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Dear Bloomsburg Fair Queen Contestant;

We are very excited about our Bloomsburg Fair Queen contest!

Attached are the rules of the competition and the dress code. Please complete and submit the google form by May 1, 2023. Please send a \$10 non-refundable entrance fee (made payable to Bloomsburg Fair) to Delores Wright, 1157 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Berwick, PA 18603.

We will have an orientation day to review the expectations, etc of the Bloomsburg Fair Queen during the weekend of May 20/21, 2023. Specific date/time to be determined.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [bloomsburgfairqueen@hotmail.com](mailto:bloomsburgfairqueen@hotmail.com) or by cell 570-441-6002.

Thank you for participating in the Bloomsburg Fair Queen contest.

Sincerely,

*Delores*

Delores Wright  
Bloomsburg Fair Queen Coordinator



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## Rules of the Competition

The Bloomsburg Fair Queen Program observes and complies with all rules and regulations set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program

Each contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Be a current student or graduate of one of the following school districts or their geographical area: Bloomsburg, Berwick, Benton, Central Columbia, Danville, Southern Columbia, Columbia Montour Vo-Tech, Millville.
3. Be at least age 16, but not older than 20, years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen Contestant.
5. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent's/guardian's consent if under 18 years old.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
8. Complete the on-line application and mail a \$10 non-refundable fee to Delores Wright, 1157 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Berwick, PA 18603 by May 1, 2023.
9. Participate in each phase of the judged competition.
10. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen Behavior Policy and Dress Code (see attached).
11. Contestants may not be the immediate family of the Bloomsburg Fair Board of Directors or the First Keystone Community Bank Board of Directors.

The Bloomsburg Fair Queen crowning ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the Bloomsburg Fair Industrial Arts Building.

At the pageant competition, each contestant will be:

1. Judged on poise, appearance, neatness, ability to communicate, and knowledge of the fair industry.
2. Be interviewed by the judges for approximately 3-5 minutes.
3. Submit a written essay of 300 words or less. The theme of the essay will be "Why the Bloomsburg Fair is important to the Community."
4. Present a 3-5-minute speech on "Why you should come to my fair."
5. Answer an impromptu question.

**Awards Given:**

1. The Queen's reign will begin when she is crowned at the Bloomsburg Fair Queen Competition and will run until her successor is crowned.
2. The winner will receive a \$1000.00 cash award. The runner up will receive a \$500.00 cash award.

**Required Appearances:**

July 4 - Parade – Millville, PA (Dress Code: Gown)

September 6 – News Media Day – Bloomsburg Fairgrounds (Dress Code: Gown)

September 22 – September 30 – Bloomsburg Fair (Dress Code: TBD for each function)

November 24 – Winterfest Parade (Dress Code: Business Professional)

January 2024 – PA State Fair Queen Competition – Hershey, PA (Dress Code: Gown(s) and Business Professional)

**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, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, etc.).
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the sponsor, 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, event board member or your Fair Queen Coordinator.
8. Punctuality is a must.
9. We encourage family and friends to be part of your Fair Queen journey, however, anyone wishing to accompany the Queen or Alternate on visits will need to be approved by the Fair Queen Committee and they will need to pay their own expenses.

**Costs associated with being the Bloomsburg Fair Queen and competing in the PA State Fair Queen Competition:**

Most costs of being the Bloomsburg Fair Queen are covered by the Fair Queen Program. There could be some mileage costs to travel to events, but these are minimal.

PA State Fair Queen Costs: runs Thursday through Saturday

\$100.00 is given to the Bloomsburg Fair Queen toward purchase of a gown/clothing for the PA State Fair Queen Competition.

Registration is paid by the Bloomsburg Fair Queen Program

3 Nights of lodging is paid by the Bloomsburg Fair Queen Program

Meals included in your registration: Thursday night dinner and Saturday night dinner. There is usually a pizza party for the contestants on Friday night. All other meals are on your own.

Contestants are required to supply a \$25.00 gift card to a chain restaurant for auction at the PA State Fair Queen Coronation.

Keep updated with what the Bloomsburg Fair Queen is doing by following us on Facebook

## 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. Put the effort into making a good impression!

*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.

Attire should be conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. banquet, business casual, formal, etc.)

Alterations to the attire rules may be made only if

1. severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
2. the Fair Queen's official coordinator or Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.

### GENERAL APPEARANCE ATTIRE RULES

1. No Jeans
2. No outfit that shows cleavage.
3. 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.
4. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.
5. No visible piercings (other than earrings); no visible tattoos



Figure 1: shoe boots no higher than ankle height

Figure 2: livestock exhibitor attire



### FOOTWEAR RULES

1. No Sneakers
2. No Flip Flops
3. No Boots – rule applies to
  - a) NO cowboy/western style boots
  - b) NO thigh-high or over-the-knee boots,
  - c) NO muck boots,
  - d) NO work boots "Shoe Boots", with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height (see Figure 1)



Figure 3: boots permitted in livestock barns and show ring if worn with pants and the pant legs are worn out over the boots

### LIVESTOCK BARN & SHOW RING ATTIRE

1. If the fair queen is a visitor in the livestock barns or show rings:
  - a. follow the General Appearance Attire and Footwear Rules (slacks, dresses, skirts)
  - b. Crown and Banner
  - c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.
2. If the fair queen is in the show barns and/or ring as an exhibitor:
  - a. Khaki or similar boot-cut style pants and a presentable shirt (no jeans) (See Figure 2)
  - b. NO Crown. NO Banner
  - c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.
  - d. If the fair queen is also presenting ribbons or awards during her time as an exhibitor, then she may only wear her crown and banner for presentation segment; but not while showing livestock.
3. Boots may be permitted in livestock barns and/or show ring if worn with pants (see 2.a. above) and the pant legs are worn out over the boots (see Figure 3)