PIES, QUICK BREAD, & CANNED FOODS

CHECK-IN for all Friday Shows except Photography (see above): **7:00 am – 9:00 am**

PRELIMINARY JUDGING: **10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

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

NON-FINALIST & 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 WILL REMAIN ON-SITE FOR FINAL JUDGING.

FINAL JUDGING & INTERVIEWS: **4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS & SALE ORDER: **Saturday, April 10, 2027, 8:30 pm**

Saturday, April 10, 2027

HANDICRAFT I, HANDICRAFT II & HORTICULTURE SHOWS and HOMEMAKING SHOWS: DECORATED CAKES, CAKES FROM MIX, COOKIES, CANDY, & YEAST BREAD

CHECK-IN: **7:00 am – 9:00 am**

PRELIMINARY JUDGING: **10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

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

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FINAL JUDGING & INTERVIEWS: **4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS & SALE ORDER: **8:30 pm**
(TOP 5 WINNERS IN EACH SHOW AND AUCTION SALE ORDER)

AUCTION SALE MEETING: Immediately Following Announcement of Winners & Sale order

Monday, April 12, 2027

AUCTION DAY

ALL AUCTION SALE ITEMS DUE: (Original Non-Food Projects and Fresh Food Items)	**8:00 am – 12:00 noon**
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 ASSISGANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2027 JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR ASSICIATION RESERVES TO ITS OFFICERS AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE JR. NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS' GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS 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 judgement, may deem advisable.

Any exhibitor and/or his/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/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 on behalf of any entity) owe money after August 1st to the Montgomery County Fair Association for any reason whatsoever, said exhibitor, his/her immediate family member(s), parent(s), guardian(s) and or/representatives(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 Friday, April 9, 2027, 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 judgement 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, and 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. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of one of the following during the current school year:
    a) FFA – must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County FFA Chapter meetings from September through February.
    b) 4-H enrolled members must have attended 50% of local Montgomery County 4-H Club meetings from September through February. This does not include project meetings or other contests.
    c) FHA – must be an active member in this school related club.
    d) **Teacher sponsored- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, parochial, or private school, or homeschool class, which is related to the entry (example: art class, photography class, etc.) Homeschool students who would have attended a private, public or parochial school within Montgomery County are eligible to show.**
    e) Must be 8 years old and in the 3rd grade or 9 years old as of August 31, 2026, to enter.
    f) All students will be required to provide a complete eligibility form regarding grades and attendance. Students who are currently enrolled in FFA or 4H chapter do not need this particular from as they will receive and complete this form with their chapter. This form is for those students who are in enrolled in (Teacher Sponsored Classes example" Art, Home Economics Class, CTE Programs, or Homeschool etc.).

Exhibitors must download the eligibility form at www.mcfa.org on the Junior Contest Show page after March 1, 2027 or by clicking here. The form must be signed and completed by a parent/guardian and an appropriate school designee after March 15, 2027, and turned into the fair office by March 25, 2027, 5pm. Only one (1) form per student is required.

6. Except as provided in GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B), or (C) 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 (5) 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 the 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 (5) or more nights each week), but because of school district boundaries the student is zoned to attend public school inside Montgomery County, the student must be a member in good standing and attend 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 (5) 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, the student must be a member in good standing and attending a minimum of 50% of club meetings of a Montgomery 4-H Club or FFA.

   GENERAL EXCEPTION (C): 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 (5) or more nights each week), but has been selected and enrolled in a Public School in Montgomery County through open enrollment; 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 qualifies under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B), or (C) above, may be allowed to participate by completing a General Exception Form, but only after official acceptance, which requires approval by the Montgomery County Fair Association. This form must be delivered to the Montgomery County Fair Office, P. O. Box 869, Conroe, TX 77305 by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm. THIS IS NOT A LOG SHEET. Any entrant or exhibitor who qualified under GENERAL EXCEPTION (A), (B), or (C) above may not enter livestock or non-livestock entries in any other county fair or they will be deemed ineligible for participation in the Montgomery County Fair Association and may face penalties including but not limited to forfeiture of awards or auction premiums at the discretion of Montgomery County Fair Association.

7. Any individual serving as Chairman, Assistant Chairman, or Judge cannot allow his/her children to participate in the show in which he/she serves as Chairman, Assistant Chairman, or Judge. Any individual serving as a committeeman (worker) cannot be present at the judging of the show in which he/she is working if his/her children are participating in that show, nor can he/she judge that show. NO CHILDREN ALLOWED DURING JUDGING. NO TEACHER OR LEADER OF AN EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA THEIR STUDENTS PROJECT IS ENTERED IN DURING THE PRELIMINRAY AND/OR FINAL JUDGING.

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

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

10. No "For Sale" signs may be placed on items during show or while on display.

11. Show winner Recognition and Sale Placement Announcements:
    a) Exhibitors may sell only ONE (1) entry in the auction.
    b) Exhibitors will be recognized for their show placement in Grand through 5th 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 entries in the Top Ten of multiple departments/divisions, 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 the start of finals judging.
e) Please note line-item d: This option applies only if an exhibitor has two entries that receive the same placing within the show. In that circumstance, the exhibitor may indicate a preference; however, regardless of the preference selected, the highest-placing item will be designated for the auction.

12. An exhibitor is NOT permitted to drop a Grand or Reserve Champion entry to sell an entry of lower sale placement.

13. **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.

14. Individuals may earn a Top 10 placing in multiple shows or divisions. However, an exhibitor is eligible to sell only one item or entry through the sale.

15. Junior Exhibitors who place in the Grand Champion position at the 2026 show will not be eligible to compete in that show, department, or division for the 2027 Montgomery County Fair.

16. The 2027 online entry window will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, January 18, 2027, and end at 5:00 pm Friday, January 29, 2027, on the Montgomery County Fair official website – 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 and fees must be submitted online by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 29, 2027, an **entry fee of $15.00** per item entered will be charged- NO REFUNDS FOR INCORRECT ENTRIES. Entries may be completed and paid for in person at the fair office by 5:00pm Friday, January 29, 2027, if means to complete online are not accessible by the individual. Any changes to an existing entry must be made during the online entry timeframe. If an entry needs to be changed during the late entry window, **each change will be subject to the late entry fee mentioned below**. Please contact the Fair Office via phone for changes needed to existing entries. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and/or Exhibitor Representative to ensure their entry is correct. Once the online entry timeframe has ended and the late entry window has closed, changes to entries cannot be made, and no new entrants/entries will be allowed.

17. There is a late entry window to submit late entries. The late entry window will begin on Monday, February 1, 2027, and end at 5:00pm Friday, February 12, 2027. 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 ENTRANTS AND ENTRY MODIFICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A $250.00 LATE FEE **PER ENTRY plus the original $15.00 entry fee.** It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or Exhibitor Representative to ensure their entry is correct. Once the online entry timeframe has ended and the late entry window has closed, changes to entries cannot be made, and no new entrants/entries will be allowed.

    It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or Exhibitor Representative to ensure their entry is correct. Once the online entry timeframe has ended and the late entry window has closed, changes to entries cannot be made, and no new entrants/entries will be allowed.

18. All exhibitors will receive an armband which entitles them free entry to the Fairgrounds from Friday, April 9, 2027, to Sunday, April 11, 2027. There is a $5.00 replacement fee for a lost armband.

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

20. Exhibits will be judged and awarded blue (excellent), red (good), and white (ineligible) ribbons. At the discretion of the judges, finalist ribbons and honorable mention ribbons will be presented.

21. Articles not going to final judging must be picked up between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm on the day of their show by presentation of the Exhibitor's entry number that will be issued at registration. Entries not picked up by 3:30 pm will become property of MCFA and can be immediately disposed of.

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

23. IT IS MANDATORY THAT EXHIBITORS OF ALL AUCTION ITEMS BRING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER(S) TO HIS/HER BUYER(S), TO THE FAIR OFFICE. THE FAIR OFFICE WILL MAIL THE THANK YOU LETTERS AND BUYER'S PICTURES. ONLY PARENTS AND/OR THE EXHIBITOR MAY PICK UP CHECKS AT THE FAIR OFFICE. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST ALSO HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAX I.D. NUMBER BEFORE CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED. **CHECKS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2027. ALL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2027, BY 5:00 PM. CHECKS NOT PICKED UP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2027, WILL BE FORFEITED AND THE MONIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

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

25. For the 2027 Fair, it is expected that approximately five (5) cakes from scratch, five (5) cakes from mix, five (5) cookies, five (5) candies, five (5) pies, five (5) decorated cakes, five (5) quick breads, five (5) yeast breads, five (5) canned foods, five (5) handicraft I, five (5) handicraft II, five (5) horticulture, five (5) needlecraft, five (5) fine arts, and five (5) photography (for a total of seventy five (75) items) to be auctioned.

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

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

28. The exhibitor, one (1) member of the immediate family, or teacher can bring entries to the show. No one else will be permitted into the Exhibit Building Area.

29. An entry winning Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, or 5th place that is left in the exhibit hall until Auction, is left at the exhibitor's risk.

30. 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.

31. **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 THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, CAN BE CONSIDERED.**

32. All protests to any ruling and/or to any provision of these rules and regulations set forth in the Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of **$250.00** 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 (5) 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/her 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 in the Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations).

33. 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.

34. All entries will be judged in the show and category in which it was entered by the exhibitor. After the entry deadline has passed, there will be no changes permitted to the entry. If you have questions about which

department or division your entry should be in, please call the Fair Office for directions. If an entry was entered in the wrong department or division, it will only receive a white ribbon and will not be eligible for Top ten (10) or Honorable Mention placement.

35. Judges Requirements and Guidelines:
    - Judges will be invited from the public and given training and instructions prior to judging.
    - Judges must be 21 years of age or older.
    - Any immediate relative of an exhibitor (brother, sister, parent, guardian) in the Jr. Non-Livestock show cannot be in the building during any judging. If any of the above are present, they must identify themselves to judge chairman.
    - Judges cannot judge an area where they have a friend, student, or other relative entered.
    - The OIC, Show or Judges Chairman has the right to remove/revoke any judging assignment.

JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW

The general provisions for the Jr. Non-Livestock Show apply to the Homemaking Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of NINE (9) entries in this show.

2. You may enter ONE (1) item in each Homemaking Division.

3. Online Entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per item) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

4. All entries will be judged in the category in which it was entered by the exhibitor. After the entry deadline has passed, there will be no changes permitted to the entry. If you have questions about which department or division your entry should be in, please call the fair office for directions. If an entry was entered in the wrong department or division, it will only receive a white ribbon and will not be eligible for Top 10 or Honorable Mention placement.

5. All entries **MAY** be tasted including decorated cakes. All ingredients are to be from scratch unless otherwise stated.

6. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in **ALL** divisions **will be required to have a duplicate of the winning entry to sell the night of the auction, EXCLUDING decorated cakes**.

7. **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRIES.**

8. **ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION WILL NOT PERMITTED**. Temperature control cannot be provided during the show to ensure safe food handling/serving procedures as required by Texas Health and Human Services. Examples of allowed and prohibited foods include but are **NOT** limited to:

Allowed	Not Allowed
Dairy or eggs that are incorporated AND baked into batters and/or doughs	Cream cheese, pudding, custard, sour cream, whipped cream or yogurt fillings
Salted Butter	Meat/Bacon
Glazes with LESS THAN 4 tablespoons of milk, cream, half and half or another dairy.	Shellfish
Commercially produced ready to use canned icing products, that do not require refrigeration after opening (For "From Mix" category only.)	Dairy, including Sweetened-condensed, evaporated milk. That is not incorporated and baked into batters and/or dough or represented in greater than 4 tablespoons in a glaze or icing recipe.
American Buttercream	Whipped cream, Cool Whip, Cream cheese, French Buttercream, Swiss Meringue Buttercream or Ermine Frostings

Please follow instructions for required refrigeration as indicated on the product label. **Any entry that includes a prohibited Time Temperature Controlled food will receive a white ribbon for rule violation.**

RECIPE/LOG SHEET SUBMISSION

For the 2027 Fair, you will submit all recipes and log sheets (IF REQUIRED), **THE DAY OF THE SHOW ONLY**, when your entry is checked in.

1. Each entry recipe will be accepted in the following format:
   a) Hand-written or typed on a standard 8 ½ x11 sheet of paper or 3x5 index cards, front only, do not write on the back. Multiple sheets/cards may be used.
   b) All recipes must be stapled in the top left-hand corner.
   c) Recipes must include all mixing and baking instructions. (Recipes must include complete ingredients, mixing and baking instructions. Instructions should be detailed, written in a clear step-by-step format, and provide sufficient information to accurately prepare and bake the recipe.)
   d) THE RECIPE SUBMITTED BECOMES PROPERTY OF MCFA AND WILL BE DESTROYED.

2. Log Sheets are only required for Decorated Cakes and Canned Foods entries in this Show. See Log sheet for details, available online. No folders or binders will be accepted.

3. If you do not turn in a recipe and/or log sheet the day of the show with your entry, your entry will not be judged and will receive a white ribbon.

DEPARTMENT: DESSERTS

JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW DEPARTMENTS

I.) **ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Please refer to rule #8 on page 48 for more details.**

II.) **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

III.) Must be presented on a stiff, nonreusable surface that is covered with aluminum foil, i.e. paper, foam plates, etc.

DIVISION: CAKES FROM SCRATCH

- No pre-packaged mixes can be used to prepare the cake and/or icing.
- Presentation for cakes, cupcakes, and cake balls:
  - Any embellishments added to complete the cake/icing presentation can be from pre-packaged mixes (i.e. sprinkles, chocolate chips).
  - Must be on a stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil. (see line item III on page 49)
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - **The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on all sides.**
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DIVISION: CAKES FROM MIXES

- Recipe must include:
  - Type of cake mix and topping used as base in recipe.
  - All mixing and baking instruction; any additional preparation instructions.
- Presentation for cakes, cupcakes, and cake balls:
  - Must be on a stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil. (see line item III on page 49)
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - **The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on all sides.**
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
  - Additional items needed to make the recipe - such as chocolate chips, sprinkles, and similar ingredients do not need to be made homemade. These are considered ingredients, not prepackaged products.

- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DIVISION: DECORATED CAKES

- Cake must be fresh and consumable at the time of judging.
- All parts must be 100% edible (EXCEPTION: supports such as columns, toothpicks, etc.) Cake can be cut to ensure use of edible ingredients.
- Presentation for decorated cakes:
  - Must be on stiff, disposable surface that is covered with aluminum foil. (see line item III on page 49)
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - **The stiff surface should not exceed the dimensions of the cake by more than 3" on all sides.**
  - **Cakes must not exceed 36" x 36".**
  - Do not cover.
- MCFA Log Sheet is required and must be completely filled out for decorated cake entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-homemaking/. No folders or binders will be accepted.
- No recipe required, but a summary of how the cake is decorated is to be provided on 8.5"x11" sheet of paper or index cards which are approximately 3" x 5" in size, front side only, and submitted as indicated above in the submission requirements.
- **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

DIVISION: COOKIES (includes dropped, rolled, pressed, bars, molded, refrigerator, or miscellaneous)

- Brownies are included in this section.
- Store-bought cookies, in any form (crushed, blended, etc.) may not be used as an ingredient in this division (example: Oreos, vanilla wafers, graham crackers, etc.).
- No pre-packaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for cookies:
  - **Must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.** (see line item III on page 49)
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DIVISION: CANDY (includes fudge, divinity, brittle, or miscellaneous)

- MUST NOT CONTAIN FLOUR
- No pre-packaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for candy:
  - **Must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.** (see line item III on page 49)
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface. Candy can be individually wrapped for presentation.
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DIVISION: PIES (includes pies in crust, fried pies, cobblers and pie tarts – individual or single)

- No prepackaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- All crusts must be made from scratch, recipe to be included.
- Presentation for pies:
  - **Pies in crust must be in a foil pie pan which is 9" to 12" in diameter.**
  - **Fried pies must be on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.** (see line item III on page 49)
  - **Single tart must be baked in a 9" tart pan and placed on a 12" maximum stiff, disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.**
  - Item must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).

- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DEPARTMENT: BREADS

- **ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Please refer to rule #8 on page (48) for more details.**
- Must be made by hand, no bread machines.
- No prepackaged mixes may be used as an ingredient.
- Presentation for breads:
  - **Entry must be on a stiff, disposable surface covered by aluminum foil; surface cannot exceed the dimensions of the entry by more than 3" on any side or corner. Loaves of bread may be placed in a clear transparent bag that can be easily opened and closed; if bagged, stiff surface recommendation above become optional.** (see line item III on page 49)
  - Item must be covered with A clear transparent or cling wrap (not a dome or plastic container/cover).
  - Professional pre-made boards must be covered with aluminum foil.
  - Must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the surface.

DIVISION: QUICK BREADS (includes muffins, biscuits, cornbread, fruit-nut-vegetable, fancy breads, loaf, or misc.)

- CANNOT CONTAIN YEAST
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DIVISION: YEAST BREADS (includes loaf, plain rolls, sweet rolls, fancy breads, sourdough or misc.)

- MUST CONTAIN YEAST (Active dry yeast, Instant yeast, fresh yeast, beer and sourdough starter)
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

DEPARTMENT: CANNED FOODS (includes jelly, jams, preserves, marmalade, canned vegetable & fruit, pickles (cucumber and other), relishes, and misc.)

- **ENTRIES REQUIRING REFRIDGERATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Please refer to rule #8 on page (48) for more details.**
- All entries must include processing and canning instructions with the recipe.
- All entries must be processed by pressure canner or hot water bath, whichever is applicable.
- An MCFA Log Sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all canned food entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-homemaking/. No folders or binders will be accepted.
- Presentation of Canned Foods from Scratch:
  - All entries must be in jars that are made especially for canning.
  - The lids and rims must be sealed and free of rust.
  - The jar must be clean and labeled on the side of the jar indicating the contents and the canning date.
  - All entries must be prepared and canned within the same school year of show participation.
- **Non–edible decorations are not permitted. No staging of homemaking items are allowed.**

JUNIOR HOMEMAKING SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the following:

- 6 DESSERT DIVISIONS – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION
- 2 BREAD DIVISIONS – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION
- 1 CANNED FOOD DIVISION – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS IN THE DIVISION

These exhibitors will receive finalist's ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in each division and will receive Honorable Mention Ribbons. The final judging will pick the grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners in the 9 divisions above.

JUNIOR HANDICRAFT SHOW

The General Provisions for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Handicraft Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.

2. Any exhibits that can get dirty easily are required to be completely covered in clear plastic that can be opened.

   An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-handicraft/. No folders or binders will be accepted.

3. Online entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per item) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

4. **Entries cannot be any larger than 8'h x 6'w x 6'd. Items greater than 100 lbs must have a mobility device, such as a furniture dolly, or casters, provided by the exhibitor that remains with the entry.**

5. The entry should be entered into the Handicraft Department considering the material used and the largest percentage of material and workmanship described in the exhibitor's log sheet.

6. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented. **NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRY**.

HANDICRAFT I (includes woodcraft, metalcraft, furniture)
1. Woodcraft can be made by hand or machine, and include works burned, painted, or miscellaneously constructed.
2. Metalcraft may be hand tooled, sculptured, enamel painted, or miscellaneously constructed.

HANDICRAFT II (includes ceramics & plaster, artificial flowers, jewelry, glass craft, leather craft tooling & dying, scrapbooking)
1. Ceramics & plastics can be handmade originals or cast from commercial molds.
2. Glass craft may be painted or cut.
3. Scrapbooking – may be digital or traditional.
4. Mixed materials – example: dreamcatcher or other items using a combination of materials. A functional object such as flowerpot, tabletop, picture frame, etc., with mosaic styling)
5. Woodcraft and metalcraft items will not be accepted into Handicraft II division.

JUNIOR HANDICRAFT SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the following:
1. HANDICRAFT I – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS
2. HANDICRAFT II – UP TO TEN (10) TOP WINNERS

These exhibitors will receive a finalist's ribbon and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in each Department. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in each department and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners in each Department.

JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW

The General Provisions for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Needlecraft Show as well as the following special rules.

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.

2. Online entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per item) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

3. Can be made by hand, machine, or with any type of needle or hook. (If your project requires binding, you can finish it either by hand or by machine.)

4. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-needlecraft/. No folders or binders will be accepted.

5. All items must be finished.

6. All items should be stretched or framed when applicable for smaller items. (Quilts, Afghans, and other large needlecraft items should not be submitted stretched or framed.)

7. Any exhibits that may get dirty easily should be covered in clear plastic that can be easily opened.

8. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.

9. NO PROJECT BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ENTRY.

JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW INCLUDES:

Needlecraft, crochet, knit, embroidery, cross-stitch, patchwork, applique, quilts, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, weaving, wearing apparel, or mixed material.

JUNIOR NEEDLECRAFT SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners in the Needlecraft Department. These exhibitors will receive finalist's ribbons **and must be present at the final judging.** Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in this show. In addition, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected in the department and will receive an Honorable Mention ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners.

JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW

The General Provisions for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Fine Arts Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit a maximum of four (4) entries in this show.
2. Online entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per item) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).
3. All art should be the original work of the artist. NO COPIES will be accepted.
4. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all Fine Arts entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-fine-arts/. No folders or binders will be accepted.
5. The exhibitor's name shall not appear on the front or back of the project, no exception. ONLY THE ENTRY # shall be present on the BACK of the project, completed at check-in by show personnel.
6. No more than one student may work on an entry.
7. Entries may not include:
    - Plastic figures
    - Commercial objects or lettering are not acceptable. The entry must be PAINTING, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, MOSAICS, OR PORCELAIN PAINTING as defined below.
8. Flat entries:
    - Must be matted or mounted on rigid poster board.
    - The board should be heavy enough to prevent sagging.
    - **The mat should be no larger than 3" – 4" on any side.**
    - **Minimum 11" x 14" matted, maximum 22" x 28" matted, UNFRAMED.**
    - No framed pieces, glass, unmounted, or un-matted work will be accepted for judging.
    - All work must be DRY.
    - Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed and protected from elements with a transparent protective covering.
    - Canvas entries:
        - **Minimum 8" x 10" up to a maximum 20" x 24".**
        - Unframed canvas only.
        - All work must be DRY.
9. Sculpture and constructions:
    - Entries may be constructed of clay (except oil-based clays), metal, wood, chicken wire, papier mâché, assemblages, or combinations of the above.
    - Wire sculptures must have a base.
    - Sculptures made of wax, toothpicks, or other fragile materials will not be accepted.
    - **Sculptures cannot be any larger than 20" horizontally or vertically.**
    - All work must be DRY.
    - Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed and protected from elements with a transparent protective covering.
10. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at Chairman's discretion.

JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW INCLUDES:

PAINTING (acrylics, watercolors, oil, and tempera)
DRAWING (pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastel, scratchboard, block printing, drafting, crayon)
SCULPTURE (metal, clay, wood, wire, assemblages, papier mâché, or combinations)
PORCELAIN PAINTING
MOSAICS (collage and Montage assembled from many pieces that build a design or image, and each individual piece can be clearly seen. The goal is artistic expression, not function. Adding mosaic to a functional object such as flowerpot, tabletop, picture frame, etc. is considered a handicraft II item.)

JUNIOR FINE ARTS SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all entries in the Fine Arts Department. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make the top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners.

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The General Provisions for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Photography Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit up to twelve (12) entries (photos) in this show.

2. Online entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per photograph entered) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

3. PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW ENTRY: Photography entries must be submitted to the Fair Office between Monday, March 8, 2027, and Friday, March 19, 2027, by 5:00 pm. ***Any entries received after the submission deadline, March 19th, 2027, will not be accepted.*** Photography Exhibitors are not required to appear for check-in on April 9, 2027, as entries will not be accepted day of show.
4.
5. For each photography entry paid online (i.e., Photograph), you must submit:
    - A flat sealed envelope per entry (envelope PROVIDED BY EXHIBITOR).
        - Each envelope should contain:
            a) Your entry Photograph
            b) Required log sheet completely filled out
        - Written on the outside of the envelope must be:
            a) The students name
            b) Phone number
            c) Email address
            d) Description of the photo
    - Nothing is written on the photograph itself.

5. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all photography entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-photography/. No folders or binders will be accepted.

6. **All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size.**

7. Photographs with the following will **not** be accepted:
    - Any outside borders or titles showing
    - Matted, mounted, or framed photographs
    - Collages of any kind
    - Panoramic photographs
    - Date stamps and watermarks

8. Exhibitor's name shall not appear on the front or the back of the project, NO EXCEPTIONS.

9. All photographs will be judged on the following:
    - Focus
    - Exposure
    - Lighting
    - Print Quality
    - Subject
    - Composition
    - Impact
    - Uniqueness

10. Photographs may be in color, or black and white, and may be digitally enhanced.

11. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at the Chairman's discretion.

12. Previous entries are not allowed to be entered.

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW INCLUDES:

Go Texan, pets or animals, landscape, portrait, architectural, vacation, and miscellaneous.

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all photography entries. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners. The original photograph going to sale must be matted and framed **(no larger than 11" x 14")** by the exhibitor for the Sale.

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW

The General Provisions for all Junior Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Horticulture Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Individuals can exhibit only four (4) entries in this show.

2. Online entries must be completed and paid (**$15** entry fee per item) by Friday, January 29, 2027, by 5:00 pm (see Jr. Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations for online entry details).

3. Fruits & vegetables used in all displays must be grown by the exhibitor.

4. Container plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession and in the same container for at least ninety (90) days. Insect-infested plants will not be allowed in the show area.

5. Containers for cut specimens will be a plain, glass container already filled with water, and furnished by the exhibitor. Large specimens should be in a suitable and stable container also furnished by the exhibitor.

6. **Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high and not to exceed 35 lbs.**

7. Staging or embellishments may be added to the original entry, but the entire exhibit must not exceed maximum size and weight requirements.

8. ITEMS WILL BE WEIGHED AND MEASURED AT CHECK-IN.

9. An MCFA log sheet is required and must be completely filled out for all Horticulture entries. https://mcfa.org/events/junior-horticulture/. No folders or binders will be accepted.

10. Vegetable and fruit entries can be displayed artistically and on any surface within the maximum size and weight limits above in rule six (6).

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW INCLUDES:

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

- LEAFY VEGETABLES AND CABBAGE AND THEIR RELATIVES
  - Chard, Collards, Lettuce, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, etc.
    a) Minimum two (2) heads or bunches must be submitted for judging.
    b) Outer leaves should be removed, and stems may be cut or cleaned.
- ROOT CROPS
  - Beets, Carrots, Green Onions, Shallots, Radishes, and Turnips
    a) Two standard bunches of 4 to 6 roots per bunch.
- FRUITS AND FRUITING VEGETABLES
  - Peas, Strawberries, Blackberries, and Dewberries
    a) Small fruits and vegetables consisting of eight (8) to ten (10) items minimum.
    b) Large fruits and vegetables consisting of four (4) to six (6) items minimum.

HORTICULTURE CONTAINER PLANTS

(includes African violets, foliage plants, ferns, cactus, and other succulents, etc.)

- Cacti must not have spines, thorns, or quills that could cause injury.
- Terrariums, hanging baskets, cut flowers (annuals, perennials, collection of flowers)
  - Three (3) stems minimum must be entered
- Tree and shrub branches (flower of fruiting, broadleaf evergreen, needled evergreen, decorative foliage)
  - **Each single branch must be 14" to 36" long.**

ARTISTIC

- Contents of SILK, PLASTIC, WOOD, or SOLA (wooden flowers) will not be accepted.
- Entries must be composed entirely of floral material and may consist of fresh floral material, dried floral material, or a combination of both. (No artificial florals are permitted)

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE SHOW AWARDS

The preliminary judges may pick up to ten (10) top winners from all horticulture entries. These exhibitors will receive Finalist Ribbons and **must be present at the final judging**. Individuals cannot make top ten (10) more than once in this show. Up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions may be selected and will receive an Honorable Mention Ribbon. The Final Judging will pick the Grand, Reserve, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners.

SUNSHINE SHOW

"MCFA SUNSHINE DAY – CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY OF SPECIAL NEEDS"

All Sunshine Show and Awards Presentation take place in the EXHIBITION BUILDING

CHECK-IN FOR **NON-BAKED GOODS ENTRIES**: Thursday, April 8, 2027 – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
CHECK-IN FOR **BAKED GOODS ENTRIES**: Friday, April 9, 2027 – 7:30 am to 8:30 am
JUDGING: Friday, April 9, 2027 – 9:00 am
WINNERS POSTED: Friday, April 9, 2027 – about 12:00 pm
AWARDS: Monday, April 12, 2027, **4:45 pm to 5:45 pm**
AWARDS CHECK-IN: 4:00 pm

Non-Baked Goods Entries – Thursday, April 8, 2027, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm is a mandatory check-in for all non-baked goods entries. Check-in is held at the Exhibition Building on the Fairgrounds. Entries not checked in on this day will not be accepted to show.

Baked Goods Entries – Friday, April 9, 2027, from 7:30 am to 8:30 am is a mandatory check-in for all baked goods entries. Check-in is held at the Exhibition Building on the Fairgrounds. Entries not checked in on this day will not be accepted to show.

PICK UP ITEMS IMMEDIATLEY AFTER THE WINNERS ARE POSTED.

1. Exhibitor must be a resident of Montgomery County and affiliated with a county or private facility or attend school in Montgomery County to enter.

2. Articles can be exhibited only by the maker or producer. No extra embellishments are allowed.

3. All entries must be ones which have been started after Sunday, April 19, 2026.

4. No entry fee will be charged for this show.

5. An exhibitor cannot enter and/or sell an item in the Sunshine Auction and in the Jr. Non-Livestock Auction.

6. NEW ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY WILL BE DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2027, by 5 pm. Online entry Jot form will be available at https://mcfa.org/events/sunshine-day-field-trip-show/. **ENTRIES NOT SUBMITTED BY MARCH 19 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

7. An exhibitor may only enter one (1) entry per department.

8. The Sunshine Show Office-In-Charge and Chairman have the discretion to place any item into any department and/or division they deem fit and reserve the right to place items from one department/division to another if there are not enough entries.

9. Exhibitors/winners may receive only one (1) cash award. If the Buyer does not attend the night of the sale, the project will go home with the exhibitor.

10. The show will open Thursday, April 8, 2027, 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.

11. 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.

SUNSHINE SHOW AWARDS

A Grand, Reserve, 3rd, and 4th place winner will be chosen from each of the seven (7) departments for Division I, II and III.
The Montgomery County Fair Association will obtain buyers for all place winners. Grand – $350, Reserve – $325,

3rd place – $300, and 4th place - $275. Awards and prizes will be presented Monday, April 12, 2027, from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Pictures will be mailed to the buyer and the exhibitor.

SUNSHINE SHOW DIVISIONS & DEPARTMENTS

NO CANNED GOODS WILL BE ALLOWED

DIVISIONS:

- Division I – Ages 5 to 14
- Division II – Ages 15 to 21
- Division III – Ages 22 & older

Ages will be determined as of show date, Friday, April 9, 2027.

DEPARTMENTS All divisions may enter any of the following Show Departments:

A. BAKED GOODS

- Cakes from scratch, cakes from mix, candy, cookies, breads, and pies.
- NO DECORATED CAKES
- NO RECIPES REQUIRING REFRIGERATION

B. ARTS

- Mounted and/or matted **artwork**, sculptures, and constructions (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).
- **Artwork** must be 11" x 14" to 16" x 20" including matt (not required). No other size will be accepted.
- NO PHOTOGRAPHY PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THIS CATEGORY.

C. HANDICRAFTS

- Glass craft, dried and/or artificial flower arrangements, ceramics and plaster, leather craft, **jewelry,** or any item that may not fit anywhere else (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).
- NO LIVE PLANTS.

D. WOODCRAFT

- By hand, by machine, burning, painting (on Entry Form, indicate whether made with kit or handmade).
- **EX: Birdhouses, Toolboxes, Birdfeeders, Benches etc.**

E. FIBER/FABRIC ARTS

- Wearing apparel (painted t-shirts, aprons, etc.), jewelry, **or items made by hand or machine using any type of needle or hook** (like dolls, stuffed animals, quilts, needlecraft, crochet, or knit items).

F. HORTICULTURE

- Live plants and/or flowers
- Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high
- Not to exceed 30 to 35 lbs.

G. PHOTOGRAPHY

- All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size with no outside borders or titles showing.
- Photographs may be color, black and white**, retouched or edited.**
- Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at Chairman's discretion.
- **NO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENHANCED OR GENERATED ENTRIES ALLOWED.**

A People's Choice Award will be given for the (1) Most Popular Entry selected by the people visiting and working at the Fair.

https://mcfa.org/events/shushine-day-field-trip-show/

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL ADULT NON-LIVESTOCK SHOWS

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 Adult Non-Livestock Shows' General Rules and Regulations 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.

THIS IS AN AMATEUR SHOW.

Entry Dates:

- Online entry is until Friday, April 2, 2027, by 5:00 pm at www.mcfa.org
- Entry forms will be available at the MCFA Office on the fairgrounds until Friday, April 2, 2027
- If you miss the Friday, April 2 deadline, entries will be accepted the day of the show

Entry Fees:

- $15.00 per entry if completed and paid by Friday, March 5, 2027, by 5:00 pm
- $20.00 per entry after Friday, March 5, 2027, or the day of the show
- Entry fee entitles the exhibitor to free admission on Sunday, April 11, 2027 (exhibitor only)

Check-in: Sunday, April 11, 2027 – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Judging: Sunday, April 11, 2027 – 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Awards: Sunday, April 11, 2027 – 3:00 pm

Entry Pickup: Sunday, April 11, 2027, after awards ceremony, or by 4:00 pm

1. Individuals participating in any Adult Show must meet the following requirements:
   - Eighteen (18) years of age or older
   - A resident of Montgomery County
   - Any individual serving as an Adult Non-Livestock Show Committee Member (worker) cannot participate in this show.

2. Persons of amateur standing who derive more than 1/3 of their individual income from SELLING, TEACHING, OR INSTRUCTING similar items, as those presented to the Fair as their entries, are deemed professionals, and are ineligible to participate.

3. Entries may be exhibited only by the individual creating them. Entries cannot have been entered in any other MCFA Show.

4. The show will open on Sunday, April 11, 2027, 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.

5. 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.

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

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

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

9. AWARDS:
   - Entries will be judged and awarded a Blue (excellent), Red (good) ribbon.
   - Homemaking Show:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards may be given in each Division (desserts, breads, and canned goods) for the Homemaking Show.
- All Other Shows:
  - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place awards may be given in each Show for all other shows.
- Cash awards may be given to the top 3 places in each show/division
  Best of Show/Division $100.00
  Show/Division 2nd Place $75.00
  Show/Division 3rd Place $50.00
- Shows (or Divisions in Homemaking) with less than 5 entries will be subject to award modifications.
- EXHIBITORS MAY WIN ONLY ONE CASH AWARD WITHIN ANY SHOW.
- CHECKS WILL BE MAILED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2027.

10. Individuals who won Best of Show (Best of Division in Homemaking) at the 2026 Montgomery County Fair cannot win Best of Show/Division in that same show/division at the 2027 Montgomery County Fair. **While they may enter the same show/division, they cannot place in the Grand position on two consecutive years.**

11. An "Adult Non-Livestock Show Favorite" will be determined from entries in the Needlecraft, Handicraft, Fine Arts, Photography, and Horticulture Show entries.

12. All winners in each Show will be posted virtually.

13. Special rules also apply for each of the following Adult Shows:
    - Homemaking
    - Needlecraft
    - Handicraft
    - Fine Arts
    - Photography
    - Horticulture

https://mcfa.org/events/adult-non-livestock-shows/

ADULT HOMEMAKING SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Homemaking Show as well as the following special rules:

These rules apply to all entries in this show unless noted separately under a specific item:

1. Each entry recipe will be accepted in the following format:
    a. Hand-written or typed on a standard 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper or 3" x 5" index cards, front only, do not write on the back. Multiple sheets/cards may be used.
    b. Recipe must include all ingredients, mixing and baking instructions.

2. All entries must be on a stiff disposable surface and must be covered with a clear transparent or cling wrap or in a disposable container such as a cake box (not a glass dome or plastic container/cover).

3. All entries will be judged together within each Division.

DIVISION I: DESSERTS

CAKES FROM SCRATCH:
- No pre-packaged mixes can be used to prepare the cake and/or icing.
- One slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.
- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.
- Hand craft cake for exhibit presentation.

CAKES FROM MIXES:
- Designate type(s) of cake mix(es) and icing mix(es) used as base in recipe and additional ingredients added to complete cake and icing.
- One slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.
- Cake balls and cupcakes will be accepted; however, all must be of the same recipe and decoration.
- Hand craft cake for exhibit presentation.

DECORATED CAKES:
- Creative and decorative not to exceed 36"x 36".
- No recipe is required, but a summary of how this cake was decorated must be submitted at check-in on the day of the show.
- Base must be cake, must be fresh, and consumable at time of judging. Entries may be cut.
- All parts must be 100% edible.
- A tasting sample of the cake must be submitted with the finished entry at check-in.
- Do not cover.

COOKIES: (includes dropped, pressed, bar, rolled, refrigerator, molded, or misc.)
- Brownies are included in this section
- No pre-packaged mixes may be used as an ingredient
- All cookies must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate.

CANDY: (includes fudge, divinity, brittle, or misc.)
- All candies must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate. Candy can be individually wrapped for presentation.

PIES: (includes pies in crust, fried pies, cobblers, and pie tarts – individual or single)
- Pies in Crust:
    - Pie must be in a foil pan which is 9" to 12" in diameter.
    - Once slice must be cut by the exhibitor and left in place.
    - Crust must be made from scratch and pie crust recipe must accompany pie recipe at check-in.

- Fried Pies:
  - Must have enough to fill an 8" to 10" disposable plate.
- Pie Tarts:
  - Individual tarts must have enough tarts to fill an 8" to 10" disposable plate.
  - Single tart must be baked in a 9" tart pan and placed on a 12" maximum stiff disposable surface covered in aluminum foil.
  - Cobbler must be in a foil pan which is no bigger than 8" x " 8" in diameter.

DIVISION II: BREADS: (includes muffins, biscuits, cornbread, fruit-nut-vegetable, loaf, plain rolls, sweet rolls, sour dough or misc.)

- Bread MUST be made by hand – no bread machines.
- Entries can be made with or without yeast.
- Loaves of bread may be placed in a plain clear transparent plastic bag that can easily be opened and closed.
- Individual pieces (muffins, biscuits, rolls, or miscellaneous) must be on an 8" to 10" disposable plate and must consist of enough pieces to properly fill the plate.

DIVISION III: CANNED FOODS: (includes jelly, jam, preserves, marmalade, vegetables, fruits, pickles, and pickled foods, picante or relish sauces)

- All entries must include processing and canning instructions with the recipe.
- All entries must be processed by pressure canner or hot water bath, whichever is applicable.
- All entries must be in a jar made especially for canning.
- The lids and rims must be sealed and free of rust.
- The jar must be clean and labeled on the side of the jar indicating the contents and the canning date.
- All entries must be canned within the past 12 months of the show date.

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ADULT NEEDLECRAFT SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Needlecraft Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Entries can be made by hand, machine, or with any type of needle or hook.

2. Entries must have been completed within the previous 12 months or show date.

3. A MCFA log sheet, located at https://mcfa.org/events/adult-non-livestock-shows/, is required and must be completely filled out for all needlecraft entries.

4. All items must be finished.

5. Any exhibits that may get dirty easily should be covered in clear plastic that can be easily opened.

6. No staging or enhancement of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.

7. Entries which look worn, soiled, or dirty will not be accepted.

8. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
   Clothing: women's wear, men's wear, formal wear, children's clothes.
   Needlecrafts: crochet, knit, embroidery, cross stitch, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, and tatting.
   Quilts: must be made by an individual.

9. Quilts can be sent for machine binding.

ADULT HANDICRAFT SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Handicraft Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Entries must have been completed within the previous 12 months of show date.

2. An MCFA log sheet, located at https://mcfa.org/events/adult-non-livestock-shows/, is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries.

3. Entries cannot be larger than 8'h x 6'w x 6'd. Items greater than 100 lbs. must have a mobility device, such as a furniture dolly, or casters, provided by the exhibitor that remains with the entry.

4. No staging or enhancements of any kind should be added to the original entry. Only the item being judged should be presented.

5. Entry should be entered into the Handicraft Show considering the material used and the largest percentage of material and workmanship described in the exhibitor's log sheet.

6. All entries will be judged together in this show including woodcraft, metalcraft, arts and crafts, glass craft, leather craft, ceramics, plaster, artificial or dried flowers, scrapbooking, mixed materials, wearables, and miscellaneous.

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ADULT FINE ARTS SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Fine Arts Show as well as the following special rules:

1. This is an all-media show. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
   - Painting: acrylics, oils, tempera, watercolor, mixed media, fabric paint, porcelain.
   - Drawing: pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, pastel, scratchboard, block printing, drafting, crayon.
   - Sculpture: metal, clay, wood, wire, assemblages, papier mâché, combinations.
   - Mosaics: collage and montage.

2. An MCFA log sheet, located at https://mcfa.org/events/adult-non-livestock-shows/ is required and must be completely filled out for all handicraft entries.

3. Entries must have been completed within the previous 12 months of show date.

4. Exhibitors' name shall not appear on the project (if on project, it must be covered).

5. No copies will be accepted.

6. All art should be original work of the artist.

7. No workshops (classroom) painting will be allowed in the show.

8. Commercial objects, plastic figures or lettering are not acceptable. The entry must be PAINTING, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, MOSAICS, or PORCELAIN PAINTING as defined above.

9. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at the Chairman's discretion.

10. Flat entries:
    - Must be matted or mounted on a rigid poster board.
    - The rigid board should be heavy enough to prevent sagging.
    - The mat should be no larger than 3" – 4" on any side.
    - Minimum 11" x 14" matted, unmounted or unmatted work will be accepted for judging.
    - All work must be DRY.
    - Charcoals and pastels should be sprayed and protected from elements with a transparent protective coating.
    - Canvas entries:
        - Minimum 8" x 10" up to a maximum 20" x 24".
        - Unframed canvas only.
        - All work must be DRY.

11. Sculptures:
    - Entries may be constructed of clay (except oil-based clays), metal, wood, chicken wire, papier mâché, assemblages, or combinations of the above.
    - Wire sculptures must have a base.
    - Sculptures made of wax, toothpicks, or other fragile material will not be accepted.
    - Sculptures cannot be any larger than 36" horizontally or vertically.
    - All work must be DRY.

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ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Photography Show as well as the following special rules:

1. All photographs will be judged on: focus, exposure, lighting, print quality, subject, comparison, impact, and uniqueness.

2. Entries must have been completed within the previous 12 months of show date.

3. Photographs will be judged on the picture, not on presentation.

4. All photographs must be 8" x 10" in size.

5. Photographs with the following will not be accepted:
   - Any outside borders or titles showing.
   - Matted, mounted, or framed photographs.
   - Collages of any kind.
   - Panoramic photographs.
   - Date stamps and watermark.

6. An MCFA log sheet, located at https://mcfa.org/events/adult-non-livestock-shows/, is required and must be completely filled out for all photography entries.

7. Photographs may be color, black and white, or may be digitally enhanced.

8. All entries will be judged together in this show including:
   - People, animals, and misc.

9. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified at the chairman's discretion.

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ADULT HORTICULTURE SHOW

The General Rules and Regulations for all Adult Non-Livestock Shows apply to the Horticulture Show as well as the following special rules:

1. Fruits and vegetables used in all displays must be grown by the exhibitor.

2. Container plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession and in the same container for at least 90 days.

3. Insect-infested plants will not be allowed in the show area.

4. Containers for cut specimens will be a plain, glass container, already filled with water and furnished by the exhibitor. Large specimens should be in a suitable and stable container also furnished by the exhibitor.

5. Maximum size 30" x 30" x 36" high and not to exceed 35 lbs.

6. Staging or embellishments may be added to the original entry, but the entire exhibit must not exceed maximum size and weight requirements.

7. ITEMS WILL BE WEIGHED AND MEASURED AT CHECK-IN.

8. An MCFA log sheet, located at MCFA.org, is required and must be completely filled out for all horticulture entries.

9. Vegetable and fruit entries can be displayed artistically and on any surface within the maximum size and weight limits above in rule five (5).

10. All entries will be judged together in this show including:

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

- **Leafy Vegetables** (includes chard, collards, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, etc.):
  - Minimum two (2) heads or bunches must be submitted for judging on an oval (platter type) paper plate.
  - Outer leaves should be removed, stems cut clean, leaf bunches tied together, and should have roots removed.
- **Root Crops** (includes beets, carrots, green onions, shallots, radishes, turnips, etc.):
  - Two standard bunches of four (4) to six (6) roots per bunch on a paper plate.
- **Fruits and Fruiting Vegetables** (includes peas, strawberries, blackberries, dewberries, etc.):
  - Small fruits and vegetables consisting of eight (8) to ten (10) items of uniform color and shape on a paper plate.
  - Large fruits and vegetables consisting of four (4) to six (6) items of uniform color and shape on a paper plate.

HORTICULTURE CONTAINER PLANTS (includes African violets, foliage plants, ferns, cactus, and other succulents, etc.):

- Terrariums, hanging baskets, cut flowers (annuals, perennials, collection of flowers)
  - Three (3) stems minimum must be entered.
- Tree and shrub branches (flower of fruiting, broadleaf evergreen, needled evergreen, decorative foliage)

ARTISTIC

- Contents of SILK, PLASTIC, WOOD, or SOLA (wooden flowers) will not be accepted.
- All entries must be of fresh floral material, dried and fresh floral material, or a combination of both.

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55 & OLDER NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW

THIS SHOW WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT THE FAIR.

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 2027, at the Lone Star Convention Center
CHECK-IN: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
JUDGING: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: following lunch break
- GENERAL VIEWING: during break of Sr. Citizen's Day and immediately following Sr. Citizen's activities.
- PICK UP ITEMS: immediately after awards announcements or by 3:00 pm
- Individuals can exhibit up to eight (8) items.

1. Exhibitor must be 55 years of age or a full-time resident of a convalescent center, and a resident of Montgomery County.

2. Articles can be exhibited only by the maker or producer.

3. No entry fee will be charged for this show.

4. Exhibitors may only win one award in each division.

5. Entries will be judged and awarded ribbons: Blue (excellent), Red (good), and White (fair). A first-place award will be given in each division. A 2nd and 3rd place ribbon may be given in each division.

6. Entries will be watched, and every precaution will be taken to protect all exhibits, but in no case will the Montgomery County Fair Association be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage.

7. The 55 & Older Non-Livestock Show Chairman has the discretion to place any item into any category and/or division they deem fit.

8. The show will open Thursday, April 8, 2027, 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.

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

10. All entries will be judged together in each Division.

55 & OLDER NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW DIVISIONS

DIVISION I: CANNED FOODS FROM SCRATCH

- This division includes jelly, jam, preserves, marmalade, vegetables, fruits, pickles, pickled foods, sauces (picante or relish), or miscellaneous.
- Recipes are optional.
- All entries must be in a standard jar (pint or quart) made especially for canning.
- Jar should be clean and labeled on the side of jar as to the contents and the date it was preserved.
- Lids and rims must be standard and free of rust.
- Any jars not sealed will be disqualified.

DIVISION II: DESSERTS

- This division includes cakes, cookies, candy, pies, and miscellaneous.
- No refrigerated items will be allowed.
- Recipes optional.

DIVISION III: BREADS

- This division includes quick breads or yeast breads.

- Recipes optional.

DIVISION IV: NEEDLEWORK

- This division includes needlepoint, crochet, knit, embroidery, cross stitch, patchwork, applique, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, tatting, or miscellaneous.
- No soiled or dirty articles will be accepted.
- Entries should be covered with transparent plastic wrap that can be easily opened and closed.
- Indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.

DIVISION V: HANDICRAFTS

- This division includes:
  - Woodcraft by hand, by machine, burning, painting, or miscellaneous.
  - Glass craft painting, cut, or miscellaneous.
  - Metal craft hand-tooled, sculptured, enamel painted, or miscellaneous.
  - Ceramics or plaster handmade original or cast from commercial mold.
  - Plastic crafts yarn work, tissue box, dolls, ornaments, etc.
  - Miscellaneous.
- Indicate whether a kit was used to make the article or if it is a handmade original.

DIVISION VI: FINE ARTS

- This division includes porcelain paintings, paintings – framed or unframed, and miscellaneous.

DIVISION VII: QUILTS

- This division includes quilts made by individuals or by groups.
- All quilts should be covered with a transparent plastic wrap that can be easily opened or closed.

DIVISION VIII: PHOTOGRAPHY

- This division includes photographs of pets, animals, places, or miscellaneous.
- All photographs must be 8" x 10" or smaller.
- Photographs may be matted or un-matted.

DIVISION IX: HORTICULTURE

- This division includes:
  - Vegetables & Fruits
    - Leafy vegetables, cabbage and their relatives, root crops, and fruits and fruiting vegetables.
  - Container Plants
    - African violets, foliage plants, ferns, succulents, trees, and shrub branches.
  - Artistic
    - NO SILK OR PLASTIC
    - Fresh and dried material only

https://mcfa.org/events/senior-day/

COUNTRY STORE

1. You must have paid an entry fee, **ENTERED**, and **PARTICIPATED** in competition in the Non-Professional Adult Show of the Montgomery County Fair for the current year. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of income and eligibility to participate in future shows and your items will be pulled from the County Store.

2. A participating 4-H or FFA group with exhibitors in the current Montgomery County Fair may sell their items in the County Store. Clubs must enter items as a "group" and not as individuals.

3. You must enter for sale those items listed in the official Montgomery County Fair Catalog rules for Non-Professional Adult Shows and/or Jr. Non-Livestock Shows for the current year. Other items may be sold with prior approval of Country Store Chairman.

4. Canned products are to have been prepared within the last year only. The jar must be clean and labeled on the side of the jar as to the contents and the date it was preserved. The lids and rims must be standard and free of rust. All jars must be sealed.

5. All baked items must be labeled and dated. Any perishable baked goods not sold or picked up may be discarded at the discretion of the Country Store Committee.

6. No used or damaged articles will be accepted. All merchandise must have been made in the last year. Items entered in the County Store last year which did not sale, may not be re-entered.

7. Other additional items to restock may be brought in daily 30 minutes before doors open. ONCE DOORS OPEN YOU MAY NOT RESTOCK UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 2027, WILL BE THE LAST TIME TO RESTOCK.

8. Twenty percent (20%) of the sale price will go to the Montgomery County Fair Association. Checks less the twenty percent (20%) will be mailed to seller or group within thirty (30) days. Payments will be made only on those items for which the Country Store has yellow tag.

9. Participants may come by the Fair office the week of Monday, March 22 – Friday, March 26, 2027, to pick up seller number, sale tags, and sale cards.

10. Items must be tagged and brought to the Country Store on Wednesday, April 7, 2027, between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm or Thursday, April 8, 2027, between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

11. All items not sold must be picked up no later than Sunday, April 18, 2027, between 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm. Items not picked up will become the property of the Montgomery County Fair Association. NO EXCEPTIONS.

12. The Country Store Committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not qualify or is in bad taste.

13. All items for sale must be created by the seller. No commercially packaged items will be accepted, unless items are donated, and the Montgomery County Fair Association receives 100% of the proceeds. Commercial Exhibitors will be allowed to enter items for sale in the county store if they meet the guidelines of the Non-Professional Adult Show rules.

14. Sale items must have a yellow sale tag attached with the following information:
    a) Seller's name and address
    b) Name of item
    c) Sale price

15. Sale cards must have a numerical list of all items with the same number as the yellow sale tags. Sale cards MUST be completed before items are checked in.

16. No item shall be priced under $1.00 and must be in increments of .50 cents.

17. All precautions will be taken; however, the Montgomery County Fair Association will not be responsible for items lost, damaged, or stolen.

18. The Country Store Committee will accept donated new handmade items, will price those items, and the entire sale will go to the Montgomery County Fair Association.

19. **THE COUNTRY STORE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISPLAY OR STOCK ITEMS AT THEIR DISCRETION.**

20. The Country Store will be staffed by Committee members and volunteers.

AGRICULTURAL ROBOTICS CONTEST

Contest Date: Friday, April 16, 2027 – 7:30am in the Aria Development Exhibit Building
Online Registration Opens: Monday, September 21, 2026 – 9:00am
Online Registration Closes: Friday, January 8, 2027 – 5:00pm
Teams Notified of Selection: Friday, January 15, 2027
Team Confirmation/Entry Fee: Friday, February 26, 2027 – 5:00pm. Entry fee is $40. No late payments will be accepted
Team Member Substitution Form (if needed): Friday, March 26, 2027 – 5:00pm

1. This Division is subject to the General Rules of the Montgomery County Fair Association and these Contest Rules.

2. **Participation**. Participants must be 4-H and FFA members or members of school-affiliated Robotics Programs in Montgomery County. An Eligibility Form is required for all school-affiliated participants to complete before competing.

3. **Age Divisions**. Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of September 1 of the current school year.

   - Junior — Grades 3, 4, and 5
     The minimum age is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade
   - Intermediate: — Grades 6, 7, and 8
   - Senior: — Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

4. **Entries.** Due to facility limitations, a maximum of 60 teams (20 per division) will be accepted. Teams shall be submitted by their respective School representatives and 4-H/FFA Club Sponsor/Teacher. Any team wishing to participate must submit an application by Friday, January 8, 2027, at 5:00 pm.

   - 20 entries per age division (totaling 60 entries).
   - If the 20 entries per age division are exceeded, a random draw entry process will be utilized to determine the 20 entries.
   - If any age division's maximum total is not reached, and there are extra applicants in the other age divisions, the available spots will be backfilled with those applicants. A random draw entry process will be utilized if the additional applicants exceed the maximum of 60 teams.

5. **Cost.** An entry fee of $40.00 will be collected per team entry after participants are selected and announced

6. **Members per team**. A team will consist of at least two (2) and no more than four (4) members. No Mixed Divisions (no Juniors mixed with Seniors etc.)

7. **Team Member Substitutions**. All team member substitutions forms must be submitted to the fair office no later than Friday, March 26, 2027. No changes to team rosters will be accepted after this date.

8. **Equipment**. Each team must supply their own equipment for the challenge. Each team may only bring the supplies listed below. Equipment will be checked by contest officials as teams check in for the contest. Any extra equipment or item that does not meet specifications will be returned to the team coach.

Equipment List:

Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm® EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor building pieces
Unlimited Quantity	Backup rechargeable batteries or sets of AA batteries
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm® EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor brick/hub
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm® EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor motors
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm®, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor ultrasonic sensor
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm® EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor touch/force sensor
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm®, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor light or color sensor
Unlimited Quantity	Lego® Mindstorm® EV3 gyro sensor
2	Laptop computer or tablet with programming software (Lego® or non-Lego® is acceptable)
Unlimited Quantity	USB Cable (for robot-computer connection)
1	Original Lego® Mindstorm®, EV3, Spike Prime, or Inventor Build Plans (paper or digital) **No use of third-party build plans or photos of built robots**
Unlimited Quantity	Power strip (3-prong, grounded) *
1	25 ft. (max) extension cord (3 prong, grounded) *
1	Plastic container or cardboard box for transporting robot to and from game area
1	Ruler or tape measure
Unlimited Quantity	Pencils and notepad with blank paper for design and note-taking purposes
1	**Calculator**
1	**Protractor**

No two- prong extension or power strip plugs allowed. Computer power cords are allowed to be two-pronged

9. No 3D printed pieces are allowed.

10. Teams may use any software that facilitates autonomous movement of the robot, so long as the robot is solely controlled by the programs stored on the HUB or microSD card.

11. No remote controllers of any type are allowed.

12. No computers, tablets, food, or beverages may be brought to the game tables during the programming/practice period or matches.

13. Note paper may only be used for note-taking purposes only. Teams may bring notes to the game table during matches. The paper is not allowed to be used for any other purpose (used on the robot for example).

14. Teams are not allowed to bring their own game mat and/or pieces.

15. **WiFi** is limited and only available to log into Chromebooks, Internet use/search is not permitted during the contest.

16. **Bluetooth Connectivity.** Bluetooth connections can be made and utilized during the programming phase. It is not allowed during the competition phase while the robot is on the playing field.

17. **Minimum Construction Skills and Proficiency**. Competitors must be capable of designing and building a functioning Lego Mindstorm robot that includes the use of:
    - Motors
    - Light/color sensor
    - Touch sensor
    - Ultrasonic sensor
    - Levers, arms, claws, etc.
    - Incorporating non-Lego parts into robot design and/or function

18. **Minimum Programming Skills and Proficiency**. Competitors must be capable of programming a Lego Mindstorm robot in order for the robot to:
    - Move
    - Turn
    - Maneuver attachments effectively
    - Use sensors appropriately and effectively

19. **Participants with Disabilities.** Any competitor who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the Montgomery County Fair Office at least two weeks before the competition.

20. **Contest Schedule.**

Registration	**7:30 a.m.**
Orientation	**8:30 a.m.**
Coaches Meet w/ Team	9:20 a.m.
Programming & Practice	9:30 a.m.
Working Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Competition Starts	12:30 p.m.
Final Round	1:30 p.m.
Team Clean-up/Packing	2:00 p.m.
Results & Awards	2:30 p.m.

Schedule is tentative and subject to change
Lunch is to be provided by team or exhibitor

21. **Awards**. The awards will be as follows for each division (Senior, Intermediate, Junior):

    1st Place: $250.00, Team Trophy, Participant Ribbons
    2nd Place: $175.00, Team Trophy, Participant Ribbons
    3rd Place: $100.00, Team Trophy, Participant Ribbons

22. **Closed-Door Event.** The competition is a closed-door event. Only the coach can accompany their team(s) into the competition area/building. Once the 10-minute coach team meeting has concluded, all coaches will exit the competition area/building. Upon completion of the final round, all coaches, parents, and/or guardians will be allowed to enter the competition area/building to attend the results & award show.

23. **Live Stream.** The competition will be live-streamed. A link to view the live stream will be provided on the morning of the competition.

24. **Working Lunch & Beverages.** Participants are required to bring their lunch, snacks, & beverages. These items are not supplied. Coaches, teachers, & parents are allowed to drop off lunch for their child/team. Committee members will deliver to the participant(s) starting at 11:00 AM. Please keep in mind that this is a scheduled 6 ½ hour competition. Please plan accordingly.

Rules of Play

****RULES OF PLAY MAY BE ADJUSTED BETWEEN THE INITIAL RELEASE AND CONTEST DATE BASED ON QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CONTEST****

25. This is considered a BLIND Contest; it will consist of up to eight (8) tasks; all tasks and Game Mat will be announced the day of contest.

26. Teams will have 3 hours to build and during the "Programming & Practice" portion of the contest schedule. No prior building or coding is allowed, kits will be inspected the day of the contest.

27. Teams will be preassigned a workstation and Game Table to use for the duration of the contest.

28. The game mat will fit inside a standard robotics game table frame (inside dimensions = 45"x93").

29. The PLAYING FIELD is the area outside of HOME.

30. Teams are only allowed the use of one brick/hub during the match portion of the contest.

31. The RESOURCE TRAY is a plastic tray that will be placed on the outside of the game table and will hold game pieces for the challenge. Game pieces in the RESOURCE TRAY may not be accessed until the match begins.

32. All parts of the robot, attachments, and game pieces must completely fit within the HOME each time the robot is launched from the HOME.

33. Home is 11" x 17" (length/Width)

34. Each match will be 3 minutes long.

35. Time begins when the announcer says "**BEGIN**" and continues until the announcer says, "**TIME**". Robots must complete all challenges autonomously. The robot must completely exit HOME to complete the task.

36. Any structures built by the team or game pieces cannot be placed onto the PLAYING FEILD by human players but is permitted to be placed by the robot so long as it is done autonomously and is permitted by challenge rules.

37. No containers used by game officials to store game pieces can be used by the team/robot.

38. Players may retrieve their robot at any time during the match without penalty. When retrieved, the robot must return to HOME. Judges will not assist in any retrievals.

39. Possession is defined as a piece that is not touching the playing surface and is under the control of the robot.

40. Items in possession of a robot may be retrieved once any part/piece of the robot has broken the plane of HOME boundary.

41. If the robot is in possession of a game piece in the PLAYING FIELD, and the robot is retrieved by the player, the game official will return the game piece(s) to its original location/state.

42. A player is not allowed to touch any game piece except when the piece is completely inside the HOME boundary, OR if the robot is deemed in HOME AND in full possession of a game piece(s). Once the piece is deemed inside HOME, contestants may remove the game piece from the game table/robot and store it in the RESOURCE TRAY.

43. In the event of a major game piece mechanical malfunction, the judge may stop, reset, and restart the

match. The table judge in coordination with contest Challenge Design Committee will make the determination on restarting the match.

44. If a contestant intentionally touches a game piece in the PLAYING FIELD, the team will be given a 50-point penalty per occurrence. Judges will issue one warning for the first offense. In such cases, the piece will be returned to its original starting position by contest officials as quickly as possible.

45. Teams that may experience equipment loss and/or malfunction(s) may NOT replace equipment with supplies from leaders, volunteers, parents, or AST/CEA.

46. Coaches will be permitted to meet with their team for a 10-minute time period prior to Build Time. This time should be used to help team members develop a plan and foster positive youth development.

47. No cell phones or other types of communication devices (smart watches included) are allowed in the contest areas. Exceptions include the approved items listed in the Participant Rules. During the Build Time and Robot Challenge, contestants are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside the contest. (including coaches and parents). Exceptions include medical emergencies. Contestants are welcome to ask questions to contest officials or other contestants.

48. Once a task has been completed it cannot be repeated in order to score additional points for that same task.

49. Teams will have two (2) preliminary Rounds in which to earn points. The sum score of the two matches along with their teamwork score will determine which teams that qualify for finals. The top three (3) teams in each division will advance to the final match.

50. After the match, no one is allowed to touch the PLAYING FIELD until the Judge has recorded the condition of the field, the team has reviewed the scorecard, and it has been signed by the team Captain.

51. At the conclusion of the match, it is the responsibility of the team captain to review the score sheet with the judge, verify their score and then sign/initial at the bottom signifying agreement of the final match score. If a team member questions the team's score, he or she must discuss this with the judge prior to signing the score sheet and leaving the table. Scores are final after this point and cannot be contested. The contest tabulator will review the score sheet and will correct any mathematical inaccuracies.

52. Finals will consist of two additional matches. The two scores from the final round will be added to the preliminary scores. Finalist teams will be ranked based on their total scores. Judges' results are final.

53. All competing team members are allowed around the game table during competition, and any member may touch the robot when necessary.

54. Tie-breaker procedures/order will be as follows:

- Highest total teamwork score
- Highest total preliminary match scores (does not include teamwork)
- Highest individual preliminary match score
- Contest officials will determine additional measures if a tie persists.

55. Teams not competing must remain at their tables or staging area.

56. Good sportsmanship is always expected. This is crucial during practice times. Practice time on the game table may be restricted as build time progresses.

57. Teams must clean up their pit area prior to the awards ceremony. https://mcfa.org/events/ag-robotics/

KIDZ-Q COOK-OFF CONTEST

Event Date – Saturday, April 17, 2027
Check-In – 9:00 AM
Cooks Meeting – 10:00 AM
Fire Up Pits – 10:15 AM
Pork Chop Turn-In – 11:00 AM
Open Category (Meat or Seafood Only) Turn-In – 11:30 AM
Awards Ceremony – 1:30 PM

AGE DIVISION: (Divisions will be judged separately)

- Peewee Division: 5 - 9 years old
- Junior Division: 10 - 13 years old
- Senior Division: 14 - 18 years old (Must be enrolled in High School)

FORMAT:

- Register online at www.mcfa.org
- Tuesday, February 2, 2027 – Friday, February 12, 2027by 5pm, NEW!! Online registration is now first come first serve for $50.00. Once each division becomes full it will be closed out. Entry fee includes one armband for entry into the fair and one parking pass for the competitor. Parents will need to pay to enter the fair. No refunds will be given.
    - 20 entries per age division (totaling 60 entries) will be selected via a random drawing by two representatives of the Kidz-Q Committee and MCFA office personnel. Five alternates will be drawn for each age division.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2027, Email notifications will be sent to the competitor with final details.
- This is a solo competition. Teams are not allowed.
- No electricity will be provided.

Check-In and Turn-In Tables:

- Peewee tables are red.
- Junior tables are white.
- Senior tables are blue.

Each Competitor will be provided with:

- 22" inch Old Smokey Classic Charcoal Grill
- Charcoal
- Two Boneless Pork Chops
- One turn in container per category.
- 8' Table for prep/cook area – 2 competitors per prep/cook area.
- Competitors are required to use only the grill and charcoal provided by the event organizer.
- **Timers**

Competitors Will Need to Bring:

- Cooking Utensils: knives, thermometer, tongs, spatulas
- Cutting Board
- Paper Towels/Clorox Wipes
- Water for Drinking & Clean Up
- Seasonings
- Apron
- Anything you need to cook and clean up with.

Awards:

Buckles for 1st & 2nd place

- Peewee Pork Chop & Open Category
- Junior Pork Chop & Open Category
- Senior Pork Chop & Open Category

Leather Ribbon for 3rd through 10th place

- Peewee Pork Chop & Open Category
- Junior Pork Chop & Open Category
- Senior Pork Chop & Open Category

RULES:

Peewee Division Competitors are allowed one parent only for the duration of the event. Only one parent is allowed in total, regardless of how many children a family has entered in this division. Parents or competitors are not allowed to walk around the competition area and or prep/cook area. You are only allowed to stay in your area/child's area. Parents can assist the peewee competitor with only knife work, lifting the Bar-B-Q Pit lid or replacing it & fire/coal management. Parent involvement will not be tolerated for seasoning, preparation, flipping, temperature check, or container turn-in. Verbal assistance is allowed only to help peewee competitors if needed. Competitors will be disqualified at the discretion of the Kidz-Q Committee if the rules are not followed. No Parental Coaching.

Junior & Senior Division Competitors will compete without parental support. Parents are allowed to assist the junior & senior competitors by carrying in supplies but must vacate the competition area upon doing so. Junior & Senior competitors must stay at your prep/cook area, no walking around the competition area. Family members must stay in the parent/family-designed area and cannot enter the competition area once the competition begins. Kidz-Q Committee will announce when family members are allowed in the competition area. Competitors will be disqualified at the discretion of the Kidz-Q Committee if the rules are not followed.

Peewee, Junior and Senior Division Competitors:
Pork Chop entry is required. Only one Pork Chop entry is allowed per child.
No pre-seasoning or pre-cooking of the Pork Chop is allowed. Once the Pork Chop is distributed, it may not leave the prep/cook area. Only one Pork Chop will be used for turn-in. The second one can be eaten, discarded, etc.

Open Category (Meat or Seafood Only). This entry is voluntary and may be anything except a Pork Chop. Example: Shrimp, Fish, Beef & Chicken. Only one Open Category entry is allowed per child. You must provide your food products for the open entry. Kids must cook the open entry on the same grill used for the provided pork chop. Entries will be inspected and approved before seasoning or cooking. **Pre-seasoning is allowed.**

Each division will have a designated check-in and turn-in table. It is the competitor's responsibility to place the entry on the appropriate table. Entries will be submitted in the appropriate container supplied by the event organizer at check-in. Both the pork chop entry and open entry can be cooked simultaneously if needed to meet the turn-in times. Marinades, Sauce, Brush/Mops may be used during cooking not poured on for presentation. No Sauce or Garnish is allowed in the turn-in container with the Pork Chop or Open

Category. Wood chips, BBQ fans, chimneys, etc. are allowed.
Each entry will be judged on APPEARANCE, TASTE/FLAVOR, TENDERNESS, and TEXTURE.

The Kidz-Q Committee will discard the hot coals before the competition area is open to parents/family. For everyone's safety, we ask that competitors stay in your prep/cook area until this task has been completed.

If your child participates in this event and you are on the committee you cannot be in the cooking or Judging area. You may help set-up/take down and watch the event as it is going in the proper locations.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to see that the contest area is kept clean during and after the contest. Once all entries are turned in and the Kidz-Q Committee has opened the competition area, parents/family members are allowed to assist the competitor in cleaning up the prep/cook area. This is extremely important for everyone's SAFETY. Failure to do so could result in being disqualified from the competition.

No electronic devices such as Tablet, phone, watches to communicate via text or email are not allowed during the competition to prevent gaining a competitive advantage.

If any parent or guardian is caught communicating with the participant or being disruptive and disrespectful it will be an automatic disqualification for the participant, and the parent or guardian will be asked to leave the event.

There will be a window between the end of turn-in and the awards ceremony to allow families to enjoy the fair or take cooking gear, pit, etc. to their vehicle. Parents, please take note of the times and ensure your cook is back in time for the awards ceremony.
Any questions, please ask the Committee Chair or a Committee Member. Please remember, this is a CHILDS BBQ COMPETITION designed to be fun and help your child grow and compete.

The Montgomery County Fair Association and its committee reserves the right to disqualify Competitor(s) for failure to follow these rules and standards. The Committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. Decisions of the committee are final.

https://mcfa.org/events/kidzq-contest/

FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

OVERVIEW

The Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest provides Highschool Junior girls with the opportunity to vie for the title of Montgomery County Fair Queen, receive scholarships and awards, and present candidates with an opportunity for training and development in the areas of etiquette, public speaking, and teamwork. The Fair Queen is an official Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo ambassador and represents the Fair Association at many events and functions regionally.

APPLICATION

Applications will be available online at mcfa.org/events/fair-queen-contest/

Each applicant's official entry must be turned into the Fair Office (not mailed) at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, or emailed to madison@mcfa.org, no later than Friday, October 2, 2026, by 3:00 p.m. All entry forms must be accompanied by a RECENT photo of the applicant (PHOTO MUST BE A 5 X 7 SIZE), and essay explaining "what being selected Fair Queen would mean to you". APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All complete and on time applications will be accepted, and the applicant will at that point be a Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo Fair Queen Candidate and be subject to the rules and regulations of the contest.

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION

Candidates must be a High School Junior enrolled and attending a Montgomery County High School or must permanently reside in an area zoned to Montgomery County School District if Homeschooled.

Candidate must be a female, as recorded on their birth certificate, single and have never been married, pregnant or have children.

Candidates must have parents' written consent to enter contest.

Candidate must reside with parents or guardian at time of application, throughout the entirety of the competition, and if selected as Fair Queen or a Court member, also during their entire reign.

Candidate MUST exhibit two (2) projects in the 2027 Montgomery County Fair, either in the Livestock and/or Non-Livestock Division and MUST COMPLY WITH ALL LIVESTOCK AND/OR NON-LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM DUE DATES.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

Candidate MUST represent herself in an appropriate and positive manner through ALL forms of social media. All Candidates social media will be monitored, if there is any inappropriate activity this will be an automatic disqualification.

Candidate must have never been married or pregnant. Fair Queen or court members that become married or pregnant during their reign will forfeit their titles and scholarships.

Candidate must be willing to represent the Montgomery County Fair Association at official activities should she be crowned Fair Queen or on the Queens Court. For example: 4-H Club meetings, support group functions and/or community activities. The Fair Queen must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or Fair representative to any such activity.

Candidates will be required to sell Rodeo tickets to the Rodeo performances. All ticket money is due for turn in on Monday, February 22, 2027, by 5:30 p.m. at Speech Practice. Selling of tickets is mandatory.

Each candidate will be responsible for obtaining her own Supporter. A Supporter will donate $350 to Fair Queen scholarship program. Supporter forms are due in the Fair Office by Thursday, November 19, 2026. Thank

you notes must be written to the supporter and will be required to be turned in with the supporter form on November 19.

As part of Fair Queen and Queen Court duties, Queen and Queen's court will be required to attend and assist with the 2027 Montgomery County Fair Livestock Shows, Auctions, etc. following Saturday night's crowning. Each lady on the court must attend at least 75% of all fair related events or her scholarship will be forfeited. This includes events during the 2027 fair, post-fair events in the community and the beginning of the 2028 fair until the next court is crowned.

The 2027 Fair Queen, as well as the runners up and Miss Congeniality, MUST exhibit two (2) projects at the 2028 Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo, either in the Livestock and/or Non-Livestock Division and MUST COMPLY WITH ALL LIVESTOCK AND/OR NON-LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM DUE DATES or their scholarship will be forfeited.

Candidates and court members must follow all rules, regulations, etc. associated with their contest entry/entries. If a candidate or court member is disqualified/removed from a contest, they will be removed from the Fair Queen Contest or court. To ensure that you are always in compliance with your contest(s) rules, please review the official rule book on the Montgomery County Fair Association's website.

Should the reigning Fair Queen be contacted by any other organization to participate in an event, the Fair Office or Fair Queen Chairman must first approve the participation. "Example: NO political events"

If the Fair Queen is unable to complete her duties, the 1st runner-up would be asked to accept the position of Fair Queen and assume all duties from that date forward.

Should a candidate decide to remove themselves from the competition, they **MUST** contact the Fair Office as soon as practicable.

MEETING AND EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be furnished with a full schedule of meetings/events/due dates as well as any additional requirements for each meeting/event/due date. If these events cannot be attended, the Committee Chairman MUST BE NOTIFIED, and the Fair Staff emailed. Committee leadership will review the cause for absence and determine if it is an excused/allowable absence. Candidates can have no more than two (2) excused absences to remain eligible. All deadlines will be strictly enforced. If a deadline is missed, or an unexcused absence occurs, the candidate will be disqualified from competition.

Candidate MUST wear a western outfit, including hat and boots for final judging. Blue jeans and a black felt cowboy hat WILL BE REQUIRED for parades, unless outfit needs to correspond with parade theme. This will be determined by the Fair Queen Committee. Western attire, INCLUDING BOOTS – no hat will be required for Press Party. Candidates may wear a dark neutral felt cowboy hat on final judging day. Western attire must be worn to all functions. Appropriate and tasteful dress is expected at all functions. All dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer and front of dresses and shirts must not be too low or too revealing. If the committee feels dress is inappropriate, candidate will not be allowed to compete from this point forward.

Candidates may be required to meet with newspaper personnel (if present) for pictures and possible interviews at the Press Party on Thursday, January 14, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. On this date, each candidate is required to turn in ten questions. These in turn will be used for final judging. Each candidate will be asked one of the questions that she submitted. This question will be randomly selected by the judges.

Candidates will be required to participate in the Go-Texan Parade on the afternoon of Saturday, February 20, 2027 at 1:00 p.m. Candidates MUST stay to tear down float after the parades.

CONTEST JUDGING / WINNER SELECTION

Final judging will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2027, and will consist of a full day of candidate, judge and public interaction which will all be observed and factored into results.

A 2-3-minute speech on "What the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo means to you" will be required by each candidate for the public speaking portion of the competition.

Candidates will be judged on their poise and personality, personal interview, public speaking and attendance/time throughout the time of the contest.

Three (3) judges will all be selected from outside of Montgomery County.

Judges will not give candidate feedback.

In the case of a tie for Miss Congeniality (voted on by peers), the judges will break the tie.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. The Fair Queen winner will be awarded a $3,500 scholarship*, a crown, trophy, buckle, banner, jacket, and bouquet.
2. The 1st Runner-Up winner will be awarded a $2,500 scholarship*, a trophy, banner, and bouquet.
3. The 2nd Runner-Up winner will be awarded a $1,500 scholarship*, a trophy, banner, and bouquet.
4. The Miss Congeniality winner will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship*, a trophy, banner, and bouquet.

*Scholarships earned **MUST** be used within two years of High School graduation. The Fair Queen Scholarship recipient **MUST** be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited College, University or Vocational School and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. 50% of the scholarship will be awarded in the first semester requested with the remaining 50% awarded during the following semester. To receive payment, scholarship recipients must submit their official course schedule along with their Student ID and payee information (where to send payment directly to the school) to the Fair Office. Money can be held up to one year but notice of deferment must be sent to the Fair Office.

https://mcfa.org/events/fair-queen-contest/

NATIONAL ANTHEM CONTEST

Contest Deadline – Wednesday, March 3, 2027 by 5:00 pm
Entries must be submitted online at https://mcfa.org/national-anthem-contest/
Contest Coordinator – Kolby Hughes – Kolby.hughes01@gmail.com

The Montgomery County Fair Association National Anthem Contest is subject to the Montgomery County Fair General Rules and to the Special Rules of this contest. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail. Contestants are restricted to participants who reside in Montgomery County, Texas.

Any dispute or issue with the contest or the rules laid out below will be presented to the Contest Coordinator(s), who will consult with members of the Montgomery County National Anthem committee. Their decisions will be final.

Special Rules for the National Anthem Contest

1. **Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee of $10 will be charged during online registration.

2. An online entry **is** required to participate in this contest. Entry forms **MUST** be submitted at https://mcfa.org/**national-anthem-contest**/. Video submissions **MUST** be uploaded via the online entry form. Videos should consist of the contestant singing the National Anthem, with no background music, and be no longer than 60 seconds. The video does not have to include the full song, choose a 60 second cut of the song to submit.

   Received entries will receive an email indicating receipt. If no receipt email is received, it is the contestant's responsibility to contact the contest coordinator on the following day to make alternate submission arrangements. A sent email with a timestamp may be required for proof of submission by the deadline.

3. **Eligibility:** This contest is open to students between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) and should be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Montgomery County (including home school). Contestants must be passing all subjects for the semester or grading period immediately preceding the contest, as certified by a school official on the entry form. **PARTICIPATION IN 4H OR FFA IS NOT REQUIRED.**

4. **Entry Limitation:** Contestants may only submit one (1) accapella video submission no longer than 60 seconds.

5. **Awards/Performances:**
   a. Winners of this contest will be notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to fair time via email. All effort will be made to notify contest winners. If no response is received by the given deadline, the participant will forfeit their placing and winnings.

   b. All winners must perform at the following events of their respective placing AND perform at a minimum of two (2) other events and/or livestock shows throughout the duration of the fair that are NOT listed with their placing's performance requirements. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of a contestant's placing and awards associated. A schedule of all performance opportunities will be provided by the committee.
      - 1st Place – Cash Prize
        - Performance #1: Saturday Rodeo - Saturday, April 10, 2027
        - Performance #2: Livestock Auction - Wednesday, April 14, 2027
      - 2nd Place – Cash Prize
        - Performance #1: Friday Rodeo – Friday, April 9, 2027

        - Performance #2: Non-Livestock Auction – Monday, April 12, 2027
    - 3rd Place – Cash Prize
        - Performance #1: Fair Queen Speeches– Saturday, Ap
        - Performance #2: Replacement Heifer Auction – Thursday, April 15, 2027
    - Other placings and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the National Anthem committee. Additional placings will be invited to perform at other events throughout the week during the fair!

6. **Eligibility of Previous Winners:** Winners of the National Anthem contest are eligible to participate in subsequent years.

7. **Judging:** An anonymous, third-party panel of judges will be the sole providers of contest placings. The National Anthem Committee will not be present or have a say in any contest placings.

https://mcfa.org/events/national-anthem-contest/

AGRICULTURAL PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING & DISCUSSION MEET CONTESTS

ENTRIES OPEN – MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2027
ENTRIES CLOSE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2027
CONTEST DATE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2027
ENTRY FEE – $20 FOR EACH CONTEST
CONTEST LOCATION – LONE STAR CONVENTION CENTER (9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CHECK-IN – 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
PUBLIC SPEAKING PRELIMINARY ROUNDS BEGIN – 9:00 AM (ESTIMATED CONCLUSION 11:30 AM)
FINALS BEGIN – 12:00 PM (ESTIMATED CONCLUSION 1:30 PM)

DISCUSSION MEET CHECK-IN – 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
DISCUSSION MEET CONTEST BEGINS – 2:30 PM
JUNIOR FINALS BEGIN – Following last preliminary round.
SENIOR FINALS BEGIN – 5:00 PM (ESTIMATED CONCLUSION 5:45 PM) during the awards ceremony.

AWARDS CEREMONY – LONE STAR CONVENTION CENTER at 5:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2027
*Awards will be held for both contests at this time.

The Montgomery County Fair Association Agricultural Prepared Public Speaking contest is subject to the Montgomery County Fair General Rules and to the Special Rules of this contest. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail. Contestants must reside in Montgomery County, Texas, and/or attend a Montgomery County school.

Any dispute or issue with the contest or the rules laid out below will be presented to the Contest Coordinator(s), who will consult with members of the Montgomery County Agricultural Public Speaking and Discussion Meet committee. Their decision(s) will be final.

Special Rules for the Agricultural Prepared Public Speaking Contest

1. **Eligibility:** This contest is open to Montgomery County youth within the age divisions below. Contestants must reside in Montgomery County, Texas, and/or be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Montgomery County. Home school students are eligible if they reside in Montgomery County. Contestants must be academically eligible.

2. **Eligibility of Previous Winners:** Winners of the Prepared Public Speaking contest remain eligible to participate in subsequent years, subject to the Originality rule below.

3. **Divisions:** are as follows based on the participant's grade level on the day of the event:
    a. Junior Division: 3rd – 8th grade
    b. Senior Division: 9th – 12th grade
4. **Entry Fee:** Contestants will be charged an entry fee of $20 made payable to the Montgomery County Fair.

5. **Entries:** The entry window opens Monday, January 4, 2027, and closes Wednesday, March 24, 2027. Entries MUST be submitted prior to the closing of the entry window following the directions provided on the entry form. No late entries will be accepted.

6. **Entry Limitation:** Contestants may compete in both the Prepared Public Speaking and the Discussion Meet contests; however, contestants are limited to one (1) individual entry/speech. The speech must be the result of the student's own effort and ability. Team entries are not allowed. There is no limit to the number of entries a chapter or club may submit.

7. **Presentation Schedule Conflict:** Students with conflicts due to participation in other Montgomery County events held on the same day of the contest should notify the Contest Coordinator ahead of the contest

to coordinate a specific time. Accommodations will not always be able to be made, but the Contest Coordinator will work with the committee to determine feasibility of adjusting speaking times. It is the responsibility of each contestant to notify the Contest Coordinator should a conflict arise with their assigned presentation time.

8. **Originality:** Each contestant must attest to a statement of authenticity and originality on the registration form, affirming that the speech is the contestant's original work and is new to the current competition year. A speech may not be reused from any prior year of this contest, regardless of whether the contestant placed in that year's competition. A speech the contestant is also using, or intends to use, in other agricultural speaking competitions during the current year (e.g., the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Fort Worth Stock Show, or FFA speaking events) is permitted, provided the speech is new to this competition year.

9. **Preparation Resources:** Participants are encouraged to use their Extension agents, agricultural educators, debate teachers, agricultural and natural resources professionals, Montgomery County Farm Bureau representatives, and/or other professionals as resources to help prepare for the contest. However, all work and research must be led by the students, but they are encouraged to network and learn from people working in the topic area related to their topic.

10. **Dress Attire:** Contestants should wear presentable attire. Business attire or Official 4-H or FFA attire is recommended.

11. **Contestant Conduct:** Throughout the day, including during check-in, contestants are encouraged to speak for themselves. Parents and guardians should allow contestants to manage their own check-in and communications independently, in the spirit of a public speaking contest.

12. **Public Viewing:**
    a. If there are enough students to hold a preliminary round, only contest officials, judges, and participants are allowed to observe the preliminary rounds.
    b. The senior final round is open to the public and to all senior final round contestants. Contestants are permitted to observe other contestant speeches. Contestants who choose to observe must remain in the room for the entire final round; contestants who choose not to observe must remain outside the room for the entire final round, entering only to deliver their own speech. Entering and exiting the room between speeches is not permitted beyond coming in the final round to deliver their speech.
    c. The junior final round is closed to the public. Only contestants, judges, timekeepers, and contest officials may be present.
    d. The 1st place senior prepared public speaker is expected to deliver their speech for the public during the awards ceremony.
    e. The 1st place junior prepared public speaker is encouraged, but not required, to deliver their speech during the awards ceremony.

13. **Awards:**
    a. An awards ceremony for both events will be held at 5:00 PM on the day of the contest. Winners will be announced and showcased, and students are encouraged to be present to receive awards.
    b. The following prizes will be awarded in each division:

Place	**Award**
1st Place	Grand Champion Buckle; cash prize
2nd Place	Reserve Champion Buckle; cash prize
3rd Place	Cash prize
4th Place	Cash prize

    c. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the number of low ranks. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken on rankings of the question responses.

Agricultural Prepared Public Speaking Contest Format

1) **Contest Format:** The event will be conducted using the following format:
   a) **Rounds:** If there are more than 10 entries in a division, a preliminary round and a final round will be held for that division. Preliminary judging will occur in groups. Contestants will be assigned to a judging group and must compete in their assigned groups. Changes may only be approved by the Contest Superintendent, Committee Members, or Show Management.
   b) **Finalist Advancement:** The number of finalists advancing from each preliminary round will be determined by the Contest Superintendent based on total entries, judge availability, and room capacity, and will be announced during the kickoff presentation before preliminary rounds begin. The finalists in the Junior and Senior divisions will compete for the overall winner in their respective divisions.
   c) **Final Round Speaking Order:** The final round speaking order will be determined by a computer-generated random draw at the discretion of the Contest Superintendent. The draw will be conducted and announced at the time of final round announcements. Final round contestants will be evaluated and ranked by a separate panel of judges.
   d) **Self-Introduction:** Before the timed portion of each speech, contestants should introduce themselves to the judges by stating their name, grade level, the organization they represent, and the title of their speech. The introduction will not count against the contestant's speech time. Timing will start following the introduction when the student begins their speeches.
   e) **Time:** Speech time limits are as follows:
      i) Junior Division: minimum 6 minutes, maximum 8 minutes.
      ii) Senior Division: minimum 6 minutes, maximum 8 minutes.
      iii) Time point deductions will apply for both divisions as follows:
         (1) Under minimum time – 1 point per 10 seconds under the minimum.
         (2) Over maximum time – 1 point per 10 seconds over the maximum.
         (3) Contestants will be given a discrete one-minute remaining warning.
   f) **Timing Signals:** One judge in each room will be designated to deliver timing signals. Signals will be held visibly in the air for 10 seconds:
      i) One finger raised – one minute remaining before maximum time.
      ii) Fist raised – maximum time reached.
      iii) Judges will not physically or verbally interrupt a contestant's speech. If a contestant continues beyond the time limit, the overage will be scored accordingly.
   g) **Question/Answer Period:** A Q&A period will follow each speech in both preliminary and final rounds. Each judge may ask one question per contestant. The Q&A period is not to exceed 5 minutes. Judges are encouraged to ask direct, concise questions. Q&A does not count against the contestant's speech time.
   h) **No-Show Policy:** Contestant no-shows significantly disrupt contest organization, impact room scheduling, affect the experience of fellow contestants, and disrespect the time of our volunteer judges. Contestants who fail to appear for their assigned round without prior notification to the Contest Coordinator will forfeit their entry, receive no refund of their entry fee, and will not be eligible for any award or placement.
   i) **Judge Critiques:** Judges will record scored on an official MCFA scoring rubric. Written critiques will be returned to the MCFA office following the fair for distribution to contestants.
   j) **Props:** The use of props (i.e., pets, signs, electronics, objects, etc.) is prohibited. A violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.

2) **Judging Criteria:** Contestants will be evaluated using the official MCFA Agricultural Prepared Public Speaking Judge's Ballot, which is informed by guidelines established by the National FFA Organization, Texas 4-H, and the National Speech and Debate Association. The rubric assesses the following criteria across 100 possible points:
   a) Oral Communication & Non-Verbal (30 pts): Command of Audience, Poise & Presence
   b) Speech Content (20 pts): Supporting Evidence, Persuasive Use of Evidence
   c) Delivery (30 pts): Pace & Articulation, Eye Contact & Mannerisms
   d) Q&A (20 pts): Response to Questions, Knowledge of Topic

Prepared Public Speaking Topic Areas

Each contestant must select a speech topic from the designated topic areas listed. Topic areas are subject to change annually. Contestants must select from the topics published for the year in which they are competing; topics from prior years are not eligible.

Contestants will not be judged by the topic selected. Instead, contestants will be evaluated by their display of knowledge of their topic, speaking mechanics, and ability to answer questions.

2027 Topic Areas:

- Agricultural Advocacy, Education, Leadership or Communication: This subject should either advocate for agriculture, discuss methods of advocacy/education, communicate agricultural information to the public, or highlight leadership opportunities in agriculture.
- Agricultural Heritage: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as Texas or Montgomery County agricultural history or culture.
- Agricultural Policy: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues or policies, legal issues, international trade, international competition, agricultural aid, or global food and fiber needs.
- Agriscience Technology: Any current or future subject that relates to topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new agritechnology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, or other agricultural innovations.
- Economic Development: Any current or future subject that relates to growing the economy of the agricultural industry or improving the livelihood of agriculturists in the community.
- Environment and Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, energy, or other environmental issues.
- Invasive Species & Pest Management: The agricultural and ecological impact of invasive species and pests in Texas such as feral hogs, fire ants, buffelgrass, or citrus greening, and strategies for management and mitigation.
- Plant or Animal Science: Any current or future subject that relates to any aspect(s) of livestock or specialty animal industries, animal science issues, local crops, agronomic sciences, horticulture, or potential future commodities for the area.
- Rural Land Conversion & Data Centers: The effects of converting rural and agricultural land to data centers in Texas and beyond, including impacts on farmland availability, water and energy demand, local economies, and the future of agricultural communities.
- Sustainable Bioeconomy: Studies related to the production of renewable biological resources and the use of normally wasted byproducts as value-added products.
- Texas Beef & Cattle Industry: The history, economic significance, current challenges, and future of the beef and cattle industry as Texas's largest agricultural sector.
- Urban-Rural Interface: The impact of rapid development on agricultural land in Texas, right-to-farm protections, land use policy, and strategies for preserving agricultural communities in fast-growing counties.
- Water Rights & Management: Texas-specific issues related to groundwater districts, the rule of capture, drought policy, water conservation, and the availability of water resources for agricultural use.

Discussion Meet Contest Rules

1. **Documentation:**
    a) No documentation is needed prior to the competition.

2. **Discussion Meet Contest Format:**
    a) The contestants will discuss pre-selected topics using four bases for the general discussion: cooperation, constructive criticism, problem-solving, and communication.
    b) The competition will consist of a preliminary round and final round for the top four competitors. The top four competitors based on judges' scores in the preliminary rounds will move on to the final round to determine the overall winner.
    c) Each round will begin with a 30-second opening statement and end with a one-minute closing statement by each contestant.
    d) During the preliminary rounds:
    e) Senior contestants will have 15 minutes of open discussion, followed by one minute of quiet time to prepare a closing statement.
    f) Junior contestants will have 10 minutes of open discussion, followed by one minute of quiet time to prepare a closing statement.
    g) During the final round:
        i. Senior contestants will have 20 minutes of open discussion, followed by one minute of quiet time to prepare a closing statement. The senior final round will be open to the public.
        ii. Junior contestants will have 15 minutes of open discussion, followed by one minute of quiet time to prepare a closing statement. The junior final round will be closed to the public and open only to the contestants, timekeeper, and judges.

3. **Props:**
    a) The use of props (i.e., pets, signs, electronics, objects, etc.) are prohibited. A violation of this rule will result in contestant disqualification.

4. **Discussion Meet Topics:**
    a) Discussion Meet topics will be published on the official event webpage concurrently with the opening registration: https://mcfa.org/events/ag-prepared-public-speaking-discussion-meet/

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW CONTEST

Gates Open & Arrival Time – Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am – 9:45 am
Judging – Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Awards – Saturday, April 10, 2:00 pm
Move-Out – Saturday, April 10 by 5:00 pm

Classic Car Show entries will open Monday, January 4, 2027 and close on Monday, March 22, 2027, by 5:00 pm.

Early Bird Entry Fee is $25 (Online only)
Day of show Entry Fee is $30

Please go to https://mcfa.org/events/classic-car-show/ to submit your entry. This show will be held rain or shine, no refunds will be issued.

This contest is limited to one hundred (100) entries. Each exhibition space will be approximately 20' wide x 30' deep.

Each exhibitor will receive two (2) one-day passes to our fair, rodeo, and concert.

Judging will begin at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. It is each exhibitor's responsibility to arrive in enough time to ensure their vehicle(s) are set up to be properly judged.

Each vehicle will be judged in the category listed on the entry form. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their vehicle is entered into the correct category.

Classic Car Show Categories:

- Pre-war 1949-Before Car
- Pre-war 1949-Before Truck
- 50's – 59's Cars
- 50's – 59's Trucks
- 60's-72's Cars
- 60's-72's Trucks
- 73's – 87's Cars
- 73's – 87's Trucks
- 88's – Present Cars
- 88's – Present Trucks
- Open 4x4.
- Rat Rods
- Best in Show Car
- Best in Show Truck
- Overall Best in Show

Each category will receive one (1) first place trophy and one (1) second place leather ribbon. There will be one (1) Best in Show Car' trophy, one (1) Best in Show Truck' trophy and one (1) 'Overall Best in Show' trophy awarded the day of the event.

Once awards have been announced, all automobiles must be moved out by 5:00pm on Saturday, April 10.

PET PARADE CONTEST

Arrival & Check-in Time –Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – 5:00 pm
Show & Judging Starts – Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – 6:00 pm
Awards – Tuesday, April 13, 2027, following the show

This is not a professional show.

1. Pet Parade online entries will open Monday, February 8, 2027, and close on Friday, April 9, 2027, at 5:00 pm. Exhibitors must register online at https://mcfa.org/events/pet-parade/ to submit their entry. **Day of registrations will NOT be available or accepted.**

2. Exhibitors must be eight (8) years old or younger to participate in this show.

3. Exhibitors may show the animal of their choice and **MUST** abide by the entry specifications below:
   - Equine entries must provide proof of negative Coggins with their Online entry registration.
   - Feline and canine entries must provide proof of rabies vaccine with their Online entry registration.
   - Once the Pet Parade show is over, you will need to remove the animal(s) from the Fairgrounds immediately for their safety.

4. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their pet is entered into the correct division.

Pet Parade Divisions:
- Small Dog – less than 25lbs
- Large Dog – more than 25lbs
- Miscellaneous – horse, goat, lizards, snake, chickens, etc.

Each Division will receive one (1) Best in Show Large Dog, (1) Best in Show Small Dog & (1) Best in Show MISC. Animal (1) Overall Grand Champion Buckle then 3rd -10th place Ribbons given the day of the event.

https://mcfa.org/events/pet-parade/

JUNIOR COMMITTEE HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Application open – Monday, August 3, 2026
Application close – Friday, August 28, 2026
Member Selection – Tuesday, September 1, 2026

PURPOSE

The intention of the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo Junior Committee is to provide an opportunity for the inclusion, training, and development of young people in the areas of leadership, community relations/engagement, and live event planning and execution. This is largely achieved by the members of the Jr. Committee aiding the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo Staff and Volunteers (Committees) leading up to and during the Fair and Rodeo, but also by their community outreach initiatives and advocacy for the Mission of the Fair Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Open to all students in the 9th – 12th grade, as of Fair time. Each member will serve a one-year term per membership year. Eligible students are permitted to serve all 4 years.

COMMUNICATION

Junior committee advisors will communicate through email, phone calls, and the Fair website. It is the responsibility of the committee member to keep his/her information up to date through the Fair Office. The Fair Office phone number is 936-760-3631.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for Junior Committee membership will be accepted as posted. Applicants will be notified of membership by the committee advisors.

MEETINGS

The Junior Committee will have no more than four committee meetings in a year. Meetings will be held at the Montgomery County Fair Office. If an alternate location is necessary, it will be scheduled and announced in advance. **NOTE: All members must attend one of the mandatory orientation meetings**.

DISMISSAL

Any Member not meeting the minimum requirements set out within this handbook will be dismissed and will not be allowed to re-apply for one year. Any member committing a criminal offense, or who displays conduct deemed detrimental to the Fair Association, may be dismissed from the committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES

- Attend all Junior Committee meetings
- Attend community service projects **(To receive credit, you must sign in using the app form provided at the time of serving.)**
- Participate in field trip and/or committee activities
- Provide input on activities for youth at the Fair
- Assist with distribution of Fair advertising materials
- Participate in community service initiatives

FAIR-TIME ACTIVITIES

- Sign up to be our mascot "Monty"!
- Volunteer where needed for any Livestock Show, Non-Livestock Show or Auctions
- Serve as greeters to Fair visitors and assist with questions
- Volunteer on special event days like Sunshine Day, Kids Day and Senior Citizens Day

- Actively recruit others to become Fair members and volunteers
- Promote the Fair within your club, chapter, school, and organizations (church, sports, etc.)
- Provide general assistance as needed
- **MUST work Two 2-hour shifts with the Gates Committee or Ag Knowledge Barn Committee**
- **MUST work two additional 2-hour shifts of your choice during the fair**

MCFA COMMITTEE LIST AND AREAS OF WORK:

65 & OLDER SHOW
ADULT SHOW
AG MECHANICS
BBQ COOK-OFF
BEST OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TEAM ROPING
CALF SCRAMBLE
CARNIVAL
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS
COUNTRY STORE
EL DIA DE LA FAMILIA HISPANA
FAIR QUEEN
GATES COMMITTEE
HISTORY
JUNIOR NON-LIVESTOCK SHOW
KIDS DAY
KIDZ Q COOK-OFF
LIVESTOCK AUCTION
LIVESTOCK JUDGING
LIVESTOCK SHOWS - TAG-INS/
RE-TAGS/CHECK-IN
NON-LIVESTOCK AUCTION
OFFICE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
OFFICE WORK DURING THE FAIR AND PRIOR TO
PET PARADE
PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE
RANCH RODEO
REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW AND SALE
RODEO
SENIOR CITIZENS DAY
SPECIAL EDUCATION SHOW AND LUNCH
SPECIAL PROJECTS
TRANSPORTATION
YOUTH RODEO EVENTS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose and Mission of the Montgomery County Fair Association:

1. To provide educational support to the Youth of Montgomery County through the annual Montgomery County Fair Association Scholarship Fund.

2. To educate, cultivate, foster, and promote interest and participation in the general agriculture, culinary, stock, poultry, horticulture, educational and manufacturing interests, and the general development of the natural resources of Montgomery County.

3. To provide a safe and family friendly recreational and entertainment service to our community.

Representation:

As a Junior Committee member of the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo, you are now considered a representative of the MCFR, its purpose and Mission. No members of the Junior Committee shall associate with drugs, alcohol or tobacco of any form. Obscene language and disrespectful behaviors of any nature will not be tolerated. Each member of the Junior Committee should conduct himself or herself in an appropriate manner and set a reputable example for others.

Wearing your Junior Committee Vest and Official Badge is a privilege. Please represent our Fair and Rodeo with enthusiasm, confidence, professionalism, and dignity.

Meetings and Involvement:

As part of your responsibilities, it is important that you attend all meetings and work assignments. During meetings, feel free to take notes, ask questions, and remain attentive so that important information is not missed.

Discuss ideas and opportunities amongst your peers about ways to improve the program and the Fair! We encourage you to always bring your thoughts and ideas to the table – chances are – others are thinking the same things! We challenge you to get to know the Jr. Committee Advisors, the Committee members you are working with, other Fair Officials and Staff. These are all great mentors who will benefit form you as much as you may benefit from them!

We do understand that scheduling conflicts may occur. If you are unable to attend a meeting, it is your responsibility to inform Committee Leadership and Fair office so that you may receive an excused absence. Remember, you are serving in an official capacity, and people are counting on you to be dependable Committee Volunteers. Friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, parents, or guardians should not accompany you while working assigned shifts with the Junior Committee. However, parents and guardians are always welcome to attend meetings with you so long as they, too, abide by the Code of Conduct.

https://mcfa.org/join-a-junior-committee/