

HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT

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Departmental Rules and Regulations

Rules that are specific to a section will be listed with each department. The following are rules and regulations that are in effect for the entire Home Arts Department. Please read carefully the changes in entry days and times, as well as the time and day for removal of exhibits.

1. Entries in this Department are open to residents of Howard County and adjoining communities. An individual exhibitor may exhibit only one article in any one subdivision of a class. No entry will be accepted unless there is a specific class for it in this Fair Book. Exhibits must have been completed since the previous Fair.
2. All exhibits in this department must be the **sole** work of the exhibitor. Articles previously shown at the Howard County Fair are ineligible.
3. All entries must be made in compliance with the Premium List and must be classified according to the List. Improperly classified articles will not be judged.
4. All exhibits must have an Entry Tag filled out according to the classification and language given in the Premium List. Address labels are helpful. Entry Tags will be distributed at time of entry. Pre-entry is not required.
5. Pre-entry on the Internet will be available from Thursday, July 2, 2026, until Saturday, July 25, 2026. For those who wish to pre-enter, go to: <https://howardcountyfairmd.com> and follow the appropriate link. Bring your entry to the fair the appropriate dates and Pre-entry tags will be waiting for you at the Pre-Entry Table in the Home Arts Bldg. If you do not pre-enter, just bring your item/items to the fair on the appropriate entry dates. **If you forgot to pre-enter an item, you will still be able to enter it on the day you drop off.**
6. Judges will award only such premiums as they think proper, as the merit of the item may warrant. If an entry has been entered in the wrong category in the judges' opinion, they reserve the right to move the entry to the correct category.
7. Exhibits must be delivered to the Fairgrounds according to **dates and times listed in each section. There will be no exceptions, weight and size requirements in all sections will be strictly enforced. No entries containing political or controversial statements not in keeping with the family atmosphere of the fair will be accepted.** Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026, for all non-perishable sections. Sections L - Baked Goods and Candies, Section R – First Flower Show, Section S - Jr. Flower Show, Section T - Food Preservation will be judged at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026. THE HOME ARTS BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026, at 1 p.m. The management of the Home Arts Building reserves the right to discard any spoiled food product during the Fair. The Exhibitor's container and any ribbons will be kept until the close of the Fair.
8. Exhibits will be released on Sunday August 16th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All exhibits not picked up at this time become the property of the Howard County Fair Association, Inc. **Violation of this means prize money forfeiture and any Special Awards.**

9. **Premiums will be paid only on the record shown by the Judges sheets. The possession of a ribbon is not sufficient evidence for the payment of premiums.** A cash award will be made for First, Second and Third Places in each Class, with Blue, Red and White Ribbons, respectively. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Place Awards made where specified. **Premium checks will be available at the Fair Office on Sunday, August 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All checks not picked up will be mailed within 30 days.**
10. 4-H/FFA members may enter the Home Arts Department **only** if they are **not enrolled in a project that can be exhibited in the 4-H/FFA Exhibition.** If they are enrolled in a project in 4-H/FFA and they miss the entry times for the 4-H/FFA Exhibition or their entry does not meet the entry criteria for the 4-H/FFA, **they may not enter that exhibit in the Open Class Building.** 4-H/FFA members may enter the **Junior Flower Show.** All 4-H/FFA members are to use the same exhibitor number for 4-H, FFA and Open classes.
11. **No dogs will be allowed in the building other than service dogs with approved service dog attire.**
12. The Howard County Fair Association, Inc. reserves the right to reject any entry that it deems not in keeping with the **family atmosphere** and purpose of the Fair.

The 2026 Building Theme Sheep (any breed)

The following awards apply to the entire Home Arts Department. Special Awards that are Section specific are listed at the end of the Section to which they apply.

*****SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HOME ARTS DEPARTMENT*****

Howard County Fair Home Arts Department High Point Award Trophy
Trophy to the Howard County Resident having the highest number of points earned through overall entries in the Home Arts Department

Glenwood Lions Club
\$100 Gift to the Howard County Youth Exhibitor 18 years of age and under with the highest number of points earned through overall entries in the Home Arts Department.

\$200 in Premiums for the Table Setting Contest and the Apple Pie and Apple Dessert Contests
Provided by HAIGHT FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who have graciously given the Special Awards. It is this Community effort that will continue interest in exhibiting at the Fair. Thank you! These are the known Special Awards at this time. Visit the Home Arts Department during Fair Week for any additional Special Awards."