

2025 Greene County Fair Queen Program

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

Entry Deadline: *Monday, June 30th, 2025* **Contestant Orientation:** *Friday, July 11th, 2025*

Contest Rehearsal: *Friday, July 25th, 2025* **Contest Date:** *Saturday, July 26th, 2025*

Fair Week: *Saturday, August 2nd thru Saturday August 9th, 2025*

State Fair Convention (Queen Only): *Wednesday to Sunday, mid-January 2026*

For more information: Email – greenecountypafairqueen@gmail.com

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES:

1. All contestants must be a resident of Greene County, PA, a U.S. citizen, single, never married or have a child.
2. Competition is open to any female meeting the age requirement as of June 1 of the current year as outlined below and will be judged on merits appropriate to their age:
Queen - ages 16-20 Junior Princess – ages 13 to 15
Little Princess – ages 9 to 12 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 unless that title expires in the 60 days following the fair. Should the contestant win a title, 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 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.
5. Only the Fair Queen must compete in the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest representing Greene County, which will be held in January at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Her registration fee, hotel accommodation and mileage will be paid for by the Greene County Fair Board.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The crowned title holders must 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.

JUDGING CRITERIA

MINI DIVISION will compete in the following:

Fair Fan Page - Intro & Modeling – On-Stage Question

LITTLE DIVISION will compete in the following:

Fair Fan Page – Essay - Intro & Modeling – On-Stage Question

JUNIOR DIVISION will compete in the following:

Essay - Interview – Intro & Modeling – Fair Promotion – Impromptu Question

QUEEN DIVISION will compete in the following:

Essay - Interview – Intro & Modeling – Speech – Impromptu Question

FAIR FAN PAGE

10 Points

A color and design page that includes questions to be completed and decorated by the contestants. Judged on creativity, neatness, and answers to the questions. They should be completed by the contestant themselves and must contain their handwriting. Contestants may use crayons, colored pencil, marker, stickers, photos, etc. to complete their page. Pages are handed out at Orientation and must be completed by rehearsal giving the contestants several weeks to complete.

ESSAY

10 Points

Judged on the ability to convey an encouraging written message regarding the fair's importance to the community/county. It should be well written, grammatically correct with no spelling or punctuation errors. The Queen division is 300 words or less, Junior and Little Division is 150 words or less. Essays should be typed with the contestant's name in the upper left corner.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

30 Points

Judged on conversational ability, answers to questions, knowledge of topic, appearance, poise, flow of speech and answers, able to expand on topic to carry the conversation, personality, eye contact and smile. Each contestant will meet privately with a panel of three qualified judges and will last for 5 to 10 minutes.

INTRODUCTION AND MODELING

20 Points

To mirror what is expected at states, each contestant must draft their own brief introduction to our fair. Judged on content and uniqueness of introduction, creativity, enthusiasm, delivery, and personality. The introduction should be one that they may give if attending another fair or event and be required to introduce themselves, representing our fair. The introduction should be 15 to 45 seconds and memorized. Modeling is to be judged on appearance, confidence, and stage presence. The attire should be a party dress or evening gown.

FAIR PROMOTION

30 Points

Topic – “Why you should come to my fair”. Promotion should encourage you to visit our fair through original and creative content and must be between 30 and 60 seconds in length, similar to a radio commercial. Judged on content, delivery, flow of speech and personality. Points are NOT to be deducted for use of note cards.

SPEECH PRESENTATION

30 Points

Topic – “Why you should come to my fair”. Speech should encourage you to visit our fair through original and creative content, theme, use of fair schedule, highlighted attractions, agriculture and the importance of our fair to our community. It must be between 3 and 5 minutes in length. Creativity is encouraged and the use of props are allowed at local and state level but are not required. Judged on content, delivery, flow of speech and personality. Points are NOT to be deducted for use of note cards. Speech will be presented during the public portion of the event in front of an audience.

ON STAGE QUESTION

10 Points

Judged on the ability to delivery and content of the answer to the question “What is your favorite thing about the fair and why?” The contestants will be given the question prior to the competition. Answers will be delivered in front of the audience.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION

10 Points

Judged on the ability to think quickly and deliver a logical answer and remain calm. This is to gauge their ability to represent the fair when interviewed by the press, public or legislators. The question is not known to the contestants prior to hearing it on stage. The question will be asked and answered by the contestants in front of the audience.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

All contestants, regardless of winning a title will receive a participation gift.

All divisions winners will receive a custom crown, sash and crown pin, floral bouquet, custom Crock, custom car signs for parades and free admission to the fair all week.

All division winners, at the end of their reigns, if they remain in good standing with the requirements of the title, the Mini, Little and Junior princesses will receive \$100 for miles traveled representing the fair, the Princess will receive a \$250 and the Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Queen will also receive “The Yellow Jacket” scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 - \$1,000 each year that the Queen is enrolled at Waynesburg University. A stipend of up to \$1,000 as reimbursement of miles traveled representing the fair. Her name will be displayed on the historical Fair Queen Board in the Arena Barn. Registration and accommodation at the State Fair Queen Competition in Hershey compliments of the Greene County Fair Board in addition to a reimbursement for mileage. A custom embroidered garment bag, crown and sash box, custom Queen tumbler, hand-stamped custom thank you note cards and many other items.

MANDATORY EVENTS FOR ALL TITLE HOLDERS

1. Fair week duties from Saturday to Saturday. A full list of fair events and activities will be provided. The new title holders will be expected to attend and participate by handing out awards, being in photos and being an ambassador for the Greene County Fair.

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. King Coal Festival Parade in August
3. 4-H Hog Show and Sale in October
4. Greene County Veteran's Day Parade in November
5. Waynesburg Christmas Parade on the first Saturday in December
6. The Queen will attend and participate in the State Fair Queen Contest in January
7. Jacktown Fair Queen Contest and Parade in July
8. Attend a meeting of the Greene County Fair Board to be introduced
9. 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 and availability. These additional events are not mandatory but are opportunities to participate if you wish.

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.

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APPLICATION

Please also include the required attachments listed below

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 _____

Please fill in the blanks that apply to you below.

My hobbies and interests are _____

I am a student at _____ or – I am a graduate of _____

Where I study or studied (if applicable): _____

Some of the school activities I am involved are: _____

Some of my honors and awards are:

I am or have been, involved in the Greene County Fair by: _____

I am a 4-H member in the _____ club(s)

I am an FFA member at _____

My community activities are: _____

I have worked at or as a: _____

Some other interesting facts about me are: _____

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 MUST PROVIDE:

1. **APPLICATION**
2. **WAIVER & ACCEPTANCE** – The signed Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless and the PA State Fair Queen Behavior Policy agreement
3. **PHOTO** – Provide a photo which will be used in all press releases for the contest. If provided 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.

MINI CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. Nothing more than items 1 through 3 above.

LITTLE & JUNIOR CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. **ESSAY**

QUEEN CONTESTANTS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:

- A. **ESSAY**
- B. **QUEEN STATEMENT** – Provide a statement of 200 words or less on why you would like to become the next Greene County Fair Queen. Not judged.

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 email a postal address to send by postal mail

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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. 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 RELEASEES. 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 PERMISSION GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMEISES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GCFQP.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 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.**

IN SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement and the State Fair Queen Program Behavior Policy, 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 _____, 20__ 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