

Humboldt County Fair Apple Pie Contest

Entry Fees: \$10.00

Entry Limitations: 2 per Contestant

Entry Deadline: 08/16/2025 at 2:00 pm

Event schedule is subject to change.



Winning Prizes and Awards:

Awards donated by King Arthur Baking Company, Clendenen's Cider Works, & Golden Gait Mercantile. Additional awards will be added as confirmed.

1st Place: \$75.00 King Arthur gift card, \$50.00 cash, and pie-themed prizes

2nd Place: \$50.00 King Arthur gift card, \$25.00 cash, and pie-themed prizes

3rd Place: \$25.00 King Arthur gift card, \$10.00 cash, and pie-themed prizes

Judge's Choice: Golden Gait Mercantile Gift Card

Pie-themed prizes may include rolling pins, crust shields, pie gadgets, etc.

The King Arthur Baking Contest will be for Apple Pies for the 129th Annual Humboldt County Fair!

This will be a blind contest, judges evaluate pies without knowing which contestant created them, focusing solely on taste, texture, and appearance to determine the winner. This ensures a fair and objective evaluation process, focusing on the pie's merits rather than the contestant's identity or reputation. The King Arthur Baking Contest will judge contestants on the directed type and flavor of baked good prepared at home before entering the competition. There will be no onsite baking for this contest.

Division 295: King Arthur Baking Contest

Class 1 Apple Pie Contest – Live Judging

Contest Rules and Guidelines:

1. Contestants may enter up to two pies in the contest.
 - a. If contestants choose to enter two entries, each apple pie must not use the same recipe.
2. Contestants may enter up to two separate apple pies that do not utilize the same recipe.
3. Contestants must submit Recipe card or copy of the recipe will be required on a 5x7 card or an 8½ x11 document to submit to the Home Arts Superintendent with the submitted entries no later than 2:00pm on August 16th, 2025.
4. Each entry must have the contestant's name and contact number on the tin beneath and cannot be visible during judging.
5. Pie pans must be plain with no identifying patterns or designs to ensure blind judgement.
6. Staff of the Humboldt County Fair Association are ineligible for the King Arthur Baking Contest.

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7. Pie tins are available for pickup in Belotti Hall after the competition.
 - a. The Humboldt County Fair Association is not responsible for lost pie tins.

Admission and Entry Instructions:

All competitors will receive free Fair gate admission for August 16th, 2025 ONLY so can they attend the competition. Only one (1) Fair gate admission will be provided per contestant. Free Fair gate admission provided will be void after 2:00 pm on August 16th, 2025.

1. To receive this admission ticket for entry, you may:
 - a. Visit the Fair Business Office prior to the Fair beginning during business hours (as posted at www.humboldtcountyfair.org) with the receipt from your ShoWorks entry and a photo ID;
 - b. Visit the Fair Business Office on August 16th with pie(s) in-hand. Your name will be taken and the Superintendent will be notified to expect you.
 - i. If the contestant fails to arrive before this time, it is not the fault or responsibility of the Humboldt County Fair. Your entry fees will not be reimbursed and you will not be given a new admissions ticket.
2. To enter the Fairgrounds on the day of the competition, you **must already have your admission ticket in hand** if you do not want to pay admission.
 - a. We strongly recommend you utilize Gate C (on Van Ness Avenue) to minimize any wait time. Regardless of which gate you use, have your ticket ready for entry so that you may bypass the ticket sales lines and get your ticket scanned right away.
 - b. You will not be reimbursed if you buy a ticket at the gate instead of utilizing the above options to receive free admission.