

2021 Crawford County Faír Queen Contest

Thank you for your interest in being crowned the 75th Annual Crawford County Fair Queen!

We are looking for a young lady that will represent our fair as an "ambassador" of the PA fair, farm, livestock and agricultural industry. Someone who understands and can speak to the fact that livestock products make up about 69% of **Pennsylvania's** yearly farm income and that the **top crops** are hay and corn, and that the state ranks first nationally in production of mushrooms, producing approximately 443 billion pounds annually! Agriculture keeps Pennsylvania going and also offers many exciting career opportunities in STEM and Agriculture-related areas. The Crawford County Fair has promoted and highlighted agriculture and the youth of the county at 75 fairs and counting!

Please review this packet of information carefully and return the following by August 7:

- 1. Completed application,
- 2. Responses to the questions on the Information Sheet (included in this packet),
- 3. \$200 sponsor fees from local sponsors/supporters (Checks to the Crawford County Fair Assoc)
- 4. Signed Responsibilities form, and
- 5. A letter of support from an advisor of a 4H, church group or other club/group you belong.

By signing the **Contestant Application** and the **Responsibilities Form**, this means you and your parent/guardian agree to the rules, expectations and regulations set forth at the county level as well as at the state level competitions. Please review these rules carefully. You must return these five items by **Saturday**, **August 7, 2021**. You must also submit your completed 300 word essay by **Wednesday**, **August 11, 2021**. There will be a mandatory orientation/general information meeting for parents and contestants on **Thursday evening**, **August 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM** for all contestants and their parent or guardian. This meeting will be held at the Crawford County Fair Office at the fairgrounds. We will also have a question/answer session at this meeting. Judging of contestants will take place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 21</u> and the official crowning will take place on <u>Sunday evening</u>, <u>August 22 at the Fairgrounds</u>. Be prepared to have your picture taken (dress businesscasual, photo from the waist up) during the informational meeting on August 12. Your picture will be displayed during fair week. And remember, you must enter something (entry or exhibit) in the Crawford County Fair this year!

This year's state fair theme is "Making Memories One Fair at a Time"

We are looking forward to meeting you!

If you have any questions please feel free to email: ccfair@co.crawford.pa.us

Return completed packet postmarked by August 7 to:

FAIR QUEEN COMMITTEE 903 Diamond Park Meadville, PA 16335



2021 Crawford County Fair Queen <u>Contestant Application</u> Due August 7

New this year: Contestants must be a resident of Crawford County or a neighboring county. (Crawford, Erie, Warren, Mercer or Venango counties)

Please read entire page and fill out application completely: Submit completed Crawford County Fair at Queen Contestant Application by **Saturday**, **August 7**, **2021**.

Today's date:		
Full Name		
Mailing Address:		County
Parent/guardian Names		
Home phone #	Cell #	
Date of Birth	Age on June 1, 2021:	

Essays must be turned in with your application. No exceptions.

Essay Topic: "Why You Should Attend the Crawford County Fair" (300 words or less).

Essays are to be typed! No names are to appear on the paper. Your name should appear on a separate piece of paper in the envelope. Please include total word count on the top right of the last page. Word count does <u>not</u> include the title. Essays are judged on content, grammar and spelling.

Contest Judging will include:

A recorded 4-5 minute speech presentation on "What the Crawford County Fair means to the community"

Personal Interview (20%)

Knowledge of the Crawford County Fair and PA Agriculture (25%)

Poise, personality, respect and character (30%)

Speaking Ability (25%)

Please start thinking about what you will be entering in the Crawford County Fair. Remember, a Fair Entry/Exhibit is a requirement.

Parent/guardian signature ____

_date___

Mail to: Fair Queen Contest 903 Diamond Park Meadville, PA 16335

OR: Email: ccfair@co.crawford.pa.us



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DUE AT ORIENTATION MEETING AUGUST 12 Medical Permission Form & Photograph Permission Request

Please use ink and	answer all questions.		
Contestant Name_			
Address			Age
City	State	Zip	
Name of parent/gu	ardian		
Phone number pare	ent/guardian		
Emergency contact	name if above cannot be rea	ched	
Phone number of th	nis person		Relationship
Pleas list any allerg	gies		
•		•	ee stings, asthma etc.) This information is held in
my child taken to t	he doctor and/or hospital fo	r medical attentio	contacted immediately, I give my permission to have n. I understand that I will assume responsibility and air or the contest coordinators responsible in the event
Signature of parent/guardian			Date
Contestants Physic			Phone
Hospital			

Photograph Permission Request

I give my permission for my daughter to be photographed and allow the Crawford County Fair to use these photos for promotional purposes.

Parent/guardian signature_____

Crawford County Fair <u>Fair Queen Information Sheet</u> DUE AUGUST 7

1. Why do you want to be the Crawford County Fair Queen?

2. What are your scholastic achievements, activities, honors and awards?

3. List any community and/or 4H activities you have been involved in.

4. What are your hobbies/interests?

5. What is the importance of agriculture and agricultural fairs?



PA Fair Queen Program 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, Twitter, Instagram).
- 4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- 5. Any defamation of the 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 or event board member.

PA 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 the County Fair.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected <u>while</u> <u>the Queen is wearing her crown and sash:</u>

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.).

- 2. Expectations may be altered if:
 - a) severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
 - b) a Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the
 - professional appearance expectation.

3. It is strongly recommended that close toe shoes/dress boots be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons.

4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.

5. No outfit that is too revealing will be permitted. (If you have to ask yourself if your outfit crosses the line, it probably does.)

6. 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.

7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, political views or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.



Crawford County Fair Responsibilities of the Fair Queen

- 1. Keep an event summary log of event names, contact person, location and purpose. Attend all mandatory events (see mandatory appearances).
- 2. Attend and participate in the PA State Queen Competition in Hershey, PA in January.
- 3. Queen runner up- In the event your queen is crowned PA State Fair Queen, please be prepared to take on all the responsibilities as the Crawford County Fair Queen.
- 4. Parents- Accommodations and meals while at state competition are the responsibility of the parent.
- 5. Do not participate in any other contests/pageants nor hold a title for another commodity.
- 6. It is the responsibility of the queen/parent to arrange vehicles, trailers or wagons for parades.
- 7. It is the queen/parents responsibility to provide transportation to and from events.
- 8. Crowns are for the royalty only. No one else is to wear a crown at any time. If crowns break do not buy one on your own. Return it to the coordinator as soon as possible. We will get it fixed or get you a new one.
- 9. Attend Fair Board's annual meeting in December, attend events at the fairgrounds throughout the year that is approved by the fair board to attend and work at the discretion of the fair board.
- 10. Attend at least 4 fair board meetings during the year to report activities.
- 11. Volunteer where ever needed and asked by the Fair Board during the week of the fair.
- 12. Assist with fund-raising events. This is what gets you, as the queen, to the state competition. If you can't participate in fund-raising events then a monetary amount set and agreed by the board will be your responsibility.
- 13. Pass out applications for the upcoming contest in schools or where you think would bring a good, positive response for the fair.
- 14. Attend every contest meeting and all the practices.
- 15. Attend other area fairs as invited. You <u>must</u> have permission to be at another fair in your crown and sash. You <u>must</u> be invited. Please <u>do not</u> invite yourself.
- 16. Remember, you are representing the Crawford County Fair! Always be friendly, smile and wave!
- 17. Avoid negative issues and controversy on social media. Your accounts will be closely monitored and scrutinized.

The goal is for everyone to make good friends, have fun and work together in a mature fashion. Memories are what lasts a lifetime! Together let's make them the best ones possible!

Contestant's acknowledgement and agreement

Parent acknowledgment and agreement	Date

DUE AUGUST 7

Date



Crawford County Fair Queen Contestant Rules

Each Fair Queen contestant MUST:

- 1. Be a female who is a US Citizen and a resident of Crawford County or a surrounding county in Pennsylvania.
- 2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 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.
- 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)' 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" -see attached.
- 9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program -see attached.
- 10. Follow the Crawford County Fair Queen Contest Dress and behavior Codes.
- 11. Reside in Crawford or a surrounding PA County. (Erie, Warren, Venango, Mercer)
- 12. Attend fundraisers, publicity events and all scheduled practices.
- 13. Volunteer at the Fair during Fair week.



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- 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. Alterations may be made to this jean-footwear rule only if
 - a) severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
 - b) the Fair Queen's official coordinator or Board Member has approved tan alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.
- 3. It is 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 height 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.
- 8. Queen is permitted to wear formal gowns without straps. Dresses must pass the dollar bill rule.



Crawford County Fair Queen Contest Sponsorship Form DUE AUGUST 7

Fair.

Ι	, am competing for the title of Crawford County Fair Queen.	
I am asking for your support by sponsoring me fo	or this event. Ads will be posted on the Fair's website and announced	at the
Thank you for your support.		
Individual Ad:		
Business name		
Contact person	Phone	
Message exactly how you would like it to appear		
Sponsorship amount \$		
Business Ad:		
Business name		
Contact person	Phone	
Message exactly how you would like it to appear		
Sponsorship amount \$		
Each contestant is required to collect at least \$200	0 in sponsors/donations. If this is an issue, please let us know.	
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Make checks payable to *Crawford County Fair Assoc*. Thank you for your support!