

**APPLICATIONS DUE:** JULY 1 to the OSU Extension Office at 39 Wall Street, Jefferson OH 44047

**NOTE:** If July 1 falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted the following business day by 4:30 p.m. Late applications will be marked as such. Be sure to review the expectations and rules prior to submitting the application.

## **Ashtabula County Junior Fair Royal Court Contest Rules**

### **General Information**

1. The Royal Court is made up of a Junior Fair King, Queen, Prince and Princess.
2. Entry forms can be picked up from the Ohio State University Extension office prior to the application deadline. These forms are to be completed and returned to the OSU Extension office by July 1st.
3. Contestants will be interviewed at a scheduled time during a designated night in July at the OSU Extension Office at 39 Wall Street in Jefferson (see application).
4. The royal court will be crowned on the evening of the fair opening ceremonies.
5. This will take place at the fairground grandstands during the Youth Parade.
6. **Professional attire should be worn for the Royal Court interviews. (All candidates will have their picture taken this night.) For the opening fair ceremony, queen and princess contestants should wear a formal gown and king and prince contestants should wear a suit (note: tuxedos are not necessary). If you are chosen, you will be expected to be at the fair & your duties will include giving out ribbons, awards, etc. at various shows throughout the week and appropriate attire should be worn to these events.**

### **Eligibility**

1. Each contestant must be a member of a specified Ashtabula County youth organization; 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FHA, Farm Bureau Youth, or Grange Youth.
2. Each contestant must be a resident of Ohio.
3. King and Queen Contestants must be between the ages of 15-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current fair year. Prince and princess contestants must be between the ages of 12-14 years of age as of January 1 of the current fair year.
4. Each contestant may not be married, nor have been married, or have had a child.
5. If between the ages of 16-19, the Junior Fair Queen must enter the Ohio County and Independent Queen Contest at the Ohio Fair Managers Conference the following year after being crowned.

### **Judging Criteria**

Applicants reporting for interviews must show up at their appointed time. They will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Activities (non-fair related): participation, leadership, initiative, and achievements
2. Posture & Poise
3. Grooming & Dress
4. Self-Presentation & Personality
5. Responsiveness to Questions
6. Representation of the Fair (fair activities, knowledge of fair, attitude towards fair)

### **Awards**

The Queen will be presented a plaque, crown/tiara, cash award, sash and flowers.

The King will receive a plaque, cash award and sash.

The First Attendant and Princess will be presented with a cash award, tiara and sash.

The Prince will receive a cash award and sash.

\*Following the crowning, an informational meeting will be held for parents and youth.

# Ashtabula County Jr. Fair Royal Court Contestant Application

**Interviews:** MONDAY, July 18, 2022 It is the applicant's responsibility to respond to the appropriate link to schedule an interview time by July 1.

- Please [click here](#) to schedule an interview for Prince/Princess or King/Queen. Time slots are available on a first-come-first-served basis only July 18 from 5:20-7:30p.m. Interview Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early to check in downstairs at the OSU Extension Office.
- Bring your TYPED narration card with you.

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ King (Age 15-21) \_\_\_\_\_ Queen (Age 15-21) \_\_\_\_\_ Prince (Age 12-14) \_\_\_\_\_ Princess (Age 12-14)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Age: (As of Jan.1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter/Troop You Represent: \_\_\_\_\_

School/College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans/Career Ambition: \_\_\_\_\_

List participation in School Activities, Honors, Clubs, Etc.:

List involvement in Community Service Activities:

List the areas of the Fair in which you have been involved:

How would you be a positive role model for the youth of Ashtabula County?

Describe how your experience with your Jr. Fair Youth Organization (4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) has contributed to your personal development, leadership skills, and/or career plans.

Why would you like to be a member of the Ashtabula County Junior Fair Royal Court.

What is your plan for promoting the Ashtabula County Fair and the Junior Fair organizations you represent (4-H, FFA, Grange, etc.) during the following year. For example, your plan could include parades, presentations, service clubs, visits to area schools, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

In the event I am selected as a member of the Ashtabula County Junior Fair Royal Court, I accept the responsibility of representing the Ashtabula County Junior Fair. This includes attending as many fair related and community events as possible (i.e. – Fair Week Shows, Grape Jamboree, AG Day, Covered Bridge Festival, Red Kettle).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Note: Prince & Princess Candidates will ride a float provided by Royal Court Committee

King & Queen Candidates ONLY:

Can you provide transportation (i.e. Convertible, wagon or tractor) for the fair parade?     Yes     No  
(Note: This has no bearing on the selection process.)

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(for King & Queen candidates - Please list your car driver's name for the parade.)  
Parade line-up information will be sent in July.

## Royal Court Expectations:

### Rules/Expectations

- Members of the Royal Court are expected to be positive role models to the community as representing our county wearing the crown and sash.
- Cash awards will be presented to the court following year at the conclusion of the parade and crowning of the new court (The cash award is to be used however you want, non-court related).
  - In order to receive the full cash award, each court member must attend 75% (or 13 out of 17 events) of the events listed within the **Mandatory**, and **County Events** below.
  - **Optional** Events seen below will be bonus events. (*Example: If you only make 12 out of the 17 Mandatory/County Events but attended one different county fair then you will still meet the 75% attendance rate.*)
  - If you know you will be unable to make an event please inform us in advance. We understand everyone is busy and can't make all the events.
  - The cash award will be all or nothing in regards to meeting the attendance requirement.

### Mandatory

- Ashtabula County Fair
  - Hand out ribbons during fair week and be visible to the public.
  - Be in pictures with champions during the market animal sale on Saturday of the Fair
  - Following year fair – hand out ribbons on Tuesday and attend parade for new crowning
- **Queen Only** – Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest in Columbus – January (if the Queen cannot attend then the 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant is expected to attend in the Queen's place)

### County Events (At least one court member preferably two is required in attendance)

- 4-H Activities Throughout the County:
  - 4-H Foundation Pig Roast (September)
  - 4-H Week Declaration (March)
  - 4-H Carnival (March)
  - Ag Day (May)
  - Style Review (July – Evening following Project Judging)
  - Carcass Show (July)
- Local Festivals within our County
  - Austinburg Country Days (August)
  - Geneva Grape Jamboree (September)
  - Covered Bridge Festival (October)
  - Geneva Winterfest (February)
- Red Kettle Bell Ringing/Salvation Army (Last Saturday before Christmas at Giant Eagle in Saybrook or other locations)
- Super Saturday make and sell food/baked goods in the Expo Building to raise money for the court
- Make a booth for fair in the Expo Building
- Other fund raisers (such as spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, or bake sale)

### Activities that the Court Has Done and Would Like to Continue

- Facebook Page (Queen runs the page)
- Reception following the parade and new crowning at fair for visiting royalty (Queen Organizes and must invite the visiting royalty)

### Optional

- Other County Fairs (Trumbull, Geauga, Lake, Portage, Summit, Canfield Fair, etc....)
- Christmas Parades
- Geauga County Maple Festival (April)
- Memorial Day Parades
- Ohio State Fair

- Pymatuning Lake Festival
- Your local town parade
- Relay 4 Life
- Other youth, school events
- Fair Board Events
- Ag Related Events (Safety Day)
- Beef and Dairy Banquets
- Car Shows
- Other Community Events (events do not have to be fair or 4-H related)

#### Appropriate Attire

- Crown and sash
- Nice jeans, pants, shorts or skirts/sundresses and button down shirts, polo shirts or blouses. Refrain from wearing t-shirts.
- Festivals usually require formal attire
- Inappropriate tattoos must be covered up
- Piercings other than earrings, should be removed when representing the Court. If nose ring, a stud can be worn (no ring).
- You are always representing our County and should be presentable and respectful.
  - Please be mindful not to wear dresses or shorts that are too short or have holes/rips/tears, and don't show too much skin or cleavage.
- There shall be no PDA while wearing the crown and sash.

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