Contest Rules

Eligibility

- The Holiday Cookie Contest is open to all ages.
    - Three divisions: children, teens and adults.
- Employees and families of Johnson County Public Library and Mutual Savings Bank are not eligible.
- Only one entry per person

Entry Guidelines

- All entries are completed online at PageAfterPage.org/cookiecontest
- Drop off your entry at Mutual Savings Bank at 80 E Jefferson St, downtown Franklin
    - Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

Please Provide:

- At least six cookies on a *disposable plate*.
- A copy of the recipe:
    - Listing the ingredients. If it is a "family secret," you don't have to provide specific quantities.
    - Please do not submit recipes photocopied from a cookbook.

Prizes

- Professional and amateur bakers judge all entries.
- Winners will be announced at approximately 3:15 p.m.
- Winners will be named for first, second and third place.
- First-place winners receive $50 courtesy of Mutual Savings Bank.
- All winners receive a holiday fun basket from JCPL.

Judge's Criteria

Basic Characteristics

- Even browning
- Uniform shape

Inside Characteristics

- Moist, neither soggy nor too dry
- Crisp, chewy or soft (varies by type of cookie)

Flavor

- Well-blended, characteristic of ingredients
- Tastiest cookie it can be

Appearance

- Neatly plated
- Attractive

Recipe

- Clear, legible
- Complete

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