

4-H EQUINE ROYALTY RULES 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Equine Royalty applicants must be taking an equine to fair.
2. No late applications will be accepted and there are no makeup dates for the showmanship, Skillathon, interview, and essay portions of the event.
3. All applicants must use their project horse for showmanship, unless a change is approved by the Equine Royalty Committee prior to the show.
4. The equine showmanship portion of the contest will be held at the fairgrounds during Horse Palooza.
5. The interview will be held at the fairgrounds during and after Skillathon.
6. The essay topic will be announced and the essay will be written during and after Skillathon.
7. Ties will be broken by: A. Most divisions won; B. Skillathon score.
8. Appropriate attire is required for the interview and crowning and should reflect the applicant's age.
9. A division winner is ineligible to apply for the same division which he or she previously held. There will be one first attendant in each division.
10. No fundraising efforts should be made and no monetary donations should be accepted. Donations should be directed to the Ashtabula County Saddle Horse Committee Boosters. All youth are highly encouraged to volunteer their time at events.
11. The winners will be announced at the Flag Ceremony.
12. All participants must assist with the decoration of the Equine Royalty float for the Fair Parade.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a member of the 4-H Equine Program of Ashtabula County, must be in good standing with their club, and must not violate the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct.
2. Must be taking an equine project during the current year and must attend fair with their equine project.
3. Seniors are between the ages of 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Juniors are between the ages of the 10-13 as of January 1 of the current year.
5. Applicant may only hold one title, either Equine Royalty or Fair Royalty, due to the commitments and obligations during the year being similar.

JUDGING CRITERIA- each section is worth 20% of the final score.

1. Application: Must be completed by the candidate alone, and will be graded on completion, neatness, and thoroughness. Due at the Extension Office by June 17.
2. Showmanship: Class to be held June 30.
3. Skillathon: Contestant's equine Skillathon score. Skillathon is July 13.
4. Interview: Interviews will be conducted during and after Skillathon on July 13.
5. Essay: The essay topic will be provided when the applicant arrives for the interview and essay portion of the contest on July 13.

AWARDS

1. The winner in each division will receive a tiara or belt buckle, a sash, and a stall in the Middle Barn. The first attendant in each division will receive a sash and a stall in the Middle Barn. The stall will be provided to large equines for Fair the following year.
2. The senior winner will receive \$150.00, senior first attendant will receive \$75.00, junior winner will receive \$100.00, and junior first attendant will receive \$50.00. The cash award will be presented at the following year's Flag Ceremony, upon fulfillment of the Equine Royalty obligations.
3. All participants will receive an Equine Royalty t-shirt and a completion ribbon.
4. Equine Royalty divisions can only be won once.

OBLIGATIONS OF WINNERS AND FIRST ATTENDANTS

1. Represent the 4-H Horse program in a positive manner throughout their reign through appropriate dress and conduct in person and on social media. Use of appropriate language and awareness of how you speak to others is expected, as you are representing the Equine Committee. Clothing is to be neat and clean, with nothing too tight fitting, too short in length (including shorts, dresses, or skirts), too revealing, or that shows too much skin (no midriff, low cut cleavage, etc.). Boots and jeans are acceptable.
2. Assist at the Equine Awards Ceremony as needed.
3. Assist throughout the week of Fair as ring steward, handing out ribbons at the draft horse shows, and as requested by the Equine Committee. Crown and sash should be worn at all times while attending Fair, except while showing your animal or preparing your animal to show.
4. Attend 50% of the following events/activities. The senior winner is responsible for coordinating, organizing, and keeping attendance for these activities:
 1. Set up a display for 4-H week.
 2. Attend the Discover 4-H event and assist as needed.
 3. Participate in the 4-H Week Proclamation with the County Commissioners.
 4. Attend the County Awards Reception and assist as requested.
 5. Complete a group community service project.
 6. Work at the County PAS show.
 7. Attend the 4-H Foundation Pig Roast and assist as requested.
 8. Assist with the set up and tear down of the Saddle Horse Boosters Committee Boosters Reverse Raffle.
 9. Enter a float for the Austinburg Country Days Parade.
 10. Enter a float for the Covered Bridge Parade.
 11. Enter a float for the Grape Jamboree Parade.
 12. Enter a float for the Jefferson Christmas Parade.
5. Failure to fulfill the obligations or inappropriate conduct will be reviewed by the Equine Committee, which will determine if the infraction is severe enough to warrant removal from the position. Winners who are removed will be replaced by the first attendant. The first attendant will not be replaced. Equine Royalty members who have lost their position will be prohibited from participating at Equine Royalty events, including the following year's crowning.

ASHTABULA COUNTY EQUINE ROYALTY APPLICATION 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: (as of Jan. 1st) _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Guardian Name(s): _____

Equine 4-H Club Represented: _____

Name of Project Horse: _____

Current Year's Project Number and Title: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): YOUTH M YOUTH L YOUTH XL
 ADULT S ADULT M ADULT L ADULT XL

Additional shirts may be ordered, \$15/each. List sizes and include payment. (Checks made out to Ashtabula County Saddle Horse Boosters). _____

Additional Required Information:

1. List all 4-H accomplishments. Attach to application.
2. List community service and other accomplishments. Attach to application.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the list of obligations and understand that those requirements demand a significant time commitment from my parent/guardian and me. All applicants must assist with the decoration of the Equine Royalty float for the Fair Parade.

Signature of Applicant: _____

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the list of obligations and understand that those requirements demand a significant time commitment from my child and my family.

Signature of Applicant's Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant's Head Advisor: _____

APPLICATION DUE: June 17th at the Extension office.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.