

Fair-tastic Foods ... A Unique Fair Food Contest for Culinary High School Students.



Why Compete?

The Florida State Fair is looking for talented young chefs to create the next crazy fair food. If your recipe is chosen, *Carnival Food Vendor* will have your recipe on their menu to be sold at the 2019 Fair. You will have an opportunity to cook with them and get real hands-on experience with a seasoned food vendor. Winning recipes will also be included in the *2019 Florida State Fair Cookbook*.

Who Can Enter?

High School Culinary students enrolled in a Culinary Arts Program in these counties:

- Pinellas
- Hillsborough
- Pasco
- Polk
- Manatee
- Sarasota

Contest Timeline

- NOV 16, 2018 (FRI)** Entry Form, Recipe & Photo of your entry are due.
- NOV 30, 2018 (FRI)** **Round One** Judging complete. Three to Five (3-5) recipes from each category will be chosen to advance in the competition to **Round Two**.
- DEC 7, 2018 (FRI)** Students will be notified if they will be moving on to **Round Two**, by phone and/or email.
Selected students for **Round Two** will be provided a specific time slot to compete within on JAN 12.
- JAN 12, 2019 (SAT)** Selected students for **Round Two** will prepare their recipe on-site at **The Silo Event Center** - Kitchen, 9036 Brittany Way, Tampa Fl. 33619, to be judged by a panel of professional judges.
(9AM - 4PM)
- FEB 7-18, 2019** Sample the Best of Show Sweet and the Best of Show Savory recipe will be available to purchase at the 2019 Florida State Fair.

Categories

- 1. Anything On a Stick** Item can be sweet or savory.
- 2. Grilled Sandwich** Sandwich must use a bread product. All burgers must be composed of grilled patties (formed from any meat), served on buns, other bread products, or alternative wrappings.
- 3. Deep Fried Anything** Item can be sweet or savory which is dipped and battered. Funnel cake submissions must be at least 50% funnel cake batter
- 4. Surprise Us** Something so unique we have not thought of a category.

Entry Rules

1. **No Entry Fee!**
2. Students may compete individually or as a team of no more than 2 students.
3. Students or teams of two may submit up to two (2) different recipes, however, only one (1) entry per category.
4. A student's entry must be an original creation and may not include copyrighted, trademarked, patented, or previously published material.

Judging Process

There will be two rounds of judging:

Round One – Students will submit an Entry Form, Recipe & Digital Photo of Recipe

Round Two – Three to Five (3-5) recipes from each category will be chosen to advance to **Round Two**. Students will compete at the **The Silo Event Center** - Kitchen, 9036 Brittany Way, Tampa Fl. 33619, and be judged by a panel of judges.

Students will bring their own equipment, to include table top fryers, grills, and toaster/ovens. Electrical outlets available at every station. Refrigerator space available if needed.

Round Two students will be given 45 minutes total (5 minutes of setup, 30 minutes of cooking, and 10 minutes of cleaning).

Round Two students should be prepared to verbally present their dish under 1 minute and answer questions from judges.

Team competition times will be announced on or before Friday, DEC 7th.

Guidelines for judging

Round One –

- **Name & Crowd Appeal – 25%:** Would your recipe's name appeal to fair goers? Does the recipe sound appetizing?
- **Visual Appeal – 25%:** Does the photo of your recipe make you want to eat this before you even smell or taste it? Is the image appetizing?
- **Creativity – 25%:** Is this recipe creative and one of a kind? Is the recipe reflective of unique twists to ingredient usage?
- **Ease of Preparation – 25%:** How easy is the preparation? Can you make it with only basic cooking equipment? Is the recipe written in a clear and concise manner?

Round Two –

- **Presentation by the student(s) – 10%:** How well the student(s) present their recipe to the judges. How well do they answer questions and respond to feedback from the judges.
- **Taste – 40%:** How easy is the preparation? Can you make it with only basic cooking equipment?
- **Name & Crowd Appeal – 10%:** Would your recipe's name appeal to fair goers? Does the recipe sound appetizing?
- **Visual Appeal – 15%:** Does the recipe make you want to eat this before you even smell or taste it?
- **Creativity – 15%:** Is this recipe creative and one of a kind? Is the recipe reflective of unique twists to ingredient usage?
- **Safety & Sanitation – 10%:** Did the student use proper knife safety and avoid cross-contamination, and did they clean their station within the designated time frame?

Prizes

All students that advance to Round Two will receive a Four (4) pack of Fair admission tickets.

Awards in each category:

- First Place** – State Fair Ribbon / \$75 Prize money per team or individual entry / 4 Wrist Bands* / Recipe in Florida State Fair Cookbook
- Second Place** – State Fair Ribbon / \$50 Prize money per team or individual entry / 1 Wrist Band each per participant*/ Recipe in Florida State Fair Cookbook
- Third Place** – State Fair Ribbon / \$25 Prize money per team or individual entry / 1 Wrist Band each per participant *

Best of Show Awards:

- Best of Show/ Sweet** – State Fair Ribbon / \$100 Prize money per team or individual entry / 2 MEGA Passes* / Recipe in Florida State Fair Cookbook / Recipe will be served at the Fair / Opportunity to work with the vendor / ACF membership ... and more!!!
- Best of Show/ Savory** – State Fair Ribbon / \$100 Prize money per team or individual entry / 2 MEGA Passes* / Recipe in Florida State Fair Cookbook / Recipe will be served at the Fair / Opportunity to work with the vendor / ACF membership ... and more!!!

** The Wrist Bands provide unlimited Midway rides for one day only. The MEGA Pass is 12 days of unlimited Midway rides and admission. If entering as a team*

Entry Checklist for Round One

Entry Forms must be emailed to by Friday, November 16, 2018.

- **Entry Form** Failure to complete any portion of entry form may result in disqualification. **Entry Form on Page 4 can be printed, completed by hand and scanned.**
- **Recipe** Recipe instructions should include: the name of the recipe, complete list of ingredients, step-by-step cooking directions, including timing, temperature for any cooked components and recipe yield. List any special equipment needed to make this item such as a deep fryer. **File should be saved in WORD/.docx or .doc format.**
- **Digital Photo of recipe** Photos of entries should only display the food item; individuals should not be shown in photos. **File should be saved in JPEG/JPG format.**

How to submit your entry

Entry Forms, Recipe & Digital Photo of Recipe must be emailed to Brenda Gregory at Brenda.Gregory@FloridaStateFair.com

For more information,
contact the Competitive Exhibit Coordinator,
Brenda Gregory
Phone: 813-734-2810
Email: Brenda.Gregory@FloridaStateFair.com



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Unique Fair Food Contest Entry Form

<p>Type of Entry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Entry Form</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Team Entry Form</p>

Entry Forms must be scanned and emailed by Friday, November 16, 2018.

Please print legibly

Individual student OR Team Member		
Name (First, Last)	School	
Mailing Address	Age	
City	State	Zip Code
Phone ()	Email	
Additional Team Member (if applicable)		
Name (First, Last)	School	
Mailing Address	Age	
City	State	Zip Code
Phone ()	Email	

Each student or team may submit up to 2 entries, but only one (1) entry per category.

#	CATEGORY #	SUGGESTED NAME OF THE RECIPE
1		
2		

As an adult exhibitor, parent or guardian of a youth exhibitor, I hereby certify that I have read the Florida State Fair Rules for the Unique Fair Food Contest. I also agree that the Florida State Fair may use my name, likeness, photograph, or recipe (including, but not limited to photographs of my entry and publication of my recipe in the Fair's cookbook), in any manner relating to my participation in the Competitive Exhibits Program, free of charge and without further notice or consultation.

Signature of exhibitor	Date
Signature of teacher	Date
Signature of parent/guardian (Under 18 years of age)	Date

If on a team, provide additional team member's signatures.

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Signature of teacher	Date
Signature of parent/guardian (Under 18 years of age)	Date

Email scanned Entry Form/ Recipe & Digital Image to: brenda.gregory@floridastatefair.com