

4-H -EQUINE ROYALTY RULES AND GUIDELINES 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Equine Royalty applicants must be taking an equine to fair.
2. The Equine Showmanship portion of the contest will be held at the fairgrounds during Horse Palooza.
3. All applicants must use their project horse, unless approved by the Equine Royalty Committee.
4. The interview will be held at the fairgrounds after Skillathon.
5. The essay topic will be announced and the essay will be written after Skillathon.
6. **NO MAKE UP DATE.**
7. Appropriate attire is required for interview and crowning. This should be age appropriate.
8. An applicant who has previously won a division is ineligible to apply for the same position which he or she previously held. There will be one runner up in each division.
9. The winner and runner up from each division are expected to represent the Equine Royalty Program at the Fair, Covered Bridge Festival, and the Jefferson Christmas Parade, and are encouraged to seek out and participate in other events throughout the year to represent the Equine Royalty Program.
10. No fundraising should be done, but all youth are highly encouraged to volunteer their time at events.
11. No individual Equine Royalty should accept monetary donations. Donations should be directed to the Equine Committee.
12. The winner and runner up from each division are expected to help at the Equine Awards Ceremony as needed.
13. The winners will be announced at the Flag Ceremony.
14. Ties will be broken by: A. Most divisions won; B. Skillathon score.
15. No late applications will be accepted.
16. A list of other opportunities for the winners to attend (i.e.: 4-H Carnival, 4-H week at the schools, 4-H fall festival, etc.) will be handed out at Fair.
17. The winner and runner-up are expected to assist throughout the week of Fair as ring steward, with handing out ribbons at the draft horse shows, and with other areas that need assistance, except when working with their project. The crown and sash should be worn at all times while attending Fair, except while showing their animal or preparing their animal to show.
18. Equine Royalty winners and runner ups should 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 (i.e., no midriff, low cut cleavage, etc.). Boots and jeans are acceptable.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a member of the 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 Queen/King, due to the commitments and obligations during the year being the same.

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 15.
2. Showmanship: Class to be held on June 26.
3. Skillathon: Contestant's Equine Skillathon score. Skillathon is July 16.
4. Interview. Interviews will be held after Skillathon on July 16.
5. Essay: The essay topic will be provided when the applicant arrives for the interview and essay portion of the contest on July 16.

AWARDS

1. The winner in each division will receive a tiara or belt buckle, a sash, and a stall in the Middle Barn. The runner up 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. All of the participants will receive an Equine Royalty t-shirt and a completion ribbon.
3. The senior winner will receive \$150.00.
4. The Equine Royalty senior division can only be won once by a senior. If the winner loses the title during their reign for any reason, the money award goes to the runner up.

ASHTABULA COUNTY EQUINE ROYALTY APPLICATION 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Parent Name(s): _____

Equine 4-H Club Represented: _____

Name of Project Horse: _____

Current Year's Project Number and Title: _____

Additional Required Information:

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

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). _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant's Parent: _____

Signature of Applicant's Head Advisor: _____

APPLICATION DUE: June 15th at the Extension office.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.