

CONSUMER SCIENCE DIVISION

SUPERINTENDENT – Kat Sapien -915-314-1728

Entry fees of \$5.00 per exhibitor for each item entered. (may enter as many items as desired only one per class) must be submitted online by September 16, 2026. Late entries will be accepted with a \$25 penalty fee.

Exhibitors will be able to enter as a Junior exhibitor or a Senior exhibitor

Junior division – Kinder to 5th grade.

Senior division – 6th to 12th grade

Check in date and time for all Décor, Fine arts, Hobby and Textiles is Thursday, September 24, 2026 (see schedule of events for times) Late entries will be accepted with a \$25 penalty fee. All items are required to stay in place until the Superintendent releases projects.

Check-in date and time for culinary items is Thursday, September 24, 2026 (see schedule of events for check in time. Late entries will be accepted with a \$25 penalty fee. Judging will begin directly after check in.

GENERAL RULES

We are looking for creativity and imagination from our exhibitors. The EPCFA hopes that each year we will be able to grow and add new and exciting things. We are always looking towards the future so if there are any suggestions on how to make the EPCFA Consumer Science Contest better please let us know.

1. Late entries will be allowed with a \$25 penalty fee.
2. Exhibitors must meet all general rules and requirements for participation in the El Paso County Fair as outlined in the Rules and Regulations

3. Adult entries will be accepted.
4. Exhibitors are not limited in their number of entries; however, you are limited to one entry per class.

When registering through ShoWorks (online), exhibitors should identify a division, number of entries, and category. A brief description is required. If there is a problem, the Superintendent will have final say.

5. Check-in – Entries may be checked in by parent, agent, manager and or teacher. Please see check-in times as they have changed this year. Exhibitors will declare Class at check-in. Superintendent may recommend moving an entry to a different category or class as appropriate. The Exhibitor's name should not appear on any part of the entry. All entries should have an index card with the name of the Culinary, Décor, Fine Arts, Hobby, Textiles, category and class, recipe or list of materials used in the project.
6. Judge's decision will be final.

Awards:

Junior and Senior division:

Buckle for overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winner

Rosettes for division Champion and Reserve Champion

Ribbons for all 1st through 4th place winners.

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion projects must participate in the Junior Livestock Premium Sale.

Categories

Culinary

All items must be homemade; no box mix or pre-packaged entries, and no refrigerated items allowed as accommodation does not allow for refrigerated items.

All products must be plated and covered

serving plates will not be returned.

- Cake
 - (un-iced, iced, layered, single layer,...)
 - Decorated
 - Cupcakes (13)
- Breads
 - Quick Breads
 - loaf
 - muffins
 - Yeasted Breads
 - loaf
 - muffins -at least a dozen per entry
- Pies (No cream pies or pies requiring refrigeration)- small garnishing also ok.
- Cookies – No cream cookies, or cookies needed to be refrigerated.
- Candy
- Specialty – theme “Pecan Country” (participants are welcome to research a country with a cuisine that has pecans) (recipes should be predominantly pecans)

General

- Woodworking
 - fresh build, not repurposed.
- Table sitters
 - lamps, clocks knick-knacks, counter sitting items, etc.
- Wall hangings
 - lamps, clocks, signs, shelves, (not fresh built), anything that hangs.
- Metal working (fresh built not repurposed)
- Photography
 - Photography (black/white, color or specialty)
 - 4x6
 - 5x7
 - All photos must be mounted or framed. No boarder specifics
- Fine Arts: must be signed/dated by artist/participant and TITLED.
 - Paintings drawings

- Sculptures
- Ceramic
- Pottery
- Hobby
 - Needlepoint / Embroidery
 - leather, jewelry, soap, candles
- Horticulture (3-5 samples)
 - floral- for fresh flowers please ensure there is CLEAN water in the vase.
 -
 - vegetable: must be handpicked by participant.
 - landscape/ornamental
- Other Homemade

Textiles

- Clothing
 - sewn – Participant may use any material of fiber or synthetic fabrics: hand sown also accepted
 - decorated
- Crochet / knit.
- Quilts