

2021 Greene County Fair Queen Contest

“Making Memories, One Fair at a Time”

Entry Deadline: *Wednesday, July 7th, 2021*

Contest Date: *Saturday, August 7th, 2021*

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

FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES:

1. Any female, ages 16-20 by June 1, 2021, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Greene County Pennsylvania may enter the contest. All queen candidates must be single, never married, have had no children, and must not marry, or become pregnant during her reign.
2. All contestants must have not been a former Greene County Fair Queen winner, nor a former Pennsylvania State Fair Queen contestant. Furthermore, the contestant can not hold any other state or local title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
2. All participants must write an essay on “What the Greene County Fair Means to my Community”.
3. All participants must deliver a three-to-five-minute speech on “Why You Should Come to the Greene County Fair”.
4. All participants will be judged on poise, appearance, neatness, and ability to communicate during a personal interview and on stage while presenting their speech and modeling in an evening gown.
5. The selected fair queen must compete in the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest which will be held in January at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center representing the Greene County Fair.
6. The selected fair queen must participate in local parades and events during her reign representing the Greene County Fair.
7. The selected fair queen and her parents/guardians must sign an official contract outlining duties, responsibilities, acceptable attire, and behavior for the period of them that the title of Greene County Fair Queen is held by the individual.
8. The selected fair queen will be required to follow the written guidelines for behavior and attire in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program rules.
9. The selected fair queen 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 her reign.
10. Masks will be required to be worn following current CDC and State guidelines.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fully complete and return the application with all attachments by the deadline.
2. Completed applications are to be emailed to melodylongstreth@gmail.com or mailed to Melody Longstreth, Greene County Fair Queen Contest, 345 Zimmer Lane, Waynesburg, Pa 15370 by the entry deadline show above. Applications are preferred to be received by email. If sending by postal mail, applications must arrive by the deadline. A postmark date is not considered the received by deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted unless completed by the deadline.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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

RULES

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 of the essay.

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

RULES

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. SPEECH PRESENTATION & IMPROMPTU QUESTION. 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. Impromptu Question will be judged on thoughtfulness of answer, delivery, and content.

RULES

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 are permitted but not required.
5. The use of projectors, screens, etc. is not permitted.
6. It is recommended that speeches be memorized.
7. Attire must be a tasteful, not too revealing, evening gown.
8. A short rehearsal will be held on the same day, prior to the competition.
9. The room will be air conditioned
10. Contestants will be moved to a sound-proof area during the questions.

4. PHOTOGENIC – Will be judged on the photo submitted by the contestants with their application by a panel of three judges. No points will be carried to the title competition.

RULES

1. Provide a good quality, tasteful, photogenic head shot.

5. CONGENALITY – Will be judged by the contestants

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

QUEEN

1. Crown, Sash, Sash Pins
2. Floral Bouquet
4. Trophy
5. Free admission to the fair from Sunday, August 8th through Saturday, August 14th
6. Official Queen Portrait Sitting
7. Cash prize in the amount of \$1,000 awarded at the end of reign provided that the queen remains in good standing of the title.
8. Name to be displayed on historical Fair Queen Board in the Arena Barn
9. Additional prizes to be determined
10. Accommodation at the State Fair Queen Competition in Hershey

Plus, 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. Interview training, modeling training, public speaking, writing, wardrobe selection, hair, and make-up support, etc.

FIRST ALTERNATE

Will receive a floral bouquet and trophy.

PHOTOGENIC and CONGENIALITY

Winners will each receive a trophy

FAIR QUEEN AND CONTESTANT BEHAVIOR

The Fair Queen Coordinator and the Fair Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in their judgement, the queen, alternate, or contestants, may continue to participate in the program in the event that any statement, act or representation is considered not in the best interest of the fair or 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. Additionally, the queen's cash award will not be granted.

1. Any infractions of any fair queen contest rule(s).
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gun, foul language and/or public display of affection to anyone other than a parent/guardian while wearing the crown and/or sash or representing the title of Greene County Fair Queen.
3. Use of and illegal, controlled, or dangerous substances.
4. Engagement in any illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including, but not limited to online representations on the internet or social networking sites - Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, Messenger, texting, etc.
5. And defamation of the queen contest, 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.

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE

The following is the official rules of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program.

Wearing of the fair queen 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. While fashion styles may change, good taste does not! Therefore, responsible, appropriate, and professional appearance is expected while the queen is wearing the crown and sash.

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e., business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots. "No Boots" applies to cowboy, western, thigh-high, over knee, muck, and work boots.
3. Shoe boots, with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height.
4. It is strongly recommended that closed-toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons

5. Alterations may be made to this jeans-footwear rule only if severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and the fair queen's official coordinator or board member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.
6. No visible piercings, other than earrings, or tattoos.
7. No outfit that shows cleavage.
8. 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.
9. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the fair queen program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

1. Application deadline – Wednesday, July 7th
2. Contestant Meet & Greet – location to be announced - Friday July 16th – 6:00 p.m.
3. Fair Queen Competition – Saturday, August 7th
 - Rehearsal – Greene County Fairground Basement of Block Building – 1:00 p.m.
 - Interview Preparation – Hampton Inn Waynesburg, - 2:00 p.m.
 - Interviews – Hampton Inn Waynesburg – 3:00 p.m.
 - Dinner – Hampton Inn Waynesburg – 4:00 p.m.
 - Evening Gown Preparation – Hampton Inn Waynesburg – 4:45 p.m.
 - Travel to Fairgrounds for Competition – Transportation provided – 5:30 p.m.
 - Competition Begins – Greene County Fairgrounds – 6:00 p.m.
4. Fair duties begin for the new queen on Sunday, August 8th and runs through Saturday, August 14th. The new queen will be provided a fair calendar of events that she is expected to attend, hand out awards, take photos and be an ambassador for the Greene County Fair during the week.
5. 4-H Hog Show and Sale in October 2021
6. Greene County Veteran's Day Parade in November 2021
7. Greene County Christmas Parade on December 4th, 2021
8. The State Fair Queen Competition in January 2022
9. Jacktown Fair Parade in July 2022
10. Return to the following year's queen competition to crown your successor in August 2022

Other events and appearances as requested and/or assigned throughout the year with consideration given to your availability.

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

Entry Deadline – Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Name of Contestant: _____ Tee-Shirt Size: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Contestant Postal Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contestant Email Address: _____

Parental Email Address: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____

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 _____

Name of High School: _____

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

Name of College (if applicable): _____

Grade in the Fall: _____ - or – Year of College Graduation: _____

Major or Field of Study: _____

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 of fair queen. I have received ready and understand 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 the new Greene County Fair Queen 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 as the fair queen.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION 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.

1. **APPLICATION** - This completed application page. May be handwritten.
2. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** - List of school achievements, activities, honors and awards, clubs and offices held along with the years.
3. **FAIR ACTIVITIES** - List of participation in fair involvement, activities, honors, awards, leadership positions held and years.
4. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** – List of community, church, club activities, honors and awards, leadership positions held, years and outcomes.
5. **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS** – List of all hobbies and interests not already listed.
6. **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE** (if applicable) – List place of employment, position(s) held and years.
7. **QUEEN STATEMENT** – Provide a statement of 200 words or less on why you would like to become the next Greene County Fair Queen.
8. **ESSAY** – Topic - “What My Fair Means to My Community”. 300 typewritten words or less, double spaced. Contestant’s name is to appear in the upper right corner of the essay.
9. **INTRODUCTION** – An introduction of yourself or “bio” about which will be used for introduction on stage. Maximum of 150 words.
10. **PHOTO** – Provide a photo of yourself which will be used in all press releases for the contest. From these photos a “Miss Photogenic” will be selected by the judges. If providing by email, please send a .jpeg file. If providing 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. If photo was taken by a professional photographer, please include a signed “Photographer’s Release” form from the photographer.
11. **COVID RELEASE FORM** – Print out and sign a copy of the following Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement regarding COVID-19 and your participation in the events planned for 2021/2022.

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, this waiver may no longer be necessary, however, we are collecting signed copies as part of the application now as a precautionary measure.*

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 understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated.
2. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willing chose to participate in the GCFQP or allow my child/children to participate.
3. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my participation in the GCFQP and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE (on behalf of myself and any minor children for who I have the capacity to contract) Greene County Fair Queen Program or Fait, their officers, coordinators, directors, agents, volunteers and assigns (the "Releasees") from any liability related to COVID-19 which might occur as a result of participating in the GCFQP.
4. 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 infection of COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.
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 _____, 2021 for (Name of Contestant) _____.

Signature of contestant if age 18 or over on June 1, 2021.

Signature of parent/legal guardian of contestant if under the age of 18 on June 1, 2021.