

Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program

2022 PA FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION

CONTESTANT HANDBOOK

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**January 20-22
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TO: 2022 Contestants
cc: Fair Queen Contest Coordinators

FROM: Karen Dobson, Contest Coordinator

We congratulate you on being selected as the **2021 Fair Queen** and welcome you as a finalist for the **2022 PA Fair Queen competition** in January.

We are pleased to have **58** contestants in the competition. You are going to be part of a tremendous experience as you compete with these young women for the coveted title of **PA Fair Queen**. The contestant who is selected as the **2022 PA Fair Queen** will earn a \$2,500 scholarship and spend the remainder of the year representing our PA State Association of County Fairs and the PA Department of Agriculture to promote Pennsylvania's top industries of agriculture and tourism.

This **Handbook** is designed to give you a detailed look at the Contest's schedule, judging processes, requirements, and expectations. Bring it with you to the contest! A separate Supplemental Packet is also posted with important information including your **Individual Contestant Schedule**, a **Packing Checklist**, **Scoring Criteria**, **Driving Directions**, **Hershey Lodge map**, **Commemorative Item Order Form**, and a **Medical Release Form**.

Planning and organization are critical to keeping our competition on track. **So please review the enclosed information carefully** with your Coordinator and Chaperone as you prepare for the **2022 PA Fair Queen competition**. **Pay special attention to the COVID NOTES throughout the packet.**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Contest Coordinator. It is our desire that each Contestant leaves this experience with a sense of pride, accomplishment, and camaraderie. We look forward to meeting you in Hershey on Thursday, January 20, 2022. However, should you have any questions about the competition before then, feel free to contact me.

Karen Dobson
9 Ebelhare Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
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GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

DATES:

The competition will be a two-day event commencing **Thursday, January 20** and culminating with the Coronation ceremony on **Saturday, January 22, 2022**.

The PA Fair Queen competition is held in conjunction with the PA State Association of County Fairs' (PSACF) and PA State Showmen's Association (PSSA) Annual Convention events.

LOCATION:

All PA Fair Queen competition events will be held at the

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

325 University Drive,

Hershey, PA 17033 (*visit www.hersheylobby.com for more information*)

Phone: 717-533-3311

COVID NOTE: The PA Fair Queen Program will be following any hotel safety protocols that are issued by the CDC, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Hershey Lodge.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Thursday, January 20

- 📌 Noon – 4:00 pm Fundraising Table (*benefits Queen Program*)
- 📌 2:45 pm Orientation Check-in opens
- 📌 3:15 pm Contestant Orientation begins
- 📌 **6:15 pm Judging:** Stage Introduction (**Business Attire**)
(*before the PSACF Annual Banquet; line up before 6 pm*)
- 📌 Group Photo (*immediately after the PSACF Banquet*)

Friday, January 21

- 📌 **7:00 am – 5:00 pm Judging:** Personal Interviews
- 📌 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Raffle Table (*benefits Queen Program*)
- 📌 11:00 am or 2:15 pm - Leadership Seminar (*optional*)
- 📌 5:30 pm - Judges' Reception with Contestants
- 📌 7:00 pm - Contestant Pizza Party with
2021 PA Fair Queen Addison Neff

Saturday, January 22

- 📌 7:45 am – 3:00 pm **Judging**: Speech Presentations
- 📌 9:00 am – 12:45 pm – Raffle Table (*benefits Queen Program*)
- 📌 4:30 pm - Coronation Rehearsal for Contestants
- 📌 6:00 pm - Coronation Banquet
- 📌 7:30 pm - Crowning Ceremony

COVID NOTES:

The PA Fair Queen Program values the health and safety of all who will be participating in or attending any of the 2022 PA Fair Queen State Competition events. Therefore, the committee will be following and enforcing all COVID safety protocols as mandated by the CDC, PA Department of Health, The Governor's Office, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, and/or local/county agencies at the time of the contest.

- Everyone 2 years or older, who is not fully vaccinated should wear a well-fitted mask in indoor public places. This includes public areas on hotel property (hotel hallways, lobbies, indoor pool area, meeting space and/or banquet rooms/restaurants).
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask.
- Face Masks are not required to be worn when the contestant or guests are in their own hotel room. They are recommended to be worn if visiting another guest's hotel room.
- The PA Fair Queen Program will supply face masks, face shields and small bottles of hand sanitizer to contestants. All other guests must supply their own PPE.
- Hand sanitizing stations will also be available throughout the hotel.
- Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. Follow recommended precautions such as staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people; washing hands often; covering coughs/sneezes; use disinfecting products; and monitoring your health daily.
- Anyone who is exhibiting COVID symptoms should immediately notify the State Contest Coordinator and seek further testing.
- Any person who blatantly refuses to comply with the COVID safety protocols as set forth by the Queen Program or hotel will be banned from the competition and hotel.

- The Queen Program reserves the right to limit the number of guests in a hotel meeting or banquet space to comply with the PA Governor's mitigation mandates and/or hotel restrictions at the time of the contest.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

All Contestants, parents, chaperones, and fair members are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A block of rooms has been made available at the **Hershey Lodge and Convention Center** for the Queens. After December 31, the Lodge can release any unused rooms in the block to other hotel guests.

Contestant Room Reservations were already made directly with the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center using the Application Items #03 and #04 (Hotel Reservation and Credit Card Authorization Forms) that were included in the State Contest Application. These forms were due by November 15. All fairs/contestants should have received an email from Hershey Lodge confirming their hotel reservation.

The room will NOT be guaranteed without the proper Payment form.

The room costs are NOT included in the \$125 Contestant Fee.

The PA Fair Queen Program is NOT responsible for reservations or payment for any hotel accommodations.

Hershey Lodge, Attn: Michelle Maxwell

325 University Drive, P.O. Box 446

Hershey, PA 17033

Phone: 717-534-8696

Email: mamaxwell@hersheypa.com

Fax: 717-534-8668

Check-in time: 4:00 pm

Check-out time: 11:00 am

Occupancy cannot be guaranteed before 4:00 pm (check-in time).

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CONVENTION & BANQUET REGISTRATION:

Everyone who attends Convention events must pay a Badge Registration Fee.
Everyone who attends a Convention Banquet must purchase a Ticket.

The following items are already included in the Contestant's \$125 Application fee:

- ❖ one (1) Convention Badge Registration¹
- ❖ one (1) ticket to the PSACF Annual Banquet², and
- ❖ one (1) ticket to the Queen Coronation Banquet³

Contestants and their guests have been registered based on Application Item #05 Registration Form that was submitted with payment to PSACF. This form and payment was due **by November 15**.

¹ Allows admission to the PSACF/PSSA Convention's Trade Show, Talent Showcase, Table Topics, Seminars, Queen Speeches, and open Receptions and Meetings. Contestant receives a Convention Badge and a Convention Schedule Booklet. Additional Registrations can be ordered through PSACF.

² Required of all Contestants as part of the judging for the "Stage Introduction" competition.

³ Additional Banquet Tickets were to be ordered on Application Item #05 form (ex: family, friends)

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The Contestant's registration fee pays for the Thursday night banquet, Friday Contestant Pizza Party, and the Saturday Coronation banquet. Any other meals for the contestant are the responsibility of the contestant/fair/family. The PA Fair Queen Program is NOT responsible for any other costs associated with the contest including but not limited to hotel rooms, room service, clothing, travel, and COVID-19 testing.

CHAPERONES:

It is important that Contestants are supported and supervised during the competition events. Most Contestants have never been to the Convention before and are not familiar with the schedule or the facility. Therefore, each Fair with a Queen Contestant **must** always have an adult chaperone for their Contestant during the Convention and PA Fair Queen competition (*unless otherwise noted in this Handbook*). This chaperone must be approved by the Fair and may be a parent/guardian or a Fair delegate.

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 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 (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.) *Refer to Handbook for specifics for each Activity*
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots.
The "no boots" rules apply to:
 - a) No cowboy/western style,
 - b) No thigh-high or over the knee boots,
 - c) No muck boots
 - d) No work boots.
 - e) *Contestants may wear shoe boots that are no more than ankle height, with or without a heel. See sample photo on right.*
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that shows cleavage.
5. 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.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.



COVID NOTE: See Page 3 for notes about face masks.

BEHAVIOR:

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, 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, etc.*)
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 social media.
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.

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- Any person who blatantly refuses to comply with the COVID safety protocols as set forth by the Queen Program or hotel will be banned from the competition and hotel.

DAILY COMPETITION INFORMATION

The PA Fair Queen Program shall determine the time, manner, and method of conducting the competition. Each Contestant must arrange her personal schedule as she is expected to attend all mandatory competition activities.

STEP ONE: Hotel Room Check-In

Date: On or before Thursday, January 20

Location: Report to the Lodge's Front Desk Lobby
(near University Drive entrance)

Time: Hotel rooms may not be available until 4:00 pm

You Get: Hotel Room Number and Key

STEP TWO: Convention Registration Check-In

Date: On or before Thursday, January 20

Location: Report to the Convention Center Registration Desk
Chocolate Lobby (Hershey Lodge & Convention Center Entrance off Rt. 322)

Time: Registration Desk is open from Wednesday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
and Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

You Get: Badge, Convention Schedule Booklet, and
all pre-ordered/pre-paid Banquet Ticket(s).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**ORIENTATION:**

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Location: Crystal A
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Mandatory for All Queen Contestants and Chaperones**
Limit: no more than Contestant, (1) Chaperone and (1) other attendee per Fair

Times: Check-In Table opens 2:45 pm
Orientation Program 3:15 – 4:00 pm

You Get: *Contestant Number*
A Contestant Bag with T-Shirt and other goodies

You Bring: Hotel Room Number
Medical Release Form (*see Form in Supplemental packet*)

Attire: Business Dress (appropriate for a Meeting)
(*suit, dress slacks, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.*)
Must wear Convention Name Badge (*obtained at Convention Registration Desk*)
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!

This is a particularly important Session. You will receive your Contestant number that will be needed for that evening's Stage Introduction competition. We will also give updates on the remainder of the Contest schedule, and we will answer any questions about the procedures, judging process, and our expectations.

“Q-TIP” *We recommend that Queen Contestants have their business attire outfit, shoes, makeup, etc. that they will need for Stage Introduction Competition ready in their hotel room before coming to Orientation. Remember that the hotel occupancy cannot be guaranteed before 4:00 PM (check-in time). So have a Plan “B” for a place to change/get ready (ex: Coordinator's room)*

STAGE INTRODUCTION COMPETITION: *JUDGED EVENT*

Date: Thursday, January 20

Location: PSACF Annual Banquet
Chocolate Lobby Hallway (line up)
Chocolate Ballroom Main Stage (presentation)Time: **6:15 pm** *Be in the Ballroom hallway no later than 6:00 pm
to line up by Contestant Number**NOTE:** **Memorize your Banquet Ticket Table Number.**
Make sure someone at your Table has your Banquet Ticket.Attire: **Business Attire – NO EVENING GOWNS**
Appropriate for a professional
presentation or public appearance
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash**COVID NOTE:** See Page 3 for notes about face masks.Note: **NO crowns!****NO name badges!**Judging: See *Scoring Criteria in enclosed packet*
35 points

This segment of the Competition is conducted in front of the Convention delegates and the Queen Contest Judges. There will be approximately 900 people in attendance.

Each Contestant will present on stage and introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should be like that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. **This will be the Judge Panel's first impression of the Contestants.**

The Contestant will have **15 seconds** to make this introduction. Over 15 seconds will be considered by the Judges in a tiebreaker situation.

Introductions should include, at a minimum, the following information:
Contestant's Name, Name of Fair, and Hometown

After all contestants are introduced, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned banquet table as noted on their Banquet Ticket. **Dinner begins at 6:45 pm.**

"Q-TIP" *We recommend that Queen Contestants practice walking in the outfit/shoes they will be wearing prior to coming to the Competition as there will be no rehearsal for this event. There will be steps up and down for the stage introduction.*

CONTESTANTS' PHOTOGRAPHY

Date: Thursday, January 20

Location: Cocoa Terrace - Cocoa Suite 1

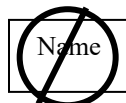
Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: Immediately following PSACF Banquet;
Contestants will be dismissed by announcement.

Attire: **Business Attire** from the Banquet
Contestant Number – we will ask contestants to remove the numbers for the actual photo
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

CONTESTANT GROUP PHOTO:

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A professional photographer, Tim McGowan Studio, will take the official Group Photo. Only the Contestants and Contest Committee will be permitted in the room during this time. Group Photos will be available for purchase (see *Commemorative Items Order Form in enclosed packet*).

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY:

The professional photographer will also be available after the Group Photo to take portraits of Contestants. He will have a backdrop set up near the Queen Program's Basket/Raffle Table that night as well as during the remainder of the convention. Contestants may invite their family members and/or friends for group portraits. Contestants are permitted to wear their fair crown for professional photos. All photo proofs will be available at the convention for viewing and optional purchase, as well as on the photographer's website after the event. *Purchase of any photography is strictly optional. All proceeds benefit the PA Fair Queen Program.*

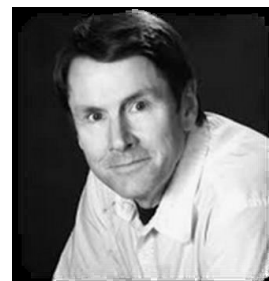
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CONTESTANT AUCTION ITEM DONATION:

Date: Thursday, January 20

Location: **Drop off at PA Fair Queen Program's Basket/Raffle Fundraising Table in the Great Lobby**

Attendees: Contestants

Time: Drop off between 12:00 Noon to 4 pm



Help us collect Restaurant Gift Cards!

We will be putting together two (2) **“Dining Out” Gift Card Packages** to raise money for the PA State Fair Queen Program. The gift cards will be auctioned off at the Saturday Coronation banquet!

Each contestant is to bring one \$25.00 chain restaurant gift card
to help create our auction prize packages.

Please donate a gift card to a restaurant chain that is available across Pennsylvania so that the auction winners will be able to use all the cards in their prize.

Examples: Applebee's, Chili's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Panera, Red Lobster, Ruby Tuesday's, TGI Friday's, Texas Roadhouse

NOTE: *The contestant's gift card is separate from any other raffle prize donations the Fair may choose to make to the PA Fair Queen Program's basket raffle table.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022**INTERVIEW:*****JUDGED EVENT***

- Date: Friday, January 21
- Location: Tower Suite #4
Tower Level, 1st floor above the Front Desk Lobby, near the Elevators
- Your Time: *See individual Schedule Summary in Supplemental Packet*
(maximum 6-minute interview)
(Report to Waiting Area – Tower Suite #1 at least 15 minutes before your Interview)
- You Bring: Commemorative Order Form and payment
- Attire: **Business Dress** appropriate for a job interview
(*suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.*)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See Page 3 for notes about face masks.Note: **NO** crowns!**NO** name badges!

Judging: *See Score Criteria in Supplemental Packet*
90 points

Our panel of judges will conduct a personal six (6) minute interview with each Contestant. **Only the Judges and the Contestant are permitted in the Interview room.** Coordinators/Fairs/Family may wait in the Registration Area (Tower Suite #1)

The Interview Schedule will be posted outside the Waiting Room and at the Convention Registration Desk (Chocolate Lobby).

Promptness is necessary and expected! Please be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by being quiet while in the vicinity of the Interview Room.

SEMINAR:

“Young Women’s Leadership Hour”

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: Friday, January 21

Location: Cocoa Terrace

Time: 11:00 am and 2:15 pm sessions
Contestant's Recommended Session:
See individual Schedule Summary in Supplemental Packet

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for job interview)
(Suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.)

Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



Presenter: Denise (Sustrik) Leigh, 1990 PA State Fair Queen.

This is Denise's 14th year in presenting this special session for our Contestants. Denise was born in rural Pennsylvania and raised on a dairy farm. Throughout her lifetime, she lived on various farms that contributed to the development of her strong work ethic and ability to sparkle through trying times. This is a story that she wants to share with you. She is passionate about educating and empowering young women to know themselves as they prepare for the world. This passion encouraged her to write a book entitled Born A Country Queen. Come for an hour of women empowerment! Participate in the discussion of our role in society, our significance, and our future. This seminar gets rave reviews from Contestants every year! So come be inspired by this country queen!

NOTE: *If recommended time does not fit with Contestant's schedule, she may attend the other session.*

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JUDGES' RECEPTION:

Date: Friday, January 21
Location: Confections Hall Level, Empire C & D
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Contestants Only**
2022 Judges
PA State Fair Queen Program Board of Directors and Appointees
Invited PSACF Directors and Sponsors

Time: 5:30 pm

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for job interview)
(Suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.)

Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

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Note: **NO crowns!**

This event is for the Contestants, Judges, and special invited guests only. The Reception is not a formal judged event; but it is an opportunity for the Judges to see the Contestants interacting in a social setting.

QUEEN CONTESTANTS' PIZZA PARTY:

Date: Friday, January 21
Location: Confection Hall – Wild Rose A & B
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Contestants Only**
2021 PA Fair Queen
PA State Fair Queen Program Contest Committee

Time: 7:00 pm

Attire: Contest T-Shirts
Everyday Casual/Comfortable, but still appropriate
(corduroys/slacks/jeans/sneakers/boots are permitted for this event; all other
Dress Code rules apply!)

Must wear Convention Name Badge



Note: NO crowns!
NO sash!

The judging is almost done! But for now, it's time to have fun, relax and get to know each other better! **2021 PA Fair Queen Addison Neff** will be hosting this party. This invitation is for Contestants only!

NOTE: The State Contest Committee will be chaperoning the entire event. Chaperones are to escort contestants to and from the event.

Contestants will get to spend time together in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy a buffet of pizza (including gluten-free), salad, chips and pretzels.

This Party is a great opportunity to be with all the other contestants one last time as a group to help make the "**Miss Congeniality**" voting decision on Saturday!

Miss Congeniality is defined as the Contestant who is the most inclined to . . .

- seek out others and enjoy their companionship,
- have a disposition that is sincere, friendly, pleasant, and maintains a great outlook
- naturally create a pleasant social atmosphere

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022**SPEECH COMPETITION:*****JUDGED EVENT***

Date: Saturday, January 22

Location: Tower Suite #1
(Tower Level, 1st Floor above the Front Desk Lobby, near the Elevators)

Attendees: Must have a Convention badge (\$40 if pre-registered by Dec. 15; otherwise \$60).
A Contestant may only watch any speech after her speech is given.

Time: *See individual Schedule Summary in Supplemental Packet* (maximum 5 minutes)
* Check-in at Tower Suite #3 at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time
All other attendees must have a Convention Badge. Be on location at least 15 minutes before a Contestant's scheduled time; sometimes speeches run slightly ahead of schedule!

Attire: **Business Dress** appropriate for a job interview
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See Page 3 for notes about face masks.



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

Judging: *See Scoring Criteria in Supplemental Packet*

80 points

There will be an official timekeeper.
Contestants will be given a 1-minute warning when 4 minutes have expired.
Contestants will be stopped if speech is still going after 5 minutes.
Over/under times will be considered by the Judges in a tiebreaker situation.

Each contestant will present a **3-5 minute speech** to our panel of judges on the topic “**Why You Should Come To My Fair**”. It is to be presented as a **persuasive speech** appropriate for an audience of adults.

Props that enhance this speech for this audience are permitted but not required. **Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not on “entertainment”.** Review the judging criteria carefully when planning this presentation.

Laptops/Powerpoint or Props that require extensive setup are not permitted. Contestants must be ready to go with any props when they enter the room. Helpers may assist to carry in any props. An easel and a podium will be available in the room for Contestants' optional use. There is **no** microphone.

Promptness is necessary and expected! Entering and exiting the speech room is only permitted between Speeches. Cell phones must be Muted or Off. Be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by waiting in the designated area and being quiet outside the Speech Room.

QUEEN CONTESTANT ACTIVITIES:

Date: Friday, January 21 & Saturday, January 22

Location: **BASKETS** - Queen Program's Basket Raffle Table
(Table in the Great Lobby outside the Great American Hall Trade Show)
or
TRADE SHOW – Greeters/Communication Competition Displays Assistants
(Trade Show Room – Great American Hall)

Time: Contestant's Shift:
See individual Schedule Summary in Supplemental Packet

Attire: **Business Dress** appropriate for a job interview
(*suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.*)
Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

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Part of every Fair Queen's role is to promote Fairs and the Queen Program. To that end we are assigning all Contestants to help with one of the following activities:

1. BASKET RAFFLE

This has proven to be a very popular Fundraiser at Convention! All proceeds will promote the PA State Fair Queen Program that has benefited so many young ladies across our state over the past **35 years**. Having the Queen Contestants assist at the fundraising table is a big part of the fundraiser's success. Marketing is important, and our Tables gain more attention when there are Contestants visibly present. (Contacts: John Berne, PA Fair Queen Program Chairman and Judy Kmetz,, Fundraising Committee)

2. TRADE SHOW/COMMUNICATION COMPETITION DISPLAYS

We will also be assigning Contestants to be present at the entrance to the Trade Show and Communication Competition Display Area to greet convention delegates and assist where needed.

(Contacts: Martha Ebersole)

So come out and help to "meet-and-greet" and thank those who stop by to patronize our fundraiser and the exhibits.

NOTE: If the recommended time does not fit with Contestant's schedule, she should make arrangements with another Contestant to trade shifts.



YOUTH DAY SEMINAR:

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: Saturday, January 22

Location: Cocoa 4 & 5

Time: 9:00 am and 10:30 am (Seminars); 1:00 pm Game

Attire: **Business Dress** appropriate for a job interview
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.)

Must wear Convention Name Badge

Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

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*“There will literally be no one else left to join your organization within the next decade if you don’t start bringing millennials on board now. **It’s time to get moving.**”*

www.site-seeker.com/increase-millennial-membership-associations/

The first “Youth Day” will be held during the 2022 Convention. Officers from the PA State FFA will be presenting two topics. Queen contestants, and anyone else under the age of 30 who has a Convention badge, are invited to attend! Then after a break (lunch on your own) attendees will square off into teams to compete in the Fair Convention version of “Family Feud”. Youth Day is a great opportunity to meet and network with other youth and young adults from PA fairs, while also learning leadership skills and having fun.

1. PROFESSIONALISM 101

Teaching the general soft skills of employment by introducing the steps to appear professional to employers, supporters, and more.

This workshop will be for those looking to enhance the way they appear not only to the workforce world but in everyday appearances.

2. COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Introductory course for individuals to grow their communicating abilities. Communication is key not only in face-to-face meetings but also virtual meetings. We will cover general etiquette for both.

NOTE: Contestants are encouraged to attend as long as it doesn’t interfere with their Speech competition schedule.

CORONATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL & CONTESTANT PHOTOS

Date: Saturday, January 22

Location: Great American Hall

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: 4:15 pm - line up in Contestant Number order in the Great Hall
4:30 pm Rehearsal starts promptly

You Bring: Completed "**Miss Congeniality**" Voting Form
Coronation Ticket for your assigned table

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

This is a closed rehearsal session. We will be doing

- individual portraits with each contestant and the 2021 Fair Queen,
- practicing for the Coronation crowning ceremony that will take place immediately 6:00 pm Coronation Banquet (including the entrances, stage positioning and procedures for the "top 5" final question and the Queen crowning), and

Following the Rehearsal, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned Tables.
(*Table assignment is written on your Banquet ticket included in your Convention packet*).

Doors will then be opened **at 5:30 pm** for seating of all other paid Coronation Ticket holders (Family, Fairs, and other guests).

CORONATION BANQUET:

Date: Saturday, January 22

Location: Great American Hall

Time: 6:00 pm (doors open to paid ticket holders at 5:30 pm)

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Afterwards all Contestants will be excused from the Great American Hall to the Great Hall to line up (approximately 7:15 pm)

Contestants will then be introduced by the Emcee and will walk to the stage. All Contestants will remain onstage for the entire ceremony. Chairs will be provided.

Miss Congeniality will be announced and presented with her gift.

The top five (5) contestants will be announced. Those finalists will then be taken to a sound proof area, and brought out one at a time to answer the same Final Question. All finalists will then remain on stage with the entire group of contestants while the 2021 PA Fair Queen gives her farewell speech and the Judges make their final decision.

We will then announce the **2022 PA Fair Queen's Alternate** followed by the new **2022 PA Fair Queen**. Both winners will receive a new sash and a crown.

The outgoing 2021 PA Fair Queen, the incoming 2022 PA Fair Queen, the 2022 Alternate, the three 2022 finalists, and 2022 Miss Congeniality must remain on stage after the crowning for photos. The Queen Program's Official Photo session will take place first, and then an open photo session made available for friends, family and Fairs as time permits.

The new Queen will attend a debriefing meeting afterwards with her family, fair coordinator and the Queen Program's Events Coordinator to review the remainder of her obligations during the Convention as well as her scheduled appearances and obligations for 2022.

HAIR STYLING APPOINTMENTS:

NOTE: There is **NO** hair styling appointments this contest year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Question: Can a person purchase only a Coronation Banquet Ticket for Saturday night?

Answer: Yes, but that means the person will not be able to attend any Convention seminars, table topics, Trade Show and/or Queen speeches unless they pay for a Convention Badge (\$40; after Dec 15, \$60). Coronation Banquet tickets are **\$45** per person and must be pre-ordered and pre-paid.

Question: Are Coronation Banquet Tickets available on the day of the event?

Answer: We have to give the hotel a meal count. You need to pre-order and pre-pay through PSACF.

Question: Are banquet fees refundable?

Answer: No. If someone has to cancel, consider giving/selling their banquet ticket to another guest of your choice.

Question: Will the contest be able to be held as scheduled given COVID concerns?

Answer: Currently Hershey Lodge has no capacity restrictions. Unfortunately we do not know what will happen in the post-Christmas COVID surge. If the contest cannot be held as originally scheduled, the PA Fair Queen Program will look at alternate dates and venue options.

SUMMARY:

The PA Fair Queen Program's mission is to provide educational opportunities for young women in Pennsylvania through our scholarship program for the selected Queen and Alternate, and to also provide a representative who can promote greater public understanding, awareness and interest in Pennsylvania's top industries – agriculture and tourism.

The State Competition allows us to select that representative from a group of young women who are already “winners” from their own Fairs. We have seen those who serve as Fair Queens become confident and well-rounded individuals, gaining many life skills and knowledge that guide them throughout their education and careers.

We are very excited to host our contest during the 109th Annual Convention of the PA State Association of County Fairs and PA State Showmen's Association! This is a wonderful opportunity for you, and we hope you will take full advantage of every moment of this occasion.

This experience will make memories that last a lifetime!



TOP L-R: 2020 PA Fair Queen Grace VanSciver, Mifflin County Youth Fair; **2021 PA Fair Queen Addison Neff, Elizabethtown Fair;** 2021 Alternate Fair Queen Abigail Knapp, Somerset County Fair

RIGHT Top to Bottom: Finalists: Bryndil Kemler, Bloomsburg Fair; Sarah Swope, Clearfield County Fair; and Emma Barr, McKean County Fair.