

APPLICATIONS DUE: JULY 1 by 11:59 p.m.

NOTE: If July 1 falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted the following business day. 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 are due 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.
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. * Note: Prince & Princess Candidates will ride a float provided by Royal Court Committee. King & Queen candidates should arrange transportation (i.e. - wagon, tractor, convertible) for the 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 16-18, 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.

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 1st 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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ROYAL COURT NARRATION CARD

Must be TYPED and returned with Application

Our Next Candidate for _____ **is** _____ **of the**
(King/Queen/Prince/Princess) (First & Last Name)

_____ **is the**
(Club/Chapter) (First Name)

son/daughter of _____ **&** _____ **of**
(Parent/Guardian First & Last Names)

_____, **Ohio. He/She/They has been a member for** _____ **years and**
(Town) (#)

participates in _____ **projects.**
(Junior Fair Project Work)

_____ **is in** _____ **grade at** _____ **and is**
(First Name) (#) (School)

also active in