

2024 Greene County Fair Queen Program

Fair Queen, Princess, Junior Princess, Little Princess and Mini Princess Contests

Entry Deadline: *Sunday, June 30th, 2024* **Contest Date:** *Saturday, July 27th, 2024*

For more information: *Melody Longstreth, Fair Queen Coordinator, 724-998-2386*

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES:

1. All contestants entering the competition for any of the five titles must be a resident of Greene County, Pennsylvania, and a U.S. citizen. They also must be single, never married, have had no children, and must not marry, or become pregnant during their reign.
2. Competition is open to any female meeting the age requirement as of June 1 of the current year as outlined below:
 - Greene County Fair Queen – ages 16-20
 - Greene County Fair Princess (first runner-up to the queen) – ages 16-20
 - Greene County Fair Junior Princess – ages 13 to 15
 - Greene County Fair Little Princess – ages 9 to 12
 - Greene County Fair Mini Princess – ages 6 to 8
3. All contestants must not have been a former Greene County Fair Queen, or a former Pennsylvania State Fair Queen or contestant. Contestants should not currently hold any other state or local title at the time of the contest. However, if you currently hold a title that will expire in the 60 days following the fair, you are eligible to compete. Should the contestant be named the fair queen, princess, junior princess, little princess, or mini princess, they cannot compete for or hold any other state or local title for any other commodity group or pageant during their year long reign.
4. All contestants must have their parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the contest.
5. All contestants must meet all time commitments, obligations, "Dress Code" and "Behavior Policies" as set forth by the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program and the Greene County Fair Queen Program.
6. All contestants for the title of queen or princess will be judged on poise, appearance, neatness, and ability to communicate during a personal interview, on stage speech presentation and the answer to an impromptu question. All contestants for the title of Junior Princess, Little Princess and Mini Princess will be judged on merits appropriate to their age group.
7. Only the selected fair queen must compete in the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest representing Greene County, which will be held in January 2025 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Her registration fee and hotel accommodation will be paid for by the Greene County Fair Board.
8. The crowned title holders (fair queen, princess, junior princess, little princess, and mini princess) must participate in fair activities during the week-long fair, local festivals, parades and events during their reign representing the Greene County Fair.

9. The crowned title holders, along with their parents/guardians must sign an official contract outlining duties, responsibilities, acceptable attire, and behavior for the period of one year beginning on the date of their crowning and continuing until they crown their successor the following year.
10. Parents/guardians of the crowned title holders must sign a code of conduct while escorting their children to functions where they are representing the Greene County Fair. Family and friends are also expected to follow this code of conduct as well.
11. The crowned title holders will be required to follow the written guidelines for behavior and attire in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program rules.
12. The crowned title holders must also meet all requirements and commitments of the Greene County Fair Queen Program and follow the rules set forth by the program and the Greene County Fair Board during their reign.
13. All contestants in each age divisions will receive an official Queen Program tee-shirt.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fully complete and return the application with all attachments by the deadline.
2. Completed applications are to be emailed to greenecountypafairqueen@gmail.com or received by postal mail by the entry deadline shown above. Applications are preferred to be received by email. If sent by postal mail, applications must arrive by the deadline. A postmark date is not considered the received by deadline. For a postal mailing address, please email the address above and one will be provided at that time. Incomplete applications will not be accepted unless completed by the deadline.
3. If only a single contestant applies to participate in an age division, the contestant will still be required to complete the judging process and earn a minimum score to be crowned.

JUDGING CRITERIA

QUEEN AND PRINCESS DIVISION – Will compete in business attire and an evening gown. Both should be tasteful and follow the state dress code contained in this application.

1. ESSAY – Will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, punctuation, word count, addressing the topic and originality.

1. Topic – “What My Fair Means to My Community”
2. 300 words or less
3. Double spaced
4. Typewritten – handwritten essays will be disqualified
5. Contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of each page

2. PERSONAL INTERVIEW – Will be judged on conversational ability, quality of answers, knowledge of the fair industry and agriculture, appearance, poise, presence, grammar, activities, and interview conduct.

1. Candidates will meet privately with a panel of 3 judges
2. Interviews will be timed and limited to 10 minutes
3. Attire is to be business/business casual

3. EVENING GOWN & INTRODUCTION – Will be judged on presence and poise in addition to quality and content of introduction.

1. Each contestant gives a personal introduction to the audience, similar to what a fair queen would give when visiting a fair or other public event.
2. Introduction should be no longer than 15 seconds
3. It is recommended that introductions be memorized

4. SPEECH PRESENTATION - Will be judged on effectiveness of their public speaking skills, content, to include the fair industry and agriculture, format, conveying a message, poise, appearance, and stage presence.

1. Topic – “Why You Should Come to My Fair”
2. Speech should be 3 to 5 minutes in length and will be timed.
3. Speech will be presented before a panel of 3 judges and those in attendance at the public fair queen contest. The audience may include adults, children, and other area queens.
4. Creativity is encouraged and the use of props that enhance the speech is permitted but not required
5. The use of projectors, screens, etc. is **not** permitted
6. It is recommended that speeches be memorized

5. IMPROMPTU QUESTION - Impromptu Question will be judged on thoughtfulness of answer, delivery, and content of answer.

JUNIOR AGE DIVISION – Will compete business attire and a “Party” dress.

1. ESSAY – Will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, punctuation, word count, addressing the topic and originality.

1. Topic – “What My Fair Means to My Community”
2. 150 words or less
3. Double spaced
4. Typewritten – handwritten essays will be disqualified
5. Contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of each page

2. PERSONAL INTERVIEW – Will be judged on conversational ability, quality of answers, poise, presence and grammar.

1. Candidates will meet privately with a panel of 3 judges
2. Interviews will be timed and limited to 5 minutes
3. A list of possible questions will be provided in advance

3. INTRODUCTION & MODELING– Will be judged on presence and poise in addition to quality and content of introduction

1. Each contestant gives a personal introduction to the audience, similar to what a fair princess would give when visiting a fair or other public event
2. Introduction should be no longer than 10-15 seconds
3. It is recommended that introductions be memorized

4. FAIR PROMOTION – Will be judged on delivery and content.

1. Each contestant gives a promotion on “Why you should come to my Fair”
2. Promotion should be between 30 and 60 seconds in length
3. The use of note cards is permitted

5. IMPROMPTU QUESTION - Impromptu Question will be judged on thoughtfulness of answer, delivery, and content of answer.

LITTLE AGE DIVISION – Will compete in a “Party” dress

1. ESSAY – Will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, punctuation, word count, addressing the topic and originality.

1. Topic – “What My Fair Means to My Community”
2. 75 words or less
3. Double spaced
4. Typewritten – handwritten essays will be disqualified
5. Contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of each page

2. INTRODUCTION & MODELING– Will be judged on presence and poise in addition to quality and content of introduction

1. Each contestant gives a personal introduction to the audience, similar to what a fair princess would give when visiting a fair or other public event.
2. Introduction should be no longer than 10 seconds
3. It is recommended that introductions be memorized

3. ON STAGE QUESTION – Will be judged on delivery and content.

1. Each contestant will be asked the same question.
“What is your favorite thing about the fair and why?”

MINI AGE DIVISION – Will compete in a “Party Dress” dress

1. FAIR FAN PAGE – Will be judged on content, creativity and neatness.

1. The “Fair Fan Page” will be handed out at the contestant orientation in early July and must be turned back in at rehearsal on July 29th
2. They are to be completed by the child with the assistance of the parent, however the parent should not complete them FOR the contestant
3. Contestants may use crayons, markers, watercolors, stickers, etc.

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PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Greene County Fair Queen

1. Custom Crown and Sash
2. Floral bouquet
3. Custom Crock
4. Free admission to the fair
5. Official queen portrait sitting

6. Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 awarded at the end of reign provided that the queen remains in good standing with the requirements of the title.
7. "The Yellow Jacket" scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 - \$1,000 each year that the Queen is enrolled at Waynesburg University.
8. Stipend of up to \$1,000 as reimbursement of miles traveled representing the fair.
9. Name to be displayed on historical Fair Queen Board in the Arena Barn
10. Accommodation at the State Fair Queen Competition in Hershey compliments of the Greene County Fair Board
11. Custom embroidered garment bag
12. Lockable Crown and Sash box
13. Custom Queen tumbler
14. Hand-stamped custom thank you note cards
15. Scrapbook and supplies
16. Greene County honey
17. Custom signs for parades

Plus, optional assistance with all aspects of preparing for the State Fair Queen Competition from a list of local individuals who specialize in the various aspects needed to compete, including interview training, modeling training, public speaking, writing, wardrobe selection, hair, and make-up support, etc.

Greene County Fair Princess – First Runner-Up

1. Custom Crown and Sash
2. Floral bouquet
3. Custom Crock
4. Free admission to the fair
5. Scholarship in the amount of \$250 awarded at the end of reign provided that the princess remains in good standing with the requirements of the title
6. Stipend of up to \$100 as reimbursement of miles traveled representing the fair.
7. Custom signs for parades

Junior Princess, Little Princess, and Mini Princess

1. Custom Crown and Sash
2. Floral bouquet
3. Custom Crock
4. Free admission to the fair
5. Scholarship in the amount of \$100 awarded at the end of reign provided that the title holder remains in good standing
6. Stipend of up to \$100 as reimbursement of miles traveled representing the fair.
7. Custom signs for parades

STATE FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM BEHAVIOR POLICY

PLEASE NOTE: *The following are the official rules of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program and apply to all county fair contests, contestants, title holders, parents/guardians and family of contestants.*

The Greene County Fair Queen Coordinator and Committee along with the Greene County Fair Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in their judgement, the crowned title holders or contestants may continue to participate in the program in the event the governing body determines that any statement, act 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 program competitions. Additionally, the cash award will not be granted.

1. Infractions of any Greene County Fair Queen Program or PA State Fair Queen contest rule(s).
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, foul language and/or public display of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing the crown and/or sash or representing the title of Greene County Fair Queen or the Greene County Fair Queen Program/Contest in an official capacity.
3. Engagement in any illegal, non-partisan, 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, Tik Tok, Twitter, Instagram, Messenger, texting, etc.
4. Use of any illegal, controlled, or dangerous substances, using or abusing alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the queen program, its winners and contestants, the Greene County Fair, the Greene County Fair Queen Program, the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program or their directors, coordinators, committee members, judges and/or contestants whether it be oral or written. This includes all aspects of any and all social media platforms as well as text messages.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in the crown and sash at any fair without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

**** Please note that the parents/guardians, friends and family of the contestants and crowned title holders will also be bound by this behavior code while their child/friend is competing for or wearing a crown and sash representing a title of the Greene County Fair Queen Program and the Greene County Fair.**

PA STATE FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM DRESS CODE

The following are the official rules of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program and apply to all county fair contests, contestants, and title holders.

Wearing the fair crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and a privilege. The wearer is now an ambassador representing themselves, their family, their 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 wearing the crown and sash.

While wearing the crown and/or 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** the fair queen program's official coordinator or committee 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 fair queen program.
5. No visible piercings (other than earrings); no visible tattoos.

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. Boots are permitted in livestock barns and show ring if worn with pants and the pant legs are worn out over the boots.

Livestock Barns and Show Ring Attire

1. If the fair queen or any of the princesses are a visitor in the livestock barns or show rings:
 - a) Follow the General Appearance Attire and Footwear Rules (slacks, dresses, skirts)
 - b) Crown and sash are to be worn
 - c) Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.
2. If the fair queen or any of the princesses are in the show barns and/or ring as an exhibitor:
 - a) Khaki or similar boot-cut style pants and a presentable shirt (no jeans**)
 - b) No crown and no sash
 - c) Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons
 - d) If the fair queen or princesses are also presenting ribbons or awards during their time as an exhibitor, then she may only wear the crown and sash for the presentation segment; but not while showing livestock.

*** The Greene County Fair Queen Program, along with the Greene County Fair Board has determined that jeans and boots are acceptable while in the show ring/barns if the fair queen or any of the princesses is also an exhibitor and jeans and boots are required by their club as the preferred attire while in the barns/show ring*

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF CONTEST EVENTS – 2024-2025

1. Application deadline – midnight of June 30th
2. Contestant and Parent Meet & Greet – **Saturday, July 6th – 2:00 p.m.** – location t.b.a.
3. Rehearsal – **Friday, July 26th** – - Fairgrounds - time to be determined
4. Fair Queen Competition and Coronation– **Saturday, July 27th**- A start time for the day will be determined once the number of contestants is confirmed.

Immediately following the competition, the new title holders along with their parents/guardians will meet with the fair queen program coordinator and committee to review and sign the official contract.
5. The Queen will compete in Hershey for the State Fair Queen title during the State Fair Convention held in **January of 2025**

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ALL TITLE HOLDERS

1. Fair duties begin for the new title holders on Sunday and run through Saturday. The new title holders will be provided a fair calendar of events that they are expected to attend which include but is not limited to, handing out awards photos and being an ambassador for the Greene County Fair every day during fair week.

A "Queen Meet and Greet" will be held Monday of fair week and all title holders are expected to participate in this event which will fall on "Kid's Day" and will take place from 4-6pm. Additionally, the Queen is expected to host the Pennsylvania State Queen who may attend, in addition to hosting queens from neighboring fairs during the week.

All title holders are expected to volunteer at least once during the week in the Greene County Farm Bureau's Ice Cream Stand

2. Jacktown Fair Contest and Parade in July
3. King Coal Festival Parade in August
4. 4-H Hog Show and Sale in October
5. Greene County Veteran's Day Parade in November
6. Waynesburg Christmas Parade on the first Saturday in December
7. Attend a meeting of the Greene County Fair Board to be introduced
8. Return to the following year's contest to crown your successor

Other events and appearances as requested and/or assigned throughout the year with consideration given to your interest availability. These events are not mandatory, but are opportunities to participate.

Greene County Historical Society Harvest Festival
Downtown Holiday Open House – Waynesburg
Carmichaels Light Up Night – Carmichaels
Covered Bridge Festival
Visiting other fairs in the region and representing Greene County during their queen contests and other events as invited
King Coal Queen Contest
Miss Rain Day Pageant and Rain Day Festival
Mt. Morris Christmas Parade
Mt. Morris Memorial Day Parade
Waynesburg Rotary Club special guest speaker
Greene County Chamber of Commerce special guest speaker
50's Fest in downtown Waynesburg
Greene County S.O.A.R. Fly-In
Read Across America

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APPLICATION

Please also include the required attachments

Entry Deadline – Midnight on June 30th

Name of Contestant: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Contestant Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contestant Email Address: _____ n/a _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____ n/a _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Contact Phone Number(s) with Name(s):

Contestant Best Contact Method: Email _____ Phone _____ Text _____ Any _____

Contestant Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Contestant Age on June 1st _____

I am competing for the title of:

_____ Queen/Princess - ages 16 to 20 _____ Little Princess – ages 9 to 12

_____ Junior Princess - ages 13 to 15 _____ Mini Princess – ages 6 to 8

Tee-Shirt Size: _____ adult _____ or youth _____

List Hobbies and Interests

Name of School/College: _____

Grade level in the Fall: _____ - or - Year of High School/College Graduation: _____

Major or Field of Study (if applicable): _____

List School Activities, Honors, Awards, Clubs, etc. if applicable

List Fair Activities, Participation, Awards, Clubs, Leadership Roles, etc. if applicable

List Community Involvement, Church Activities, Clubs, etc. if applicable

List Employment Experience if applicable

I understand that if I am chosen as queen, princess, junior princess, little princess, or mini princess I will have duties every day of fair week and additional duties throughout the next year which I will be required to participate. I further understand that if I am selected as a title holder and for any reason cannot continue to fulfil my duties, the first runner up will be crowned. If I am selected as a first runner up, I will be willing and able to step into the role of title holder and finish the year's duties.

I hereby acknowledge that this application must be received by the deadline shown above. I verify that the information provided in this application is truthful and correct and that I am eligible to be considered for the title for which I am competing. I have received, read, and understood the application and information contained in this packet. I verify that I will follow the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program official rules as outlined in this packet. If selected as a new Greene County Fair title holder, I understand that I must sign a contract, along with my parents/guardians, and adhere to the rules of conduct, attire, and representation as outlined in that contract during my reign representing the Greene County Fair. I also understand that my family will also agree to adhere to the rules of conduct while I am wearing the crown and sash and representing the Greene County Fair.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Email to greenecountypafairqueen@gmail.com or request a postal address by email at the same address

Greene County Fair Queen Program REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

An application will be considered complete when it includes the following items. Please provide each of these in an individual PDF (preferred) file if emailing and on separate individual pages if postal mailing.

ALL CONTESTANTS

1. **APPLICATION** – two pages - The completed and signed application page. May be handwritten.
2. **PHOTO** – Provide a photo which will be used in all press releases for the contest. If providing by email, please send a .jpeg file. If provided by postal mail, please provide a photo printed on **photographic** paper, not copy paper. Photo should be in a “portrait” orientation, high resolution and tasteful and should present the head and shoulders only.
3. **WAIVER** – The signed waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement

QUEEN AND PRINCESS TITLE CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. **QUEEN STATEMENT** – Provide a statement of 200 words or less on why you would like to become the next Greene County Fair Queen.
- B. **ESSAY** – Topic - “What My Fair Means to My Community”. 300 typewritten words or less, double spaced. The contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of the essay.

JUNIOR CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. **ESSAY** – Topic - “What My Fair Means to My Community”. Should be 150 words, typewritten and double spaced. The contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of the essay.

LITTLE CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. **ESSAY** – Topic - “What My Fair Means to My Community”. Should be 150 words, typewritten and double spaced. The contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of the essay.

MINI CONTESTANTS DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

**** MINI AND LITTLE CONTESTS** will be required to complete a “Fair Fan” page that will be provided at the contestant orientation in July to be returned to be judged on the day of the contest.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

*** Please note that we will be following the CDC and State of Pennsylvania COVID-19 guidelines at the time of each event and activity. It is possible that at the time of the contest masks may be required.*

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the Greene County Fair Queen Contest (hereinafter the "GCFQP"), I, on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly chose to participate in the GCFQP or allow my child/children to participate.

2 I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the RELEASEES from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgements, losses, or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements whether of in-house or outside counsel and whether or not an action is brought on appeal or otherwise), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, the participation in this program, it's contests and activities.

5. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind any assigns and representatives, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEEES. This agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER WAS EXPRESSLY NEGOTIATED AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT THE PERMISSON GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMEISES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GCFQP.

IN SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Agreement in full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Waiver and Agreement on this the _____ day of _____, 2023 for (Name of Contestant) _____.

Signature of contestant if age 18 or over on the date of signing

Signature of parent/legal guardian of contestant if under the age of 18 on the date of signing