

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



Why Compete?

The Florida State Fair is looking for talented young chefs to create the next crazy fair food. Not only can you win ribbons and prize money, you will have an opportunity to showcase your recipe during the Florida State Fair in our Demonstration Kitchen. We will match you with a seasoned food vendor, so you can get a real hands-on experience. Winning recipes will also be included in our online *Florida State Fair Cookbook*.

Who Can Enter?

High school age culinary students or those students in a culinary club in these counties:

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

Contest Timeline

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| NOV 15, 2019 (FRI) | Entry Form entry are due. |
| DEC 7, 2019 (FRI) | Competition schedule & times will be announced |
| JAN 11, 2020 (SAT)
(9AM - 4PM) | Live Competition: Students will prepare their recipe onsite at The Silo Event Center - Kitchen, 9036 Brittany Way, Tampa Fl. 33619, to be judged by a panel of professional judges. |
| FEB 6-17, 2020 | Winning students can prepare their recipes in the Demo Kitchen at the Florida State Fair in the Florida Center Building. |

Categories

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| 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

Step One – Students will submit an Entry Form

Step Two – Live Competition: Students will compete at the **The Silo Event Center** - Kitchen, 9036 Brittany Way, Tampa Fl. 33619, and be judged by a panel of 4 judges.

Students will provide all their own ingredients. Food must be transported safely in ice chests and not bags, temperature sensitive items need to be in ice chest. Students will bring their own equipment, including table top fryers, griddles, burners, and toaster/ ovens. Electrical outlets are available at every station. Minimal refrigerator space is available.

Students should dress in chef's uniform (hat or hair net, closed toe shoes, pants, and chef coat or apron).

Preparation/Cooking/Cleanup: Students will be given 45 minutes total (5 minutes of setup, 30 minutes of cooking, and 10 minutes of cleaning).

Presentation: 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, 2019.

Guidelines for judging

- **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%**
- **Name & Crowd Appeal – 5%:**
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?
- **Ease of Preparation – 5%:**
How easy is the preparation?
Can you make it with only basic cooking equipment?
Is the recipe written in a clear and concise manner?

Prizes

All students that participate will receive 2 tickets Fair admission tickets each.

Awards in each category:

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

Best of Show Awards:

- Best of Show/ Sweet –** State Fair Ribbon / \$100 Prize money per team or individual entry /
4 Wrist Bands each per participant* / Recipe in online Florida State
Fair Cookbook / Recipe will be served at the Fair in the Demonstration
Kitchen area / 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 /
4 Wrist Bands each per participant* / Recipe in online Florida State
Fair Cookbook / Recipe will be served at the Fair in the Demonstration
Kitchen area / Opportunity to work with the vendor / ACF membership
... and more!!!

** The Wrist Bands provide unlimited Midway rides for one day only.*

Entry Checklist for Competition

Entry Forms must be emailed to by Friday, November 15, 2019.

- **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, scanned and either emailed or mailed.
- **Recipe** **Prior to the competition date we will request a digital file of your 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.***

How to submit your entry

Entry Forms must be emailed or mailed to
Brenda Gregory at Brenda.Gregory@FloridaStateFair.com

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Florida State Fair
P.O. Box 11766
Tampa, FL 33680

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



Fair-tastic Foods competition is supported by **The Ryan Wells Foundation**, whose mission is to improve the culinary arts and hospitality education of Pinellas County students through scholarships for post-secondary education & support of culinary programs.

Unique Fair Food Contest Entry Form

Type of Entry

☐ Individual Entry Form

OR

☐ Team Entry Form

Entry Forms must be scanned and emailed by Friday, November 15, 2019.

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
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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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