



2021 PA Preferred® Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars

The goal of the PA Preferred® Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania’s agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

RULES:

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 at the time of the fair’s contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred® Junior Baking contest at any other fair in 2021.**
3. Entry must be **six (6) individual sized portions** of the baked entry item.
4. Entries must be made from scratch. Premade mixes are not acceptable ingredients. **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred® ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients are PA Preferred® grains (*such as oats or flour*), butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
6. **A PA Preferred® logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred® products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient. For a list of acceptable products visit papreferred.com. Additionally, PA Preferred® staff will assist in locating PA Preferred® ingredients, as needed.
7. Entry must be submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting**. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*)
8. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2” x 11” paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred® ingredient must be clearly listed clearly along with the source that made/grew it** (*ex: PA Preferred Milk – Galliker’s brand*). Entrant’s name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (*All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

10. **Judging Criteria:**

Flavor	30 points
<i>(aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings)</i>	
Texture	25 points
<i>(appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar)</i>	
Inside Characteristics	20 points
<i>(even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets)</i>	
Outside Characteristics	15 points
<i>(uniform size, shape, appearance; overall appeal)</i>	
Creativity	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

FAIR PRIZES: 1st = \$20 2nd = \$15 3rd = \$10

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2022 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2022 PA FARM SHOW competition
First Place - \$500.00 Second Place - \$250.00 Third Place - \$100.00
 Fourth Place – Rosette Ribbon Fifth Place – Rosette Ribbon

Sponsor: PA Preferred®

Recipe

Name of recipe: Ashlee's Apple Crisp Bars

Prep Time: _____ Cook Time: _____ Serves: _____

Ingredients

shortbread Crust

- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (PA Preferred Lapp Valley Farm)

Apple Filling

- 4 cups apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (PA Preferred Barefoot Farm)
- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup sugar

Crisp Topping

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup chilled butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes



Instructions

Shortbread Crust

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a 8x8 pan with parchment paper, leaving extra hanging over the ends, spray with cooking spray.
2. In a large mixing bowl, **S**at together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes. Add vanilla and mix until combined. Add flour and mix until combined and dough is crumbly.
3. Press dough evenly into bottom of prepared pan. **A** Bake for 12-14 minutes, until dough is slightly puffed. Remove from oven and set aside, **M**ainain oven temperature.

Apple Filling

4. In a large bowl, combine apples, flour and sugar. Mix until apples are thoroughly coated. Arrange apples on baked crust.

Crisp Topping

5. In a medium bowl, mix together first five ingredients. With a pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Spread topping over apples in an even layer.
6. Bake uncovered at 350° F for 45 minutes, or until topping is golden and apple mixture is bubbly. Let cool, lift apple crisp using the extra parchment paper at the ends as handles, and cut into bars.



(For Release BEFORE the Contest)

Sample **Pre-Contest** Press Release
[Please insert specific Fair information]

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR) – Calling all bakers for the **2021 PA Preferred® Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars** contest to be held on **(INSERT DATE)** at the **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)**. The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s **PA Preferred®** program and coordinated by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

The goal of the **PA Preferred® Junior Baking Contest** is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania’s agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

A contest participant must be an individual amateur baker age 8 through and including 18 years old and a resident of Pennsylvania. The cookies, brownies or bars entry must include two (2) **PA Preferred®** ingredients. A comprehensive list of products is available at papreferred.com.

More than 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best **PA Preferred®** cookies, brownies or bars in the Junior Baking Contest.

(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s contest is a preliminary competition that leads to the selection of the final **PA Preferred® Junior Baking Contest Cookies, Brownies and Bars** blue ribbon winner each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of \$500 for the winning **PA Preferred®** cookie, brownie or bar recipe.

For a complete list of rules, visit **(INSERT FAIR’S WEBSITE)** or contact contest coordinator **(INSERT NAME OF FAIR COORDINATOR)** at **(INSERT COORDINATOR’S PHONE NUMBER)**. # # #

**2021 PA PREFERRED®
JUNIOR BAKING COOKIES,
BROWNIES & BARS CONTEST**



CONTEST SUMMARY FORM

DEADLINE: November 15, 2021

FAIR NAME: _____

Reporting Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WINNER: (please print or type all the required information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

2nd place Name _____ Phone: _____

3rd place Name _____ Phone: _____

FAIR REPORT: Total # of Cookies/Brownies/Bars Entries _____

I understand that there is sponsored premium monies from PA Preferred® and that these premium monies will be distributed after November 15 based on the above Contest Summary Report. No premiums will be distributed if our Fair does not submit this Contest Summary Report.

I hereby acknowledged that this Special Baking Contest held at our 2021 Fair was conducted in a manner that complies with the Contest Rules and Participation Requirements as published by PSACF. *(Note: Fairs not complying with the requirements will be ineligible for the 2022 program)*

Return form by NOVEMBER 15, 2021 using one of these options:

Online Form: <https://forms.gle/RMmdSQ3LeXAddMih9>

Mail: Karen Dobson, 9 Ebelhare Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465

Scan to Email: kardob@msn.com **Cell:** 610-212-6180

PA Preferred® Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars Contest



Farm Show
Contestant #

CERTIFICATION ENTRY FORM

for the **2021** PA Farm Show, Harrisburg

PART A: FAIR'S INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out **Part A** of this Certification Form. Give the Winner **1) this Form and 2) a copy of their winning recipe**. Your winner cannot have won 1st place in this Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars contest at any other fair in **2021**.

PART A:

Fair Represented: _____

Cookies/Brownies/Bars Contest Winner's Name: _____

Winner's Address: _____

Winner's City: _____ Winner's Zip: _____

Winner's County: _____

Winner's Phone: _____ Winner's Age: _____

FAIR CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: We had _____ (#) entries at our **2021** event. We

hereby certify that _____
(Winner's Name)

was the _____ winner of our **2021 PA Preferred® Cookies, Brownies, Bars Contest** and is
(Place)

eligible to compete at the **2022** PA Farm Show.

(Fair President or Secretary's Signature)

PART B: WINNER'S INSTRUCTIONS

It is the Winner's responsibility (or their representative) to bring the following items to enter the **2022** PA State Farm Show in Harrisburg. The same rules and judging criteria used for the **2021** local competition will be used at the state competition at the **2022** PA Farm Show.

1. This **Certification Form** signed by the Fair (you do **NOT** need to sign up for a PA Farm Show Entry Tag)
2. A copy of the **recipe** that won at the local Fair's contest, listing all ingredients and baking instructions for the cookies-brownies-bars. (8-1/2 x 11 pages, one side of paper(s) only; name, address, phone on back)
3. **Six (6) cookies, brownies or bars** entry from that recipe, with at least two (2) PA Preferred ingredients, made from scratch by the Winner, submitted for judging **on a food safe disposable setting** (doily optional).
All ingredients and decorations must be edible.

ENTRIES: **Friday, January 7**, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm **or** **Saturday, January 8**, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.
PA Farm Show Complex, Main Hall. Bring entry to the Maclay Street Lobby next to the "Family Living Center" office.

JUDGING: **Saturday, January 8 at 2:00 pm, Main Hall, Family Living Area, Contest Stage**

NOTE 1: All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.

NOTE 2: All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the PA Farm Show and will not be returned.

NOTE 3: Recipes and photos may be used in publicity releases and become the property of the PA Farm Show, the PA Preferred Program & the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

NOTE 4: Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking will not be distributed to the public for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.

NOTE 5: If the Fair's 1st place winner is not attending Farm Show, that Fair can certify their next place winner as their official Farm Show contestant if that individual has not placed 1st at another Fair. This is done to encourage participation from as many Fairs as possible.

Questions: Karen Dobson Email: kardob@msn.com Cell: 610-212-6180

BRING THIS SIGNED ENTRY FORM TO PA FARM SHOW



(For Release AFTER the Contest)

Sample **Post-Contest** Press Release
[Please insert specific Fair information]

CONTACT NAME
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
DATE

(INSERT TOWN OF FAIR) – More than (INSERT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS) local youth bakers created decadent cookies, brownies and bars during the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s **2021 Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars** contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s PA Preferred® program and coordinated by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) on (INSERT DATE).

(INSERT NAME OF WINNER), from (INSERT NAME OF TOWN), took home top honors in the PA Preferred® Junior Baking Contest with his/her (INSERT NAME OF RECIPE) recipe.

”INSERT QUOTE FROM WINNER.” (i.e. “This is my family’s favorite dessert and they always ask me to make it for special occasions, etc.”)

Judges for the contest were (INSERT NAMES AND HOMETOWNS OF JUDGES).

(INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s PA Preferred® Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars winner is now eligible to compete in the state finals in January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The first place winner at the Farm Show will be awarded a cash grand prize of \$500 for the winning recipe.

This is PA Preferred®’s fourth year of sponsoring the **Junior Baking Contest**. The goal of the PA Preferred® Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania’s agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

The Winning recipe from the (INSERT NAME OF FAIR)’s PA Preferred® Junior Baking Cookies-Brownies-Bars Contest is: INSERT WINNING COOKIES-BROWNIES-BARS RECIPE

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