

## West Virginia State Folk Festival Cookie Contest Rules 2025

Anyone wishing to enter this contest, should turn all cookies into the Country Store at least **ONE** hour before the **judging begins at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2025.** An entry form will be filled out for each class/category. No one entering an exhibit will be present at the time of judging. No exhibit will be accepted after 11:00 a.m. Once the judging has been completed, the winners will be posted on the window of the Country Store. The awards will be displayed in the Country Store and **MUST** be picked up before the closing of the Store on SATURDAY night of the Folk Festival. Any cookies, which are not picked up by this time, will not be the responsibility of the West Virginia State Folk Festival. None of the cookies can be refrigerated.

**RULES:** FIVE (5) cookies are required for each entry. ALL cookies must be homemade (from scratch). All cookies should be on a sturdy paper plate and wrapped with clear wrap or placed in a clear baggie for easy viewing and tasting. Keep in mind—once the judging has been completed, the cookies will be on display at the County Store.

### Class I---Plain Cookies

These cookies should not contain any nuts, berries, fruits, chunks, chocolates, etc. (ex. Sugar cookies)

### Class II---Fruit Cookies

These cookies may contain dried fruits or preserves. (ex. Oatmeal Raisin or filled cookies)

### Class III---Nut Cookies

These cookies may contain, but not limited to, any type of nuts. (ex. Walnut cookies)

### Class IV---Several Ingredient Cookies

These cookies may have any type of chocolate, nut, fruit, etc. (ex. Chocolate Chip, Macadamia Nut)

### Judging:

1. Judges will base their decisions on the Classes listed above.
2. Judges will taste each entry and follow the rules/check list given to them prior to judging.
3. Judges will have a score sheet, based upon a 50-point scale. The highest score will secure the top award in each Class.
4. The winner from each Class, will receive a ribbon, trophy, and special prize. Second and third place winners will receive a ribbon.
5. **Grand Prize Award:** The Judges will select one entry with the highest score. If a tie occurs, the judges will re-evaluate each entry involved in the tie, by checking the scores and once again tasting each exhibit. The winner will receive a ribbon, trophy, a bag of sugar, and a special prize.