

Greene County Fair Queen Contest

Entry Deadline: July 1

For more information, contact Debbie Stephenson at 724-627-4752

FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES:

1. Any girl age 16-20 by June 1, 2018 and a resident of Greene County may enter.
2. All participants must write an essay (typewritten, 300 words or less) on "What the Greene County Fair Means to My Community."
3. All participants must give a speech (3 to 5 minutes) on "Why You Should Come to the Greene County Fair." (Creativity is encouraged) The use of props is permitted.
4. No names are to appear on the essays. Please enclose a separate sheet with your name, address, telephone number, parents' names, age, hobbies and activities, grade just completed, and the high school or college you are attending.
5. All essays will be judged on neatness, grammar and originality.
6. Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance (must be attired in a gown), neatness and ability to communicate.
7. Deadline for all entries is June 30.
8. Send all entries to Fair Queen Contest c/o Greene County Fair PO Box 806, Waynesburg, PA 15370
9. Speeches will be given on Sunday August 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Greene County Fairgrounds.
10. The winner will have the opportunity to compete in the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest which will be held in January 2019 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.
11. The queen must be single, never married, have had no children and must not marry, or become pregnant during her reign.
12. The queen must be able to appear at various functions, parades etc., and sign contract.
13. If there are not 2 participants in this competition it will be cancelled.
14. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen behavior policy.
15. Meet all commitments, Queen obligations and dress code set forth by Greene County Fair Board and follow **all rules** set forth by the board.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete and return all pages of the queen application to the fair secretary by no later than July 1 of the current year. If application is not post marked by July 1st, it will not be accepted. If the application is not complete and the missing information is not received at the fair office by July 1st, it will not be accepted.
2. A speech (3-5 minutes long) on "Why You Should Come to My Fair" – This speech is to be given the night of the pageant. Speech must be memorized.
3. Additional items to include with the application are as follows:
 - a. Answers to six (6) questions – sent to you upon receipt of application.
 - b. An essay (300 words or less) on "What My Fair Means to my Community."
 - c. A commentary (150 words or less, double spaced) to be used for the Fair Queen Pageant.
 - d. Photo of contestant.

DO NOT include any additional items with the application.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. **Written Essay** on the topic "**What My Fair Means to My Community.**"
 - a. 300 words or less
 - b. Judging Criteria: Content, grammar, spelling, and word count.
2. **Personal Interview:** each contestant will meet along with the panel of 3 judges.
 - a. Judging Criteria: Conversational ability, the answers to the questions, appearance/poise, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry.
3. **Speech Presentation** on the topic "**Why You Should Come to My Fair.**"
 - a. 3-5 minutes; timed event.
 - b. Persuasive speech appropriate for an audience of adults. The audience is the panel of 3 judges along with any other parents, fair members, or guests who wish to view the presentations.
 - c. Props that enhance the speech for this targeted audience are permitted, but not required.
 - d. Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not "entertainment."
 - e. Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations are not permitted.
 - f. Judging Criteria: Speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveying a message, public speaking ability, and poise/presence.

Greene County Fair Queen Application

Name of Contestant: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (s): _____

Contestant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Best Contact Method: _____ Mail _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Text

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of June 1): _____

Name of High School/College: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS & AWARDS

Scholastic Achievements, Activities, Honors & Awards	Leadership Position Held <i>(if applicable)</i>	Year(s)

PARTICIPATION IN FAIR(S)

Describe Involvement, Activities, Awards & Honors	Leadership Position Held <i>(if applicable)</i>	Year(s)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Describe Community, Church, Club Activities, Awards & Honors	Leadership Position Held <i>(if applicable)</i>	Year(s)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE *(if applicable)*

Place of Employment	Position	Year(s)

WHY I WANT TO BE THE NEXT FAIR QUEEN:

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I hereby acknowledge that this application must be submitted postmarked by July 1. I verify that the information provided on this Biography is truthful and correct. I have received, read, and understand the entire Application Packet. I verify that I am in compliance with the Fair Queen Program official rules listed in said Application Packet. If selected as the new Fair Queen, I understand that I must sign a contract with the Fair Queen Program, that I must be exclusively the Fair Queen during my entire reign, and that I may not participate in any other pageants.

Contestant's signature: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY *This is a judged item.*

Instructions:

1. The Essay must be typed or word processed on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Handwritten essays are not accepted.
2. Double-space.
3. Include Contestant's name.
4. Include total word count on the bottom right-hand corner of the page. The body of the essay must be 300 words or less. This does not include the title.
5. Topic: **"What My Fair Means to My Community"**

Judging:

Content, grammar, spelling and word count (body of essay must be 300 words or less).

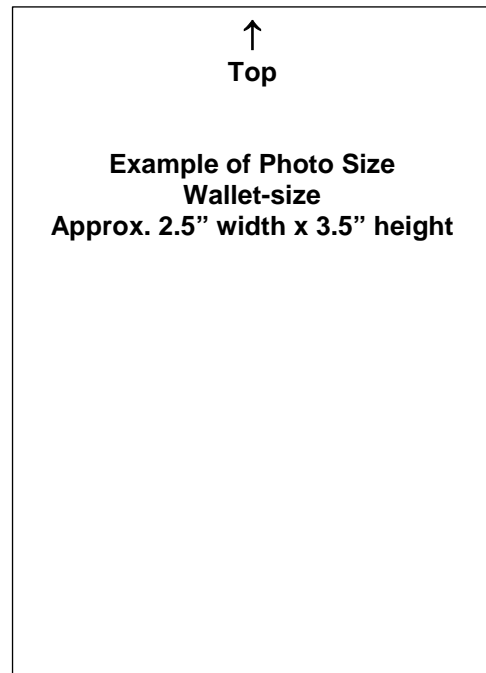
Example:

Contestant: Amy Smith
_____ What My Fair Means to My Community
(Insert essay text here, typed/word-processed, and double spaced.)
Essay Word Count: 295

PHOTO

Specifications:

1. Wallet-size only (approx. 3-1/2" high by 2-1/2" wide)
2. Portrait orientation
3. High resolution on photo paper (no copy paper prints)
4. Include a **Photographer's Release** if the photo(s) you submit were professionally taken and copyrighted on the back.



Fair Queen Behavior Policy:

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgement, the Queen, Alternate, or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event that the Board determines that any statement or representation is not true and accurate, or that any action is inconsistent with the rules, standards and dignity of the Program.

The following will be considered violations of the Policy and will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future Queen competitions:

1. Any infractions of any Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, etc.).
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

Fair Queen Dress Code:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community and Fair.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No flip flops.
3. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx. 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____