



2024
Crawford County Fair
Queen Contest

Thank you for your interest in being crowned the 79th 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 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 76 fairs and counting!

Please review this packet of information carefully and return the following by August 2, 2024:

1. Completed application,
2. Responses to the questions on the Information Sheet (included in this packet),
3. Signed Responsibilities form (participant and parent/guardian),
4. Completed 300-word essay,
5. A letter of support from an advisor of a 4H, church group or another club/group you belong to,
6. \$150 sponsor fees from local sponsors/supporters (Checks to the Crawford County Fair Association),
7. Signed Medical Permission form and Photo Permission Request form, and
8. Signed Crawford County Fair Responsibilities of the Fair Queen form.

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.

The following items are due at a mandatory orientation/general information meeting for parents/guardian and contestants on **Saturday evening, August 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM:**

Framed collection of 5x7 and 8x10 pictures of the candidate, not more than five pictures, for display in Home Show Building 1.

This meeting will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Home Show Building 1. We will also have a question/answer session at this meeting.

Be prepared to have your picture taken (dress business casual, photo from the waist up) during the orientation meeting on August 10, 2024. Your pictures will be displayed during fair week. And remember, you must enter something (entry or exhibit) in the Crawford County Fair this year! (Due date for entry is August 9, 2024 (non-animal)).

Judging of contestants will take place on **Saturday, August 17, 2024**, at 9 a.m. and the official crowning will take place on **Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in the Youth Show Arena.**

This year's state fair theme is ***“Flourishing with Opportunities, Rooted in Agriculture”***

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 2, 2024, to:

FAIR QUEEN COMMITTEE
903 Diamond Park
Meadville, PA 16335

or ccfair@co.crawford.pa.us



2024 Crawford County Fair Queen Contestant Application

Due August 2, 2024

***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 Queen Contestant Application by **Friday, August 2, 2024.**

Today's date: _____

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ County: _____

Parent/guardian Names: _____

Home phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 1, 2024: _____

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

Essay Topic: ***“What does the State Fair Theme mean to you?” (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 not include the title. Essays are judged on content, grammar, and spelling.*

Contest Judging will include:

A 3-minute speech presentation on ***“Why should you attend the Crawford County Fair”***

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



Crawford County Fair Queen Contest

DUE AT ORIENTATION MEETING AUGUST 10, 2024

Medical Permission Form & Photograph Permission Request

Please use ink and answer all questions.

Contestant Name _____

Address _____ Age _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Phone number of parent/guardian _____

Emergency contact name if above cannot be reached _____

Phone number of this person _____ Relationship _____

Please list any allergies _____

Please list any medical conditions we should be made aware of (bee stings, asthma etc.) This information is held in confidence. _____

In the event of an emergency, if the parents/guardian cannot be contacted immediately, I give my permission to have my child taken to the doctor and/or hospital for medical attention. I understand that I will assume responsibility and expenses in such a case. I will not hold the Crawford County Fair or the contest coordinators responsible in the event of an emergency.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Contestants Physician _____ 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 _____ Date _____

Crawford County Fair
Fair Queen Information Sheet
DUE AUGUST 10, 2024

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?



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/parent's 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 wherever 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 must have permission to be at another fair in your crown and sash. You must be invited. Please do not 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 last a lifetime! Together let's make them the best ones possible!

Parent acknowledgment and agreement _____ Date _____

Contestant's acknowledgement and agreement _____ Date _____

DUE AUGUST 10, 2024



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 (Erie, Warren Venango, Mercer).
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" -s ee 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. Attend fundraisers, publicity events, and all scheduled practices.
12. Volunteer at the Fair during Fair week.



Crawford County Fair Queen Contest 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.).
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.



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.

****The Crawford County Fair Queen is subject to these as well.***

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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 must 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 Queen Contest Sponsorship Form

DUE AUGUST 10, 2024

I _____, am competing for the title of Crawford County Fair Queen.

I am asking for your support by sponsoring me for this event. Ads will be posted on the Fair's website and announced at the Fair.

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 \$150 in sponsors/donations. If this is an issue, please let us know.

Make checks payable to *Crawford County Fair Association*

Thank you for your support!