

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE TEX-MEX

ADULT DEPARTMENT AL8

Requested By:

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2026 Alabama National Fair President

(The President's Choice cooking contest is a tradition that started in 2004. Each year the current Fair President chooses a favorite dish for the President's Choice Contest.)

Sponsored By:



Alabama National Fair - Creative Living Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th @ 6:00 pm

PRIZES:

1st Place: \$150 and Ribbon 2nd Place: \$100 and Ribbon 3rd Place: \$50 and Ribbon

RULES

- **Competitors should create an original and tasty Tex-Mex dish for our judges to enjoy.** Competitors should prepare enough to serve four to five judges.
- You should prepare your dish at home and bring it to the Creative Living Center fully cooked and ready to serve. Microwaves and stoves are available to warm your dish if necessary. Preparation of your dish in the CLC kitchen is prohibited.
- Please bring your own Serving Utensils. (Spoons, Meat Forks, Cake/Pie Servers etc.)
- Recipe must be on an Alabama National Fair recipe form and is due at the time of the contest. Recipes become the property of the Alabama National Fair and the listed sponsor, including editing and publishing rights. The winning contestant's name, photograph and recipe may be used for publicity and promotions (CLC Rule # 20-22).
- Competitors must comply with all CLC Official Rules (www.alnationalfair.org).
- Contest is open to Alabama residents 18 years and older.
- Competitors **MUST** pre-register for this contest no later than Tuesday, October 6, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. Anyone not pre-registered will not be allowed to participate (see CLC Rule #16).
- Competitors should purchase a "Competitors Pass" (see CLC Rule #17).
- Competitors may sign-in a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the contest. Set-up may begin thirty (30) minutes prior to the contest. Sign-in will close ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the contest. Competitors not signed-in by that time will not be allowed to participate.
- Competitors must complete set-up by the scheduled start time of the contest.
- Judges' decisions are FINAL.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Appearance/Presentation – 10% Creativity of Recipe – 20% Flavor/Taste – 50% Texture – 20%