

2027

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR



HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION RULE BOOK

DUE DATE: **Thursday, January 21, 2027, 5:00 p.m.** is the due date for Entry Cards for ALL Sections (# 1 thru 21), & Entry Fee & pre-signed/witnessed Release/Indemnity form, turn into the County Extension Office, 2200 7th St. 3rd Floor, Bay City, Texas.

Please Note: Late Entries are due **January 28, 2027**, with an additional late fee of **\$45.00**

SHOW DATES: **Saturday, February 27, 2027** – Foods Division – Section 1-6

Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – Arts & Crafts Division – Sections 7-21

Check website for any changes or other information: www.matagordacountyfair.com

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association reserves the final absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules of this show will forfeit all privileges and premiums as the Association Committee may order.
 - II. Every exhibitor understands that their conduct is a reflection on the Matagorda County Far & Livestock Association and will act accordingly. Each exhibitor understands that good sportsmanship is required and that they must always be respectful of others. Each exhibitor agrees that they will not engage in any activities which would bring them, or the Fair Association, into ridicule or contempt. This includes, but is not limited to, using foul language, use of alcohol, being ticketed with MIP, smoking cigarettes, E-cigarettes, vaping or illegal drugs, inappropriate internet or social networking behavior (including on sites like Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). Each exhibitor will confirm they have never been convicted of any crime, apart from Class C Traffic offense. Any violation will be presented to the MCFLA Board of Directors for disciplinary action up to and including forfeiture of monies.
 - III. **Liability**—Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by them and for its description as given in the entry blanks, and shall indemnify the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to other persons or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the exhibits exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the exhibits so exhibited.
-
1. **No-Pass, No-Play:** The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association has adopted a policy to reflect the no-pass, no-play rules of the University Interscholastic League. This rule will be enforced by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors.

UIL Rule: Extracurricular Activities provides that a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district or the University Interscholastic League during the first three weeks of the grade reporting periods after grade reporting periods in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than identified honors or advance class. After a Six-week grade reporting period or after the first six weeks of a semester or grade reporting period, in the case of a district with a reporting period longer than six weeks, a child who receives a grade below 70 is suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for three weeks, and for three-week intervals thereafter if all grades are not above 70.

 - A suspended student may practice or rehearse with other students for an extracurricular activity but may not participate in a competition or other public performance.
 - Provides that a student enrolled in a school district who participates in an extracurricular activity or UIL competition is subject to school district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any other time specified by resolution of the board of trustees of the district.
 - Requires all UIL rules approved for the current year.

This rule is an effort to stress the importance of education. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association's goal is "*Serving Today's Youth....Tomorrow's Future.*" Every youth exhibitor wanting to enter the Fair will be responsible for their grades. The MCFLA will contact all schools regarding eligibility on all contestants/exhibitors. This rule will be enforced by the MCFLA for Kindergarten through 12th grade exhibitors. If they are not passing, they will not be allowed to enter their exhibits in the Fair. This rule will include all 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA projects.

Students who were eligible shall not lose eligibility until seven calendar days after the end of the grading period.

EXAMPLE: Grading period ends on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Students shall not regain or lose their eligibility until the following Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The Matagorda County Fair Board will support the decision of the schools in cases of ineligibility for academic or other disciplinary reasons.

IV. Excused Absences for Home Economics Champion Food Auction on February 27, 2027 –

Exhibitors must submit a written note from the sponsor of the event to the Fair Office (Fairgrounds) two days prior to the Champion Food Auction if the Exhibitor will not be able to sell his/her food item in the Home Economic Champion Food Auction. The only exceptions are as follows- (1) UIL, 4-H, FCCLA or FFA sponsored events. (2) Sickness/Emergency events. The exhibitor who is participating in the auction explaining sickness or emergency must be approved by MCFLA Board of Directors. An eligible stand – in who has been approved by the Fair Board may sell the food item in the Home Economics Champion Food Auction.

V. Sale of Food Items in the Home Economics Food Auction on February 27, 2027 – All exhibitors selling in the Home Economics Food Auction will be notified via phone prior to 12:30pm on the day of the sale. Those notified must be present for auction line up no later than 1:30pm at the Multi-Purpose Building. Any exhibitor who fails to be present for line up at the proper time will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the food item will be sold in sale order without their presence. The only exception to this rule will be an exhibitor who has an official (written) excuse from their sponsor that has been approved by the Fair Office as described in item number IV above. The eligible stand-in must comply with this rule or 50% of the gross sales will be forfeited and the food item will be sold in sale order without their presence.

VI. Protest- All protests concerning Matagorda County fair entries must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging and be accompanied by a \$200 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once championship judging has commenced, NO protests will be accepted. The Judges' and Classifiers' decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least five (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen. (The protest procedure excludes the substance abuse protest procedure).

VII. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident, or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. Parents are held responsible for all their children's actions.

Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Show

2027 HOME ECONOMICS FAIR SCHEDULE

Home Economics Division Chairman & Co-Chairman: MCFLA Board Members – Kris Long and Bethany Steffek

Please do not post your projects to any social media until after the item has been judged or it will be disqualified.

Please be aware that this is a tentative schedule, some dates and times may be changed due to other Fair Schedules.

Date & Time	Event	Location
Thursday, January 21 By 5:00 p.m.	All Home Ec. Section/Entry Cards and Photos are due (\$25 Entry Fee for one Division (Foods or Crafts); \$40 for both)	Extension Office
Thursday, January 28 By 5:00 p.m.	Late Entries for All Home Ec. Section/entry Cards are due with an additional \$45.00 Late Fee (\$70) for one division; \$85 for both)	Extension Office
Saturday, February 27 7:15 a.m.	FOOD SHOW – Section 1 – Section 6 Section Superintendents and helpers arrive	Home Ec. Building
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Check in of Food entries – (Sections 1-6)	Home Ec. Building
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Judges' orientation	Holding Pen
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Judging of food entries, H.E. Bldg. is closed to the public	Home Ec. Building
1:00 p.m. *Approximately	Grand & Reserve meet at H. E. Bldg. Group pictures will be taken in SEF at backdrop either right before Auction or immediately following auction	Home Ec. Building
Immediately following	Those selling remain for auction line up following pictures. Champion Food Auction- Winners must wait to take pictures with your buyer after the auction has closed.	SEF
Heifer Auction 2:00 p.m.	Public Viewing & Removal of Food Items- Food items may be sold or removed beginning at 2:00 p.m. Food items are only to be sold out of the Home Economics building. No items may be sold in the SEF or Main Arena areas. Each exhibitor is responsible for the sale of their own food items.	Home Ec. Building
4:00 p.m.	Any food item left unattended at this time will be discarded or donated.	Home Ec. Building
Tuesday, March 2 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Check in of all Arts & Crafts entries (Sections 7-20)	Home Ec. Building
Wednesday, March 3 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW begins – Section 7 – Section 20 Section Superintendents and helpers arrive	Home Ec. Building
9:00 a.m.	Judges arrive	Home Ec. Building
9:15 a.m.	Judges' orientation	Home Ec. Building
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Judging of Arts & Crafts, H.E. Building is closed to the public	Home Ec. Building
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Public Viewing of Arts & Crafts (Absolutely no removal of entries until check-out time, March 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m.)	Home Ec. Building
4:45 p.m.	Grand, Reserve Grand and High Point Winners report for pictures	
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Check out of Arts & Crafts	Home Ec. Building
Sunday, March 7 7:00 a.m.	Clean Up at Fairgrounds (All H.E. Foods auction Winners must participate in Fairgrounds Clean Up).	Fair Grounds Arena Or Home Ec. Building
Thursday, April 1	Thank- You Notes Due by 5:00 p.m.	Extension Office

GENERAL RULES: 2027 Home Economics Division

1. Exhibitors in the Home Economics Division must abide by the General Rules of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Assoc. and by the “No Pass-No Play” rules of UIL – read Item III of the General MCFLA Rules in this book.
2. Each exhibitor entering the Home Economics Division must complete and turn in the form – “Release and Indemnity Agreement” – attached to the back of this book. Remove the form and turn it in with your entry cards. NOTE: The MCFLA “Release and Indemnity Agreement” form must be witnessed by the 4-H Club Manager, FCCLA Advisor, FFA advisor, or Extension Staff Member. The participant/ parent must sign in the presence of the witness).
3. **All 4-H Exhibitors** – All 4-H exhibitors must be an active member in good standing of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of three (3) club meetings prior to the Fair to be eligible to participate in the Matagorda County Fair Home Economics Show & Livestock Show; must be a current resident of Matagorda County or enrolled in Matagorda County School, Credited Courses at Home School, Private School, or Public School to be eligible to participate. **4-H Club Managers will be responsible for notifying the Fair Manager (after their January Meeting) of any exhibitor not meeting the club’s requirements to participate in the 2026 show.**
4. **All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter Exhibitors** – All Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter exhibitors must be an active member in good standing of an organized Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of the clubs meetings prior to the Fair to be eligible to participate in the MCFLA Home Economics Show, FCCLA Advisors and FFA Advisors will be responsible for notifying the Fair Manager (after their January meeting) of any exhibitor not meeting the clubs requirements to participate in the 2026 Show.
5. **All Matagorda County Home Economics class students** – Any Matagorda County student enrolled in a Family Consumer Science class at any of the County Junior High or High schools during the academic year, who are in good academic and attendance standing may participate in the MCFLA Home Economics Show. The teacher of the class will be responsible for notifying the Fair Manager (by January 15) of any exhibitor not meeting these requirements.
6. **Verification Forms** – Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their 4-H Club Manager’s, FCCLA Advisor’s, FFA Advisor’s, or Home Economics teacher’s signature on their Verification Form prior to entry deadline. **Unsigned forms will be considered incomplete and entry cards will not be accepted.** (The Verification Forms are signed instead of signing all yellow entry cards).
7. Each 4-H Club, FCCLA Chapter, FFA Chapter or Family Consumer Science class who has exhibitors participating in the Home Economics contests must provide adult volunteers for at least two work slots. Slots are available during the Food Show and for the Arts & Craft show. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that club/chapter or classes exhibitors. Please contact Cynthia Page at the Matagorda County Extension office for work slots.

8. The Grade Divisions' names are **Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions**. Please use only the entry cards printed on the yellow card stock. Grade Divisions are determined by grade as of August 31, 2026 (as of this current School Year) in the following divisions:
- Junior Division: Grades 3-5 Intermediate Division: Grades 6-8 Senior Division: Grades 9-12
9. The Entry Fee is **\$25.00** for the Foods Division only and **\$25.00** for the Arts & Crafts Divisions only of the Home Economics Fair or **\$40.00** for both divisions. **No cash will be accepted.** Only Checks, Money Orders or Farm Bureau Vouchers may be used to pay entry fees. Fees are due with the Section Cards. Checks and Money Orders should be made payable to MCFLA (Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association)
10. The deadline is **Thursday, January 21, 2027, by 5:00 p.m.** to submit the following to the Extension Office: all Yellow Section Cards, Verification form, Exhibitors Information form, Entry Fee, and the MCFLA "Release and Indemnity Agreement" form.
11. **Late Entries:** The deadline for late entries is **Thursday, January 28, 2027**, with an additional **late fee of \$45** plus your entry fee of **\$25** for each division. The late entry fee totals are (the late entry fee is \$70 for one Division (Foods or Arts & Crafts) or **\$85** for both Divisions (Foods and Arts & Crafts).
- 12. Entry Eligibility Requirements:**
- A. Only those articles listed in the rule book classes may be entered
 - B. Only one entry per class, or as specified in "Any Other" classes, and in Canned Foods Sections 7 & 8
 - C. **All Items** submitted into the Home Economics Show must be made or created by the exhibitor. The Home Economics Division Committee reserves the right to verify, to the best of its ability, any entry it suspects may not be the original work of the exhibitor. Plagiarism and/or Falsification of any entry will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification of all entries by the exhibitor. Additional consequences may also result as the Committee and/or the Board see fit.
 - D. All items entered must have been made after last year's Fair and be clean and in good condition.
 - E. Only items entered on the yellow Section Cards will be accepted for Judging
 - F. Only **white** string, safety pins, or (rubberbands on the can goods only) should be used for attaching the white card and only use clear tape.
- 13. Disqualification Infractions:**
- A. The entry is not clean, not finished or not ready for use. Any glue or paint product is not completely dry.
 - B. A canned food entry is not properly sealed, and/or lids/seals have excessive rust.
 - C. Any item not meeting class requirements
 - D. **Entries without proper tags written in pencil or blue or black ink pen, not having a white string, or clear tape.**
 - E. **Any entry that is inappropriate for public display. (I.e., gang, alcohol, wine corks, or tobacco related material cannot be on the item at all. Please do not just "cover it up".)**
 - F. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter very similar items in any Section or Class. If an exhibitor is found to be in violation of this rule, then only one of the items in question will be judged and the other(s) will be disqualified. (MCFLA Home Ec. Committee discretion).
 - G. The MCFLA Committee reserves the right to disqualify any questionable entry.
14. The judge's decision is final. Quality work is encouraged. No gifts can be given to the judges. Any entry receiving a Grand or Reserve Rosette will receive only that ribbon in all Sections.
15. **Checking in of all Food entries (Sections 1-6A) will be Saturday, February 27, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** at the Fairgrounds, at the Home Economics Building (also known as the Multi-Purpose Building). Drop off process will be a Drive- Thru format in front of or beside the Home Ec Building. All doors will be locked at 9:00am and no entries will be accepted after that time.
16. Removal of Food Entries – Food items not in the auction may **not** be removed before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 or prior to the Champion Food Auction. **Only Grands and Reserves will be allowed in the building**

before 2:00 p.m. Any items left unattended at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 will be discarded or donated.

17. Check in of all Arts & Crafts entries (Sections 7-21) will be **Tuesday, March 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at the fairgrounds, in the Home Economics Building (also known as the Multi-Purpose Building). Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their entries to the appropriate Section exhibit area where workers will check the actual entries on Section Cards by the deadline time. All entries must be inside the building and entered in the sections before **7:00 p.m.** or they will not be accepted.

18. Everybody except Superintendents and Helpers must leave the building once they have placed their entries in the appropriate Sections for judging in the Home Economics Arts & Crafts Divisions.

19. Check out of all Arts & Crafts entries (Sections 7-21) will be **Wednesday, March 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Any articles left after this time; the exhibitors must make arrangements with the Extension Office and pay a fee within one week of check-out day in order to pick up their articles. Any article left after this time will be disposed of. Fees are as follows: \$5.00 – 1-5 items; \$10 – 6-10 items; \$20 for 11 or more items. **There will NOT be a Silent Auction booth this year.** Exhibitors are free to sell their items after check-out.

20. **Specific name of article entered is required on the white entry tag.** (Example: chocolate chip cookies, sun dress, model car, sunset at the beach, etc.)

21. Superintendents and Helpers may not visit or view entries outside of their assigned work Section except during Public Viewing hours.

1. Do not post any projects to social media until judging. Any items found to be on any social media prior to completion of judging will be disqualified. This will include not only the exhibitor, but any family or friends associated to the exhibitor. Please ensure of the respective judging times to ensure items are not posted too soon.

2. To qualify for the high point award an exhibitor must enter and check-in items in at least three different Arts & Craft sections. No more than 25 points can be received from the Photography Section.

3. White entry tags in the Arts and Craft Division must be attached in a way that the judge can turn the entry tag over in order to write the comments on the back. It must be securely fastened with a large safety pin, rubber band, or **white string**, unless otherwise noted. **Only white string will be allowed this year and clear tape.** Please read individual rules for each section for attaching the white entry tag: Canned Foods, Clothing, Photography, Art, and Floral and Horticulture.

4. CLASSIFICATIONS: Questions arising in classifications of entries will be resolved by the Home Economics Committee. All entries turned in/accepted that do not meet the rules outlined in this handbook will be given a green participation ribbon and will not be judged. No points will be given towards high points for green ribbons. The MCFLA H. E. Committee may move any entry to another division/class, combine and/or divide any class or make changes deemed necessary to create a more competitive event. The decisions of the Home Economics Committee are final.

5. **Commission Charge** – The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association retain a 6.5% commission charge for all auction items. The commission is taken out of the sale price before the payments are issued to the exhibitors.

6. **Home Economics Food Auction Checks** – Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up their check from the Fair Office located at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds.

ALL SECTION/ENTRY CARDS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2027

January 28, 2027 is late entry deadline with an extra fee \$45.00.

In the County Extension Office, 2200 7th Street, 3rd Floor, Bay City, TX

SECTION CARDS AND ENTRY TAGS ARE OBTAINED AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT ENTRY TAGS

No. 28245
(1) Grade: _____
(2) Division – Circle One: Junior Intermediate Senior
(3) Class: _____
(4) Entry Name: _____
(5) Exhibitor: _____ Phone #: _____
(6) Club or Organization: _____

1) Exhibitors Grade as of August 31, 2026 (as of this Current School Year)

2) Division – Circle the exhibitor’s Grade Division as found in the General Rules on page 1 of this book.

3) Class- Class number of the item entered. These numbers are listed under each Section in this book.

4) **Entry Name – Specific name of item entered. Not class name. (I.e., chocolate chip cookie, sun dress, model car, sunset at the beach, etc.)**

5) Exhibitor – Exhibitor’s name; Phone # - **Parent’s** phone number.

6) Club or Organization – Name of the club or organization listed on the section card that the exhibitor is a member of. If a school organization is listed, the name of the school must be listed also.

White cards should be:

- ❖ **Filled out in black/blue ink pen or pencil only**
- ❖ **Attached to the entry with either white string, clear tape or a rubber band**
- ❖ **Attached to the entry BEFORE check-in.**

Other White Card Notes:

- ❖ **No computer-generated cards will be allowed**
- ❖ **Holes can be punched in the top of the card**
- ❖ **Please read individual section rules about attaching White Card.**

ONLY WHITE STRING IS ALLOWED TO TIE ON WHITE CARD! No other color

ONLY CLEAR “SCOTCH TAPE” TO CLOSE WHITE CARDS (no colored tape or glue)

FOODS DIVISION

Saturday, February 27, 2027

Check in of all Food entries (Sections 1-6) will be Saturday, February 27, 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds, in the Home Economics Building (also known as the Multi-Purpose Building). The exhibitor's white entry tag should be securely taped or attached to the topside of the food entry plate or tray for judging purposes. (Not under the plates). The drop-off process will be a drive-through format in front of or beside the Home Ec Building.

1. At the conclusion of the judging and placement process, exhibitors who received a **GRAND CHAMPION** ribbon will be contacted to discuss their participation in the Food Auction. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee what time that will be, but calls will be made as close to 12 noon as possible. If an exhibitor has more than one eligible item, they will be asked to decide which item they would like to auction.
2. After all **GRAND CHAMPION** exhibitors are contacted, then the exhibitors who received a **RESERVE CHAMPION** ribbon will be contacted. Some **RESERVE CHAMPION** exhibitors may be provided with the opportunity to sell in the auction if a **GRAND CHAMPION** exhibitor chooses not to sell in that category. Regardless, all **RESERVE CHAMPION** exhibitors will be expected to meet at the H.E. Building to take pictures in the SEF.
3. **Approximately 1:00 p.m.-** Grand & Reserve meet at H. E. Bldg. Group pictures will be taken in SEF at backdrop either right before Auction or immediately following auction. **(EVERYONE should be available to be there at 1 p.m.)**
4. **ONLY GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION exhibitors will be admitted into the HE Building prior to 2pm. All other exhibitors will be allowed in the HE Building at 2pm to see the results of the judging.**
5. **Public Viewing and sale of food entries – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Food items may be sold by the Exhibitor during this time at the Home Economics building. No food items may be sold in the SEF or Main Arena Areas. Each exhibitor is responsible for the sale of their own food items.
6. **Champion Food Auction – immediately following Commercial Heifer Auction**
7. **Removal of Food Entries** – Food items, not in the auction, cannot be removed until **2:00 p.m.** on Saturday, February 27. Any items left unattended at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 will be discarded or donated.

PLACINGS & RIBBONS

1. All qualified entries in the Food Division will receive a premium ribbon-Blue (Best), Red (Great Job), or White (Keep it Up) awarded based on what the judges see and taste.
2. Each age division in Sections 1-6A will have a **First** and a **Second-place winner** named in each class.
3. Class winners will compete for **the Overall Ranking (Grand Champion-5th Place) in each Section**. Purple Rosettes will be awarded to Grand Champions, and Pink Rosettes will be awarded to Reserve Grand Champions. In the case that the 1st and 2nd place class winner does not receive a Blue Premium Ribbon, then this class will not qualify for the Overall Ranking (Grand Champion – 5th Place). The champions must merit at least a Blue Ribbon.
4. Section 6 – Decorated Desserts are judged solely on presentation. Therefore, all classes within the Section will compete against each other for the Overall Ranking (Grand Champion-5th Place) in each Grade Division. Individual class ranking will not be considered.
5. Any entry receiving a Grand or Reserve Rosette will receive only that ribbon.

CHAMPION FOOD AUCTION

1. Grand Champion food items will be sold in the **Champion Food Auction** that Saturday afternoon.
2. Only one auction item per exhibitor will be allowed. If a person has more than 1 Grand Champion item qualified to sell, then they will choose the item they wish to sell and the Reserve Champion winner (s) in the remaining Section (s) will sell. If the owners of both the Grand and Reserve items from one Section already have an item in the auction, then the item auctioned will proceed to the 3rd, 4th or 5th place overall in that Section.
3. Exhibitors themselves are required to sell their items during the Champion Food Auction, but a "Fair Eligible" student may stand-in with the champion item in case of emergencies, school or Fair related conflicts (see MCFLA

Rules & Regulations – item # IV). A copy of the letter provided to the Fair Office must be turned in to the Extension Office personnel or the Home Economics Chairman two days before the Champion Food Auction.

4. The Home Economics Fair committee established a rotation system for the food sections and their order of sale in the Champion Food Auction in 1996. In the rotation system, the first Section to be sold was the last Section sold in the previous year. The first Section sold the previous year will move down to the second Section sold and the remaining sections will move down accordingly. The sale order for the 2027 Champion Food Auction will be as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Section 1- Breads | 5. Section 4-Candies |
| 2. Section 6 – Decorated Desserts | 6. Section 3 - Pies |
| 3. Section 6A-Nutritious Snacks | 7. Section 2 - Cakes |
| 4. Section 5 – Cookies | |

5. Champion pictures must be taken with your buyer after the auction has closed.
6. **The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association retain a 6.5% commission charge for all auction items.** The commission is taken out of the sale price before the payments are issued to the exhibitors.
7. **Buyers Photo** – Each exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a buyer’s photograph to be delivered to their respective buyer. A \$10 fee will be deducted from sale proceeds to cover the cost of the buyer’s photo. The exhibitor is responsible for picking up their buyer’s photo from the Fair Office located at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds and delivering the photo to their respective buyers. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting buyer at the time of the sale of said lot for the buyer’s photo. If buyer is unavailable for photo at time of sale lot, exhibitor must take a photo with said lot to be delivered to buyer. **No exceptions!**

8. Mandatory Sunday Cleaning/Cleaning of the Grounds

Exhibitors that sell their project in the Home Economics Food Auction on Saturday, February 27, 2027, and do not have a livestock auction project, will be required to return to the fairgrounds at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, **March 7, 2027**. These exhibitors will be required to report to the H. E. Building to sign in and out for the two-hour clean up to be credited for their two hours. Exhibitors that do not return for the two-hour cleanup will have \$100.00 deducted from their food auction check as a cleanup fine. Exhibitors that fail to sign in and sign out with a director will have \$100.00 deducted from their food auction check as a cleanup fine. **You may be asked to clean other areas of the fairgrounds to complete your two hours.**

9. **Thank You Notes** – The Home Economics Fair Food Auction and High Point Winners THANK-YOU notes/letters (unsealed, stamped, and addressed to their buyer(s)) will be due in the Extension Office by **Thursday, April 1, 2027**, in order to receive your check. Your THANK-YOU letter is required before your check is issued. Exhibitors that fail to turn in their Thank You notes/ letters by Thursday, **April 1, 2027**, stamped with the appropriate amount of postage will have \$50.00 deducted from their check as a compliance fee. High Point Winners who fail to turn in their Thank You note/ letter will be disqualified from receiving a High Point Award the following year. Please include your return address as well as the buyer’s address on all THANK-YOU NOTES/LETTERS.
10. **Home Economics Food Auction Checks** – Each exhibitor is responsible for picking up their check from the Fair Office located at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds.

FOOD DIVISION – RULES

The Home Economics Division General Rules found on page 1 of this booklet apply to the Food Division.

Please carefully read all Food Division Rules as they pertain to all Sections and all classes in the Food Division.

Please do not post your projects to any social media until after the item has been judged.

1. Only one entry per class. Required: A specific entry name is required on the white entry tag.
(Example: Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rocky Road Chocolate Cake, Peach Cobbler, etc.)
2. **All food entries must be MADE FROM SCRATCH** in the Foods Division except for Section 2 – Cakes, Class 206- 1 Cake-mix Cake with other ingredients added and in Section 6 – Decorated Desserts, all Classes. (Example: Can Biscuits cannot be used to make Bubble Bread).
3. **Index Card:** Section 2 – Cakes, Class 206 – 1 Cake-mix Cake with other ingredients added (**attach index card to white tag with list of other ingredients added**) Item will be disqualified without entry card.
4. **All entries in Section 1, 2, 3, and 5 must be BAKED.** Recipes for these sections that do not require baking should not be used.
5. All items must be fully baked. Any partially cooked or uncooked items will not be judged and will be given a green participation ribbon.
6. **No items needing refrigeration can be entered as determined by MCFLA Board of Directors.** To ensure food safety, cheesecakes, whipped cream, cream pies, cream puffs, gelatins, custards, meringue pies, meat products or bacon, cool whip, whipped topping, cream, sour cream, cream cheese icings or fillings, etc. will **NOT** be accepted.
7. **BREADS-** Do not cut the loaf bread. No sauces or butters on the side.
8. **CAKES- *NO DUMP CAKES ARE ALLOWED.**
9. ***Cupcakes – Fillings are permitted in cupcakes as long as the filling does not need to be refrigerated. Please attach an index card with ingredients in the filling.**
10. **PIES - * Crust must be homemade. * No Cream Pies, Custards, Meringue Pies or Buttermilk Pies. * Pies** must be baked in a silver disposable pie tin.
12. To ensure food safety the following are **NOT** allowed in any food division section. Any entry violating this rule will be given a green participation ribbon.
 - Cream cheese icing, filling, or frosting
 - No Bake Cookies or Bars
 - Bread Machine products
 - Cream pies
 - Pumpkin, Sweet Potato Pie, Buttermilk or any other type of custard pie
 - Cheesecakes
 - Meat products or bacon
 - Alcoholic Beverages – not in cake, not in filling, not in icing

DISPLAY OF FOODS ENTRIES

1. All food must be entered on or in a non-breakable base – no glass, no ceramic, no corning ware, no hard aluminum pans, etc. **Nothing Breakable in any section or class will be allowed in the show** (tray, plate, or base). **Entries must be entered on a plain white disposable plate, a clear plastic container or plate, or disposable aluminum/silver foil pan. Disposable plastic cake containers purchased from HEB with a black or white plastic base may also be used. No handle on the container is allowed. The boards used for cakes must be covered with white butcher paper or aluminum foil. No cake boxes allowed in any food section.**

For clarification, the following are examples of items which can be used in Section 1-5:

- A plain white paper plate
- A plain white Styrofoam plate
- A clear plastic container or plate (clear plastic containers or plates may be used as long as nothing else is added (such as doilies)
- A plain disposable foil pan in aluminum/silver color – no other colors or designs will be accepted
- A cake board, specifically designed for cakes
- Cardboard, covered with white butcher paper or aluminum foil
- Clear plastic cake containers purchased with a black or white base; no handles of any type is allowed.
- Cupcakes and Muffins – Food items baked in baking cups must be baked and displayed in a single solid colored paper or foil baking cup only.
- Clear Saran Wrap only-**NO Press 'N Seal**.

**** Dollies are not accepted as part of any food entries except in Section 6- Decorated Desserts.**

2. Items should be displayed neatly. **Only a limited amount of SMALL edible garnishes on top of cake items** are allowed for classes 201-207. **NO decorative icing is allowed.** Examples of items allowed: drizzle, chopped nuts, sprinkles. Cakes that are decorated will be moved to Section 6 Decorated Cakes. Section 6- Decorated Desserts may have both edible and non-edible decorations.

***Food Items will be judged on taste, texture, & overall quality and not on presentation for all sections except Section 6.**

3. All food must be covered securely either in self-closure clear plastic bags or with clear plastic on a truly disposable container. Disposable containers must be standard shape- round, oval, square or oblong. Example: Heart shaped candy box or plastic baskets will be judged as Decorated Desserts. **NO SHRINK WRAP and NO FOIL.** The self-sticking Press 'N Seal paper cover is not clear, do not use. Items arriving uncovered will not be accepted until covered by the entrant. The entrant must have all entries covered and submitted before the check-in deadline. Superintendents will not cover entries for you.
4. **Decorated Desserts-** Product: non-edible forms may **NOT** be used. Since these items are not judged on taste, cake mixes may be used in Decorated Desserts, but please be certain the finished product is fresh. **Decorated Desserts must be covered with only one layer of clear plastic covering so judges can determine the quality and detail of decorations.** No shrink wrap. **Decorations may be both edible and non-edible for decorated desserts.** The covering will be removed by the Superintendent during the judging process so judges can get a clearer view of the quality and detail of the decorations. The decorated dessert will then be recovered to maintain freshness of the product. Base: Decorated Desserts may be entered on any non-breakable base, including covered lightweight plywood or sturdy cardboard. Items should be displayed in a way to complement the product. Creativity is encouraged!

CLARIFICATION & DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES:

1. **BREADS-**Sweet bread is any sweet bread such as a cinnamon roll, bubble bread, monkey bread, **concha** or any other sugar-coated loaf bread or rolls. This does not include the quick bread. The bubble bread or monkey bread must be made from scratch...no canned biscuits can be used.
2. **CAKES-****Class 201** needs to be a true pound cake recipe; not just a cake cooked in a Bundt pan. **Class 205** jelly roll cake is a type of rolled sponge cake filled with jam only; no other filling will be allowed. **Class 206** must have an index card attached to the white tag that lists the added ingredients to the cake mix or the cake will be disqualified. **Class 207-**Cupcakes with fillings-write ingredients of filling on index card and attach.
3. **PIES & COBBLER-**Pie crusts and pies **MUST** be homemade; A pie crust or pie purchased from the store is not allowed. **Cobbler** is a dessert consisting of a fruit filling poured into a baking dish and covered with a batter, biscuit, dumpling, or pastry before being baked. Some cobbler recipes resemble a thick-crust, deep-dish pie with both a top and bottom crust. Cobbler's name comes from its cobbled texture, which is a result of spooning or dropping the topping over the fruit rather than distributing it equally. This way, the filling can peek through. The dough and the fruit filling cook together in a cobbler.

CANDIES-If your candy does not fit in any of the classes listed, then it cannot be entered. See definitions below. **Candies** will be entered as a baker's dozen. Which means 13 candies. One will be used to judge by and then there will be 12 left to sell.

Class 401: Divinity: Very sweet very soft candy made from white sugar, whipped egg whites, corn syrup, water, salt and flavoring. This type of candy typically has chopped pecans or walnuts in it.

Class 402: Praline: Made with sugar, corn syrup, milk, butter, and pecan halves.

Class 403: Fudge: A thick, firm, smooth candy that is set-up in a pan and cut into squares. There are varying degrees of difficulty with different recipes. Ingredients usually include butter, fat derived from chocolate, milk, and sugar. Other flavor variations might include peanut butter, marshmallow, white chocolate, etc. Nuts may be added.

Class 404: Nut Brittle Pieces: A candy made from sugar that has been cooked to a high temperature with nuts added. The resulting candy is hard and snaps easily, thus the term “brittle.”

Class 405: Bon-Bon Pieces or Truffles: a fondant, fruit, or nut center dipped in fondant or chocolate; **Truffle-** made with a chocolate ganache center coated in chocolate, cocoa powder, coconut, or chopped and toasted nuts

Class 406: Turtle Candies: Turtles are a candy made with **pecans and caramel dipped in chocolate**, with a shape resembling a turtle.

Class 407: Homemade Candy Bar: This category celebrates homemade confections crafted to replicate famous, **commercial** candy bars (e.g., **Snickers, Mounds, Payday, or 3 Musketeers**). Entries must clearly resemble and taste like the specific candy bar they are mimicking. The entry must be officially labeled and referred to by the name of that specific candy bar.

4. **COOKIES-**Please adhere to the description of the cookies. The cookies must be baked in the oven. No unbaked cookies are permitted. If the cookie does not fit in the class, you may NOT enter it. Also, the Homemade Refrigerator Cookie is a cookie that is rolled, refrigerated, and then sliced. It is NOT a dropped cookie!

Cookies will be entered as a baker’s dozen. Which means 13 cookies. One will be used to judge by and then there will be 12 left to sell.

5. **Nutritious snacks-** A **nutritious snack** is a food consumed between main meals, providing energy for activities and containing essential nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, protein, healthy fats and fiber. Healthy snacks are those that have significant vitamins, are low in saturated fat and added sugars, and have a low sodium content. They help keep you energized, support good health, and contribute to dietary intake.

Definitions:

Class 601A-Granola with or without mix in. For example, dried fruits, nuts, seeds, chocolate etc. Place granola in a quart Ziplock plastic bag.

Class 602A-6 Cookies or bars - A healthy cookie uses whole-food ingredients like oats, nuts, and fruit instead of refined flour and heavy butter. It swaps white sugar for natural sweeteners like dates or maple syrup, offering fiber and protein while keeping added sugars low.

Class 603A- 6 Candy pieces a sweet treat that replaces high-fructose corn syrup and refined sugar with natural alternatives like stevia or monk fruit, limits artificial additives, and includes functional nutrients like fiber or protein.

Class 604A- 6 Healthy Muffins- A healthy muffin is a wholesome, nutrient-dense baked good made with whole grains, natural sweeteners, and healthy fats, offering a good balance of fiber and protein without excess sugar or heavy oils. It acts more like a nutritious breakfast or snack than a disguised cupcake.

FOODS DIVISION – Sections and Classes

If your item does not fit specifically in one of the classes below you may not enter it. It will not be judged and will be given a green participation ribbon!

SECTION 1 – BREADS

*No sauces or butter on the side. Do not cut loaf bread!

Class 101	12 Muffins (no cornbread)
Class 102	Corn Bread (1 pan, 12 Sticks, or 12 Muffins)
Class 103	12 Yeast Rolls
Class 104	1 Yeast Bread Loaf or Large Yeast Roll
Class 105	12 Kolaches
Class 106	Sweet Bread-ie-cinnamon roll, bubble bread, or Conchas, etc. -12 rolls or 1 loaf
Class 107	12 Biscuits
Class 108	1 Quick Bread (loaf, non-yeast)
Class 109	12 Tortillas

SECTION 2- CAKES (NO DUMP CAKES)

* Cupcakes – Fillings are permitted in cupcakes if the filling does not need to be refrigerated-write ingredients on index card and attach

Class 201	1 Pound Cake
Class 202	1 Layered Cake (2 or more layers)
Class 203	1 Single Layer Cake
Class 204	1 Angel Food Cake
Class 205	1 Jelly Roll Cake-(see definition page 13)
Class 206	1 Cake-Mix Cake with other ingredients added (attach INDEX CARD to white tag with list of other ingredients added)
Class 207	12 Cupcakes

SECTION 3 – PIES & COBBLER

*Crust must be homemade. *Pies **must** be baked in a disposable silver pie tin; **Cobblers must be baked in a 9x13 silver tin.**

Class 301	1 Single Crust Pie (a crumb topping is allowed)
Class 302	1 Double Crust Pie-both layers have to be made of pie dough
Class 303	1 Cobbler (No cake mix cobbler)
Class 304	8 Pop tarts-Baked from scratch

SECTION 4 – CANDIES

Class 401	13 Divinity Candies
Class 402	13 Pralines
Class 403	13 Fudge Candies
Class 404	13 Nut Brittle Pieces or Toffee
Class 405	13 Bon-Bon Pieces or Truffles
Class 406	13 Turtle Candies
Class 407	13 Pieces Homemade Candy Bar

SECTION 5- COOKIES

*All Cookies must be baked in the oven

Class 501	13 Drop Cookies (dough is dropped from a spoon)
Class 502	13 Homemade Refrigerator Cookies (rolled, refrigerated, and then sliced-not dropped)
Class 503	13 Rolled Cookies with a rolling pen (cut out) – No icing/ glaze or decorations allowed
Class 504	13 Bar Cookies (must be cut)
Class 505	13 Shaped Cookies (i.e.: Sand Tarts or Peanut Butter)
Class 506	13 Brownies (must be cut)
Class 507	13 Sandwich Cookies

SECTION 6 – DECORATED DESSERTS

Class 601	1 Decorated Cake – Decorated with fondant
Class 602	1 Decorated Cake – Decorated without fondant
Class 603	12 Decorated Cupcakes
Class 604	12 Decorated Cookies
Class 605	1 12” Pizza- sized Decorated Cookie or Candy
Class 606	Set of decorated Candies (12 Pieces)
Class 607	12 Decorated Cake Pops in a stand

SECTION 6A – NUTRITIOUS SNACKS – These items cannot fit in any of the other categories. Need to follow the definition of a nutritious snack.

A recipe must be included for this section The recipe must consist of the yield (number of servings), ingredients with measurements, step-by-step preparation instructions, and cooking times and temperatures.

Do not use a recipe that has to be stored in the refrigerator.

Class 601A-Granola with or without mix in. For example, dried fruits, nuts, seeds, chocolate etc. Place granola in a quart Ziplock plastic bag. (1 quart bag)

The other items must follow the display rules for all other food items.

Class 602A- 6 Cookies or bars.

Class 603A- 6 Candy pieces

Class 604A- 6 Healthy Muffins

Judging Criteria for Foods Division

Quick Breads: Judging will be based on:

- Gently rounded top and evenly browned
- Uniform texture and tender crust
- Top surface is not smooth
- Free from tunnels and large air bubbles
- Slightly moist and breaks easily with crumbling
- Well blended delicate flavor, slightly sweet

Yeast Breads: Judging will be based on:

- Smooth, rounded symmetrical top
- Thin crust with unstreaked surface
- Evenly golden brown
- Tempting fragrance
- Light and good volume
- Moderately fine texture without large air bubbles
- Slightly moist and soft crumb

Cakes: Judging will be based on:

- Symmetrical shape with tender crust
- Moist, light with small holes, evenly distributed
- Delicate, sweet with well blended flavor
- Even, no streaks show in use of ingredients
- Frosting has smooth consistency and a delicate flavor which enhances cake.

Pies: Judging will be based on:

- Golden brown crust
- Crust has pleasant bland flavor to enhance filling
- Cuts easily with a table knife or fork
- Flakes layered throughout crust, crisp eating
- Holds shape when served, characteristic of ingredients
- Pleasing and well blended flavor of ingredients
- NO REFRIGERATED PIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Cobbler: Judging will be based on:

- Golden brown “crust”
- “Crust” is not doughy
- Does not have runny consistency
- Fruit is firm and not mushy
- “Crust” and fruit filling are cooked together
- Pleasing and well blended flavor of ingredients

Candy: Judging will be based on:

- Uniform in color, size, shape, and thickness
- Smooth or rough, characteristic of ingredients
- Pleasing, delicate and well blended flavor of ingredients combination
- Free of sugar crystals, and has fine texture

Cookies: Judging will be based on:

- Uniform in color, size, shape, and thickness
- Even, delicate brown crust
- Smooth or rough, with fine, even cells, characteristic of ingredients
- Pleasing, delicate, and well blended flavor of ingredients

Decorated Desserts: Judging will be based on:

- Will be judged strictly on decoration.
- Will not be tasted or cut.
- Baked items must be edible.
- Baked products requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.

Arts & Crafts Division
Tuesday, March 2, 2027 – Wednesday, March 3, 2027

Please do not post your project to any social media until after the item has been judged.

CHECK IN - All Arts & Crafts Section 7-21 items are to be brought in on **Tuesday, March 2**, for check-in between **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Home Economics Building (also known as the Multi-Purpose Building) at the Fairgrounds. All doors will be locked at **7:00 p.m.** and no entries will be accepted after that time.

RIBBONS

1. Any entry receiving a Grand or Reserve Rosette will receive only that ribbon. All other qualified entries will receive a Blue (best), Red (good), or White (needs improvement) Premium ribbon based on the decision of the judges.
2. Judges will name a Grand Champion (Purple Rosette) and a Reserve Grand champion (Pink Rosette) in each section for each Age division. Points will be awarded for ribbons and rosettes as follows:

Grand Champion Rosette	13 points	Blue Ribbon	3 points
Reserve Champion Rosette	8 points	Red Ribbon	2 points
		White Ribbon	1 point

HIGH POINT AWARDS

To qualify for the High Point Award an exhibitor must enter and check-in items in at least three (3) different sections. No more than 25 points can be received from the Photography Section. The Top High Point winner in each age division will receive a belt buckle and the three remaining high point winners in each age division will receive a \$75 Cash Award in the Arts and Crafts Division. High Point Winners will be recognized in the Main Arena on Friday night.

PICTURES

Pictures of the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and High Point Winners in the Arts & Crafts Division will be taken on Wednesday evening, March 4, beginning at **4:45 p.m.** in the Home Ec. Building.

CHECK OUT

1. All items must remain in the Home Ec. Building until checkout time. (Absolutely no removal of entries until Check-Out time, **March 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**) Entries must be checked out of the Home Ec. Building on Wednesday, March 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Any articles left after this time, the exhibitors must make arrangements with the Extension Office and pay a fee within one week of the check-out day to pick up their articles, any articles left after this time will be disposed of. Fees are as follows: \$5.00- 1-5 items; \$10 – 6-10 items; \$20 for 11 or more items.

Arts and Crafts Division – RULES

The Home Economics Division General rules found on page 1 of this booklet apply to the Arts and Crafts Division. Please adhere to those rules, also.

1. Any signature, identification, name, or initials cannot **be visible** to the judges-**front or back**. All markings must be completely covered by the exhibitor before entering the item.
2. Any article entered **for hanging on a wall** should have **secure hangers** in place prior to entering the building and as specified in individual classes. **Heavy frames require a strong hook.**
3. No item may be entered that could be used as a **weapon**. Exhibitors may enter a holder they made for these items, but do not include the weapon for display. Any entry that is inappropriate for public display. (I.e., gang, alcohol, wine corks, or tobacco related material. Do not use anything related to alcohol or tobacco.)
4. All items entered in all Sections must be clean. Any paint or glue used must be completely dry before entering the item in the fair – this pertains to all Sections.
5. **Required: A specific entry name is required on the white entry tag. (Example: Sun Dress, Model Car, Sunset at the Beach).**
6. **ONLY WHITE STRING IS ALLOWED TO TIE ON WHITE CARD!**
7. **ONLY CLEAR “SCOTCH TAPE” TO CLOSE WHITE CARDS (no colored tape or glue)**
8. Most Sections have individual rules, please read them carefully
9. Indexed cards may be attached to **any entry** to aid in description of entry.

Arts & Crafts Division – Sections and Classes

CANNED FOODS – Section 7 & 8

- All classes in Section 7- Canned Vegetables and Section 8- Canned Fruits may have two (2) entries.
- Entry tags must have a hole punched in the top with a rubber band tied through the hole. The rubber band must then fit snugly just below the ring on the jar.
- All canned foods entered must be in standard clear, smooth canning jars – pint or quart
- Only jelly, jam, and preserves may be in half-pint, pint, quart, or 12-ounce smooth jelly jars.
- Standard jars have brand names tempered on the side unless it is a standard smooth jelly jar which should have a brand name on the bottom.
- The jars must be **clean, not chipped, and with a new lid and new screw band** and must be properly sealed.
- Please specify on the front of the white entry tag the type of processing used and how long it was processed.
- What is Jelly? The fruit comes in the form of fruit juice only and the jelly is solid.
- What is a Jam? The fruit comes in the form of fruit pulp or crushed fruit and is less stiff than jelly
- What are Preserves? The fruit comes in the form of whole chunks of fruit and has the least gel-like consistency
- All canned goods will be judged by the following guidelines: *1/2-inch headspace for most canned products; *No air pockets/bubbles; *liquid should be clear (not cloudy), cover product and suitable for product canned. *Product canned should have good color.

UNACCEPTABLE CANNING JAR



The following are some examples of Jars that will be Disqualified:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colored jars ○ Quilted Jelly Jars ○ Jars that are NOT smooth ○ Mayonnaise, coffee, or odd shaped jars ○ The use of paraffin for sealing is not permitted. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any lid that bends or moves when pressed slightly will be disqualified. ○ Excessive rust on rings, or lids ○ Covered or decorated lids. ○ Do not put your name on any part of the jars – Only on the entry tag. |
|---|--|

All canned foods must be canned using a proper, safe, approved canning method for food safety reasons. Approved safe canning methods are processed in 1) a Water Bath Canner, 2) a Pressure Canner with a number dial for a low acid vegetable, or 3) a Pressure Saucepan can be used for some products. If you need directions for any of these methods, contact the Extension Office. You may also go to the approved websites for safe canning procedures: www.homefoodpreservation.com and [Resources: USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning | National Center for Home Food Preservation](#).

SECTION 7 – CANNED VEGETABLES

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| Class 701 | Vegetables (beans, tomatoes, okra, corn, beets, peas, carrots, squash, potatoes, (or mixed vegetables) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 702 | Pickles (sweet cucumber pickles, dill or sour cucumber pickles, bread and butter pickles) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 703 | Relish and Sauces (corn relish, squash relish, salsa) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 704 | Pickled Vegetables – (peppers, carrots, beets, okra) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 705 | 2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section – (Limit 2 entries per class) |

SECTION 8 - CANNED FRUITS

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| Class 801 | Fruits (peaches, pears, figs, plums, pineapple, grapefruit, or mixed fruit) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 802 | Jelly (plum, fig, peach, apple, strawberry, grape or dewberry or pepper) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 803 | Jam (plum, fig, peach, apple, pear, strawberry, grape, or dewberry) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 804 | Preserves (plum, fig, peach, apple, pear, strawberry, grape or dewberry) – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 805 | Fruit Relish – (Limit 2 entries per class) |
| Class 806 | 2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section – (Limit 2 entries per class) |

CLOTHING – Section 9, 10, and 11

1. All items in Section 9 must be cut out and sewn by hand or with a machine.
2. All items in Section 10 must be factory made and then decorated by the exhibitor.
3. Items in Section 11 may be hand-made or purchased and then decorated. **For Section 11, please specify on the white entry tag what components are handmade or what was purchased and decorated.**
4. All clothing entries should be on hangers and secured with safety pins or clothespins when necessary.
5. **Entry tags should be pinned on garments (not hangers) with a large safety pin in a way that the entry tag can be turned over.**
6. **All items in all Sections must be clean.**

Section 9 – CLOTHING – CONSTRUCTION

Class 901	Apron
Class 902	Blouse or Shirt or vest
Class 903	Sleepwear
Class 904	Slacks or Shorts or Skirt
Class 905	Party or evening wear
Class 906	Sportswear
Class 907	Dress
Class 908	Jacket/coat
Class 909	Coordinates (two or more pieces)
Class 910	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section

Section 10 - CLOTHING – NON-CONSTRUCTION

Class 1001	Painted or Stenciled Clothing
Class 1002	Appliqued Clothing
Class 1003	Stitched Needlework
Class 1004	Tie Dyed Clothing item
Class 1005	Hydro Dipped Clothing
Class 1006	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other sections

Section 11- CLOTHING ACCESSORIES

Class 1101	Jewelry Set (2 or more items)
Class 1102	Necklace
Class 1103	Earrings
Class 1104	Bracelet
Class 1105	Hair Accessories
Class 1106	Sewn or Decorated Hats (wearable)
Class 1107	Sewn or Decorated Shoes
Class 1108	Backpack or Purse
Class 1109	Belts
Class 1110	Accessory made from Duct Tape
Class 1111	Clothing Accessory-Knitted or Crocheted
Class 1112	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section

QUILTING – Section 12

1. All items must be quilted by hand or machine by the exhibitor.
2. All wall hangings should have fabric casings or fabric tabs secured for hanging unless hanger is meant to be decorative.
3. **All quilts must be brought in (entered) on a large, sturdy clothes hanger, as the hangers will be hung on a tall clothes rack. Fold your quilt so it will hang on your hanger.**

Class 1201	Bed Quilt or Coverlet	Class 1204	Baby Quilt
Class 1202	Quilted Table Accessories	Class 1205	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other
Class 1203	Quilted Wall Hangings		

HOME DÉCOR – Section 13

1. No Quilting (see Section 12), No Woodworking (see Section 14 & 16)
2. **If an item is purchased but extra accents are added, please write on the white entry tag what part was purchased and what you have added. If it was handmade and then decorated, please specify "handmade" on the white entry tag.**

Class 1301	Pillowcases (minimum set of 2)	Class 1314	Bulletin board
Class 1302	Potholder or hot pad	Class 1315	Waste basket
Class 1303	Hand towel or dish towel	Class 1316	Rug (not needlecraft)
Class 1304	Place mats (set of at least 2)	Class 1317	Lamp
Class 1305	Tablecloth/ table runner	Class 1318	Stools
Class 1306	Table napkin (set of at least 2)	Class 1319	Storage help
Class 1307	Pillow	Class 1320	Wall hanging (not Floral & not needlepoint)
Class 1308	Covered clothes hanger	Class 1321	Table centerpiece (not Floral)
Class 1309	Pin cushion	Class 1322	Photo album/Scrapbook with contents
Class 1310	Picture frame	Class 1323	Wreaths (not Floral)
Class 1311	Album/ Scrapbook (decorated only, no contents)	Class 1324	Decorated Mirror
Class 1312	Tied knot blanket or item	Class 1325	Decorated Collegiate Item (see #2 above)
Class 1313	Housing Accessory made from duct tape	Class 1326	Knitted or Crocheted Item
		Class 1327	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section

CRAFTS (non-shop) Section 14

1. No center pieces. (See Section 13)
2. No floral arrangements (see Section 20)
3. **If an item is partly a Kit, but extra accents are added, please write on the white entry tag what part is a kit and what you have added.**
4. **NO WREATHS** (see Section 13 & 20)

Class 1401	Stuffed toys	Class 1421	Leatherwork, Construction (ex: moccasins, purse, etc.)
Class 1402	Woodwork (purchased precut then painted or decorated)	Class 1422	Leatherwork, tooled (ex: belt, wallet, etc.)
Class 1403	Shell craft	Class 1423	Decorated Cowboy Boot (only one boot)
Class 1404	Bead craft	Class 1424	Model Kit (no larger than 15"x15"x15")
Class 1405	Button craft	Class 1425	Building Block Craft (no larger than 15"x15"x15")
Class 1406	Refrigerator magnet	Class 1426	Wood Burned Article
Class 1407	Tin punch (piercing metal)	Class 1427	3-Dimensional Art items such as metal, sculpture, mobile, wire art, etc.
Class 1408	Stained Glass (simulated)	Class 1428	Molded item or Ceramic-Molded by hand by exhibitor
Class 1409	Decoupage	Class 1429	Molded item or Ceramic-Purchased & painted
Class 1410	Stationery (greeting/note cards, etc.). Set of 4 or more. No computer prints or peel & stick.	Class 1430	Texas Item
Class 1411	Paint or color by number	Class 1431	Collage
Class 1412	1 Decorated gift bag	Class 1432	Scratch Board – Original Only
Class 1413	Candles – Purchased and finished	Class 1433	Papier-Mache Item
Class 1414	Plaster – purchased and finished	Class 1434	Macrame Item
Class 1415	Valentines Holiday Item	Class 1435	Needle Craft-Needle point, embroidery, or cross-stitched item
Class 1416	Easter Holiday Item	Class 1436	Diamond Art
Class 1417	Halloween Holiday Item	Class 1437	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 1418	Thanksgiving Holiday Item		
Class 1419	Christmas Holiday Item		
Class 1420	Patriotic Holiday Item		

SHOP CRAFTS WELDING (Original) – Section 15

1. No Shop Craft item may be larger than 6 ft. wide x 6 ft. long x 6 ft. high.
2. No Kits allowed in Shop Crafts
3. Welded projects may include CNC Designs but must have welded items added
4. All paint used must be completely dry before entering the item in the fair

Class 1501	Welded Furniture	Class 1507	Welded Barbecue Pit
Class 1502	Welded Home Décor	Class 1508	Welded Animal Feeder
Class 1503	Welded Yard Art	Class 1509	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 1504	Welded Kitchen Item		
Class 1505	Welded Bathroom Item		
Class 1506	Welding Holiday Item		

SHOP CRAFTS WOODWORK (Original) – Section 16

1. No Shop Craft item may be larger than 6 ft. wide x 6 ft. long x 6 ft. high.
2. No Kits allowed in Shop Crafts
3. All wood works in Shop Crafts (Section 16) **must be cut out and put together by the exhibitor.**
4. All paint used must be completely dry before entering the item in the fair.

Class 1601	Furniture – Wood	Class 1611	Wooden Box (i.e.: jewelry, recipe, trinket, toolbox, toy box, etc.)
Class 1602	Woodwork – Lathe work	Class 1612	Wooden Holiday Item
Class 1603	Woodwork – Unfinished (natural)	Class 1613	Wooden Kitchen Item
Class 1604	Woodwork – Clear Coat	Class 1614	Wooden Bathroom Item
Class 1605	Woodwork – Hand painted	Class 1615	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 1606	Woodwork – Stained		
Class 1607	Wood Carving		
Class 1608	Wooden Toy		
Class 1609	Wooden Bird House or Bird Feeder		
Class 1610	Wooden Sign or Lawn Ornament		

ORIGINAL ART – Sections 17

1. Original Art forms only – No commercially produced prints or kits. **NO TRACING.**
2. All Art entries must be framed, except artwork on canvas wrapped wood frames. On canvas wrapped wood frames, the edges must be painted. (No hanger needed on canvas wrapped frames).
3. All other frames must have a hanger. Hangers must be securely attached. Use standard frame hangers. (Do not use tape or hot glue to secure hanger). (Do not use paper clips, soda pop tabs, string, yarn, or fishing line, **THESE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**).
4. Glass or Acrylic may be used in framing the art.
5. Art entries must be flat work only. (No dimensional artwork.)
6. Use the correct paper for the medium.
7. White Entry Tag must be attached with **white string** to the hanger. The string must hang at least (6) inches when hung from hanger to front of picture. (Except canvas wrapped wood frames with no hanger. Tape string securely on back)

Class 1701	Charcoal	Class 1709	Felt Marker
Class 1702	Pencil – Lead or Color	Class 1710	Crayons
Class 1703	Ball Point Pen	Class 1711	Gel Pens
Class 1704	Watercolor	Class 1712	Air Brush
Class 1705	Tempera	Class 1713	Poured Art
Class 1706	Pastels	Class 1714	Multiple Mediums – more than 1 medium used in final project (name mediums used)
Class 1707	Acrylics	Class 1715	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 1708	Oils		

TRASH TO TREASURES – Section 18

The finished product should be made to be used for a different purpose than the original product was intended. Such as using old pallets to make furniture, old tires to make a flowerpot, old clothes to make a rug, etc

1. The original item should be recognized in the final product.
2. **No Trash to Treasurer item may be larger than 6 ft. wide x 6 ft. long x 6 ft. high.**
3. **List items used on INDEX CARD attached to entry tag.**
4. **The exhibitor must provide his/her own display for any hanging item if you wish to display it hanging.**

Class 1801	Storage Container	Class 1807 Furniture
Class 1802	Wall Hangings	Class 1808 Clothing
Class 1803	Tabletop Decoration	Class 1809 Yard Art
Class 1804	Jewelry	Class 1810 2 Any other that does not fit in above classes or
Class 1805	Toys	any other section
Class 1806	Animal Feeder/House	

NEW CATEGORY

HERITAGE – Section 18a

Must include recipe. Recipe must consist of the yield (number of servings), ingredients with measurements, step-by step preparation instructions, and cooking times and temperatures if needed)

Class 1801A	Hand Soap-one bar or one clear container
Class 1802A	Laundry Soap, Flakes, Powder, or Liquid-one clear container
Class 1803A	Shampoo-One clear container
Class 1804A	Hand Lotions or Creams- One clear container
Class 1805A	Bath bombs, bath salts, or bubble bath-Once clear container
Class 1806A	Cooking Extracts (vanilla, almond, peppermint, lemon, etc.)
Class 1807A	Medicinal Home Remedies (infusion, decoction, extract, tincture, oil, ointment, etc.). Recipe required. The recipe should list the ingredients, the purpose of each ingredient, how it was prepared, and what the remedy is for.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Section 19

All photo entries are to be submitted on Thursday, January 21, 2027, with the Entry Cards

All entries must be a 4" X 6" picture and must fit in one of the categories listed below. Items submitted into a category they do not fit in, will be disqualified. If you are unsure, ASK before you submit the picture and the entry card.

All entries will be judged and placed no later than February 8.

The TOP 5 in each class will be notified and those submissions will compete for Grand and Reserve in their respective Divisions on March 4, 2026.

TOP 5 Entries:

Photo must be checked-in on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 between 5-7pm.

Photo must be a 5 x 7

Photo must be mounted on foam board. The foam board must be 3/16 inch thick. The foam board should be cut so no foam board shows/cut flush with picture. Photos will be judged on the PHOTO itself and not on the mounting. No frames

1. The exhibitor is the photographer of all photos they enter; therefore, the exhibitor may not be in the photo. No SELFIES.
2. Photographs should NOT be matted, framed or have a border for January entry. No glass may be used in any way
3. All photographs entered must be 4" x 6" for January entry. No other sizes will be accepted.
4. No entry will be allowed if the date and time is printed on the front of the photo.
5. All photographs entered must be in color except for Class 1908- Black & White Photo
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter 1 photo in each of the 14 categories. Only 25 points from photography section will be applied to high points.
7. White entry tag must be attached with clear tape on back of picture at the bottom with the front of tag facing the same way as picture.
8. *Required: A specific entry name is required on the white entry tags. (Example: Sunset at the Beach, Statue of Liberty, etc.)

Class 1901	Landscape – An expanse of natural <u>on-land scenery</u> that can be seen in one view, a vista.
Class 1902	Waterscape – A water scene, similar to a landscape but with the primary emphasis of an expanse of water. (No water fountains.)
Class 1903	Floral/Plant – Flowers or plants in a <u>natural</u> setting. Photos of interesting, unique, & beautiful flowers & flora.
Class 1904	People – One or more persons <u>portraying human emotions or humor</u> . (Not just a portrait or a simple picture of a person.)
Class 1905	Domestic Animals – Animal(s) that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment
Class 1906	Wildlife Animals – Animal(s) not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild. Do not take photos through glass.
Class 1907	Building/Machinery – A man-made construction as the obvious center of interest (i.e., building, bridge, car, train, boat, etc.)
Class 1908	Black & White photo
Class 1909	Skyscapes – A natural expanse of <u>sky</u> which can be seen in one view. Must consist mainly of sky
Class 1910	Detailed & Macro – capturing extremely close-up images of small objects or subjects, often revealing intricate details that are invisible to the naked eye
Class 1911	Reflections - using a reflective surface to create an artistic “echo” of a scene. Photos that are creatively composed to capture an image from a reflective surface. The reflection should play a significant part of the images’ composition.
Class 1912	Food – still-life specialization of photography aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and /or cookbooks.
Class 1913	Insects or Spiders – taken in their natural environment where the main focus is the insect or spider
Class 1914	Silhouette/Shadow – a silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The shadow/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures. Reflections are not allowed.

FLORAL CRAFTS AND ARRANGEMENTS – Section 20

Floral – decorated with or consisting of flowers.

1. **Entry tags must be attached with a six (6) inch string. (or longer if needed). If the item is to be hung, please provide a hanger**

Class 2001	Dried Arrangement	Class 2009	Floral Hanging/Swags
Class 2002	Silk Flower Arrangement	Class 2010	Floral Brooms
Class 2003	Fresh Flower Arrangement	Class 2011	Floral Hat
Class 2004	Holiday Floral Arrangement	Class 2012	Floral Bouquet
Class 2005	Patriotic Floral Arrangements	Class 2013	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 2006	Football Mums		
Class 2007	Corsage/Boutonniere		
Class 2008	Floral Wreaths		

HORTICULTURE – Section 21

1. **Entry tags must be attached with a six (6) inch white string. (or longer if needed)**
2. The Horticulture Section is for living or live plants only.
3. **The exhibitor should care for these plants for a minimum of three (3) months.**
4. No live fish or animals are permitted in plant containers.
5. Saucers must accompany the plant for watering purposes.
6. **Weight Limit: No entry may weigh more than 15 pounds. Please weigh your entry in its final stage/container so it will not be disqualified for weighing over 15 pounds.**

Class 2101	Hanging Basket	Class 2106	Water rooted cuttings (must be in clear containers)
Class 2102	Potted Plant	Class 2107	Specialty rooting's (avocados, sweet potatoes, etc.) (must be in a clear container)
Class 2103	Cactus Plant	Class 2108	2 Any Other that does not fit in above classes or any other section
Class 2104	Terrarium		
Class 2105	Cactus Garden		

Canned Goods Judging Guidelines:

- 1/2-inch headspace for most canned products
- No air pockets/bubbles
- Liquid should be clear (not cloudy), cover product and suitable for product canned.
- Product canned should have good color.

Crafts and Sewing Judging Guidelines:

- Items in this division are to be judged on appearance, construction, and originality.
- Neatly displayed as characteristics of item require.
- The items should be attractive, creative, and clean.
- No obvious signs of stretching or distortion of article shape.
- No loose or missing pieces.
- Painted items should be dry, neat, and not smeared.
- Design and seams match where possible, characteristic of the print of material.
- Fabric should be suitable for patterns.
- Stitches should be even, neat and have appropriate tension.
- Knots or thread ends should be hidden and no loose threads.
- Pillows should be evenly stuffed, and corners should be smooth, but most of the judging should be on decorative stitching.

Photography and Art Judging Guidelines:

“12 Elements of a Merit Image” As outlined by Bob Hawkins, these twelve elements have been defined as necessary for the success of an art piece or image. Any image, art piece or photograph will reveal some measure of all twelve elements, while a visually superior example will reveal consideration of each one.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Impact | • Print Presentation |
| • Creativity | • Center of Interest |
| • Technical Excellence | • Subject Mater |
| • Composition | • Color Balance |
| • Lighting | • Technique |
| • Style | • Storytelling |

Shop Crafts Judging Guidelines:

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Straightness | • Surfaces Free of Tool or Sandpaper Marks |
| • Accuracy and Smoothness of Saw Cuts or Welding | • Appropriate Finish and application |
| • Proper Nailing or Screws | • Article Attractive |
| • Gluing and Hardware | • Proper Wood for purpose |

Plant Crafts Judging Guidelines:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| • Color Harmony | • Condition |
| • Design | • Suitability of Material |
| • Balance | • Distinction, Originality |
| • Proportion | |

Plants Judging Guidelines:

- Correct form for variety of plants/symmetry of form
- Proper proportion of plant to pot
- Strong & proportionate stem or stems
- Abundant glossy, green foliage, clean with no dead foliage and free of dust
- Bright, Clear, and vivid colored foliage for colored foliage type plants
- Foliage free of insects and/or disease damage
- Foliage abundant, vigorous, and free from residues and mechanical damage
- Support pole of good character and scale

2027 Verification Form for Home Economics Entries (one form per youth)

Youth's Name (print): _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of your Club or Chapter: _____

Exhibitors – All 4-H exhibitors must be a member of and in good standing of a Matagorda County 4-H Club and attend a minimum of 3 club meetings prior to the fair to be eligible to participate in the Matagorda County Fair Home Economics Show & Livestock Show. Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter or Matagorda County FFA Chapter, including Jr. FFA, must attend a minimum of 50% of club meetings before the fair to be eligible to participate in the Matagorda County Fair Home Economics Show & Livestock Show. **4-H Club Managers, FCCLA Advisors and FFA Advisors will be responsible for notifying the Fair Manager (after their January meeting) of any exhibitor not meeting the club's requirements to participate in the 2027 Show.**

This is to verify that the above-named youth is an active member in good standing of a 4-H Club, FCCLA Chapter, or FFA Chapter during the current school year. (This Form requires your signature instead of signing all the Home Economics Entry Cards.)

Signature of Club Manager, Chapter Advisor or Home Economics Teacher _____ Date _____

Club Manager, Chapter Advisor, or Home Economics teacher **please print your name**

------(Do not cut Forms apart) -----

2027 YOUTH FAIR - Home Economics Department Exhibitor's Information Form

Complete this form for each exhibitor. Please print legibly. Turn this form in along with Entry Cards, MCFLA Release and Indemnity Agreement, Verification Form and Entry Fee **(\$25 per Division or \$40.00 for both).**

NAME _____ Grade Division: Jr. ⁽³⁻⁵⁾ _____ Intm. ⁽⁶⁻⁸⁾ _____ Sr. ⁽⁹⁻¹²⁾ _____

Address _____ **Parent's** Telephone # (____) _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club/Organization _____

SCHOOL _____ **Parent's Email Address** _____

OF ENTRIES: Total _____ Sections 1-6 _____ Sections 7-21 _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

(This portion to be completed by the Extension Office Only)

Date Entry Fee Paid: _____ Receipt #: _____ Amount: _____

CK / MO / VOUCHER # _____ Initials: _____

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the _____ Home Economics Division _____ (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Exposition Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such events(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification includes all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other reasonably incurred expenses by or on behalf of the above reference event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been given the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

****Your Signature acknowledges the above two Paragraphs.***

Participant's/Contestant's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date Signed
Witness' Signature	Witness' Print Name	Date Signed

****Witness must be 4-H Club Manager, FCCLA Advisor, FFA Advisor or Extension Staff Member Signature.***
(Required prior to submitting entry – participant/parent must sign in the presence of the witness)

NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.

2027 YOUTH FAIR - Home Economics Department
Clover Kids Exhibitor's Information Form
For Clover Kids Arts & Crafts Division Display – Sections 7-21

Clover Kids may enter a maximum of 2 entries in the Arts & Crafts Division – Sections 7-21.
Both entries may be entered on the same yellow card, regardless of the sections entered.
Clover Kids entries are for display only. They will not be judged.

Clover Kids may not enter any entries in the Foods Division – Sections 1-6.

Complete this form for each exhibitor.

Turn this form in along with Entry Card(s), MCFLA Release and Indemnity Agreement, and \$5.00 Entry Fee by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2027.

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY FEES. Entry fee is \$5.00. Only checks, money orders or a Farm Bureau voucher may be used to pay entry fees. *Checks and money orders for entry fees should be made payable to MCFLA (Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association).

Clover Kids item must check in on Tuesday, March 2, from 5p.m. to 7p.m.

Clover Kids items must be checked out on Wednesday, March 3, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Any articles left after this time, the exhibitors must make arrangements with the Extension Office and pay a fee within one week of check-out day in order to pick up their articles. Any articles left after this time will be disposed of.

Please print legibly

NAME _____ Grade Division: CLOVER KIDS (K-2)

Address _____ Home Telephone # (____) _____

City/State/Zip _____ Club/Organization _____

SCHOOL _____ # OF ENTRIES (maximum 2) _____

Email Address _____

(This portion to be completed by the Extension Office Only)

Date Entry Fee Paid: _____ Receipt #: _____ Amount: _____

CK / MO / VOUCHER # _____ Initials: _____

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ASSOCIATION

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the _____ Home Economics Division – Clover Kids Display _____ (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Exposition Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such events(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification includes all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other reasonably incurred expenses by or on behalf of the above reference event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been given the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

****Your Signature acknowledges the above two Paragraphs.***

Participant's/Contestant's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date Signed
Witness' Signature	Witness' Print Name	Date Signed

****Witness must be 4-H Club Manager or Extension Staff Member Signature.***

(Required prior to submitting entry – participant/parent must sign in the presence of the witness)

NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.