

Department 22 – Contests – Section 4 – Harford Fair Queen Contest

Coronation - Monday, August 16th at 4:00pm in the Shade Pavilion

For questions, contact Ginny Beeman at 570-289-4736 or Debbie Chidester at 570-289-4957

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The purpose of the Fair Queen Competition Program is to encourage the promotion of greater public understanding and awareness of agricultural fairs, to create better relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings, and to promote the education of young women through the operation of a scholarship program providing educational opportunities for selected applicants. The contestant chosen as the Harford Fair Queen and Alternate will be required to make appearances at events during the week of the Fair. The Fair Queen will be asked to compete at the Pennsylvania Fair Queen State Competition in Hershey and make additional appearances throughout the year. The alternate will be asked to substitute if the Queen is unavailable.

COMPETITION JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. **Written Essay** on the topic **“What My Fair Means to my Community,”** (300 words or less). Judging criteria: Content, Grammar, Spelling
2. **Personal Interview** – each contestant will meet alone with the panel of three (3) judges. 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,”** (3-5 minutes, timed event). Persuasive speech appropriate for an audience of adults. Judging criteria: Speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveying a message, public speaking ability, and poise/presence.

ESSAY – “What my Fair Means to My Community.” This is a judged item.

Instructions:

1. The essay must be typed, or word processed on a separate sheet(s) of paper, Handwritten essays will not be accepted.
2. Double spaced.
3. Include Contestant’s name and name of the Fair she is representing on the top right-hand corner of the page.
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)

Judging: content, grammar, spelling, and word count (body of essay must be 300 words or less). Also include a head and shoulder picture of yourself. The picture will not be returned, it may be used for publicity regarding the contest. Entrant hereby grants the right to use her photograph or likeness to the Harford Agricultural Society for its promotional purposes, waives any and all claims for compensation for said use and releases the said Society for any and all claims whatsoever arising out of the use of her photograph or likeness. The first place winner, the Queen, will receive \$500.00 from the Harford Fair, and a \$100.00 scholarship from the PA Trapper’s Association. The Alternate will receive \$300.00, and each contestant will receive \$25.00.

REPLY BEFORE AUGUST 1st to Harford Agricultural Society, 485 Fair Hill Road, New Milford, PA 18834.

EACH FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT MUST:

1. Be a “female” who is a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least 16 years of age and not over 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
3. Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned. (Applies to the PA Fair Queen, not for Harford Fair Queen)
4. Have not been a former Local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen.
5. Not hold any other state title for any commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter the competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant, nor given birth to a child.
8. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen Behavior Policy.
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations, and Dress Code as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program.

FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

*Wearing the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community, and the 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 (e.g. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No sneakers, jeans, flip flops or boots, Alterations may be made to this jean-footwear rule if:
 - a) severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
 - b) The Fair Queen Official Coordinator or Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional expectation.
3. If it 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 length 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.

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:

The contestant'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, or SnapChat.
4. Use of any illegal controlled substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winner and contestants, and the Harford 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.

Harford Fair Queen Contest Application

Contestant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Parent(s) or Guardians Names: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____ Cell(_____) _____

Email Address _____

High School _____

College _____ Major _____

Contestant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS

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

COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS

Name of College _____ Year of Graduation _____

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

PARTICIPATION IN HARFORD FAIR

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any community, church, club activities, Awards, Honors,	Leadership Position Held (<i>if applicable</i>)	Year

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE, (if applicable)

Place of employment	Leadership Position Held (<i>if applicable</i>)	Year

WHY I WANT TO BE THE NEXT HARFORD FAIR QUEEN:

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