

# Canning Contest

1. The Canning Contest is open to all individuals in Eastland County, ages 5 and up.
2. Entry fees are \$1 per entry for youth and \$2 per entry for adults.
3. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must have been prepared in the past 12 months (since January 1, 2024).
4. Exhibitors may have only one entry in each category but may enter multiple categories (i.e. exhibitors may have one entry in Class C and one entry in Class A, but not two entries in Class C).
5. Exhibitor's name, phone number and age division must be on the bottom of the jar.
6. All entries must be in regulation canning jars with lid and screw band closures-no paraffin or decorations. Jar size may be from a half-pint minimum to a one quart maximum. Canned vegetables must be properly processed.
7. A 4x6" index card with the typed or handwritten recipe for the canned item must accompany the entry.
8. No rusted lid jars will be allowed.
9. Use of food coloring is discouraged.
10. Judging criteria will be:
  - A. Uniformity of product
  - B. Firmness
  - C. Clarity of liquid
  - D. If properly packed
  - E. Consistency of jams and jellies
  - F. Flavor (*judges will be tasting the canned goods*)
11. Entries must be turned in at the Eastland County Livestock Show Grounds, Hutto-Humiston building on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, between 9am and 7pm.
12. All baking entries will become the property of the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest upon submission. After judging, entries will be sold in the Hutto-Humiston Building. All proceeds will be property of the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and will be used to fund the purchase of ribbons and rosettes for next year's contest.
13. Entries will be placed First through Third in each category and age division. "Best of Show" will be awarded in each age division.
14. All "Best of Show" recipients will be entered (with exhibitor approval) into a Silent Auction held on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 12pm to 4pm. 50% of proceeds from that entry will be awarded to the exhibitor; 50% will be retained by the ECCAC to fund ribbon and supply purchases for future contests.

**Age Divisions:**

- Elementary Youth (5-7 years)
- Junior Youth (8-10 years)
- Intermediate Youth (11-13 years)
- Senior Youth (14-18 years)
- Adult (19 and up)

**Classes:**

- Class A: Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Class B: Fermented Products
- Class C: Jam
- Class D: Jellies
- Class E: Preserves
- Class F: Fruit Butters
- Class G: Compotes
- Class H: Pickles
- Class I: Sauces and Relishes
- Class J: Salsas
- Class K: Honey

***The greatest care will be taken in handling entries; however, the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and its volunteers will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry submitted. Your entry into this Department shall imply an agreement on your part with conditions set forth.***