

The purpose of the West End Fair Junior Miss Program is to promote the education of young women through a scholarship program that encourages; the promotion of the West End Fair, its history, the impact of the fair in the community, and the ongoing education of the public on the agricultural industry and its importance.

***FAIR DATES: Sunday, August 17- Saturday,
August 22, 2025***

All entries must be entered by August 2, 2025 (No Exceptions)

Personal Interview Date :August 9, 2025

***Please email COMPLETED Application form, Consent form, and
Essay to***

westendfairqueen@gmail.com

Or mail to:

West End Fair

Attn: Fair Queen Committee

PO Box 115

Gilbert, Pa 18331

CONTEST RULES

Each Junior Miss contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 14, but no older than 15 years of age as of ***June 1st*** of the year entering the local contest.
3. Have not been a former West End Fair Junior Miss Queen winner.
4. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
5. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter competition.
6. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
7. Act in accordance with the West End Fair Junior Miss “Behavior Policy” - see below
8. Meet all time commitments, Junior Miss obligations and “Dress Code” as set forth by the West End Fair—see below

WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS DRESS CODE

Wearing of the Junior Miss 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 the West End Fair. While fashion styles may change, good taste does not! Therefore, the following responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Junior Miss / Runner-Up is wearing her crown and/or sash:

Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.) No torn or ripped jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops. NO cowboy/western style boots, thigh-high or over-the-knee boots, muck boots, work boots. Shoe boots, with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height. Alterations may be made to this rule only if: severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and The West End Fair Junior Miss Coordinator has approved the alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas for safety reasons. **No visible piercings** (other than earrings) or tattoos. **No outfit that shows cleavage**, tight fitting, or flaunting in nature. Dresses/skirts must be **no shorter than the top of the kneecap to the**

bottom of the dress/skirt hem. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Junior Miss Program.

WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS BEHAVIOR POLICY

The West End Fair Junior Miss Contest's Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Junior Miss, Runner Up, or Contestants may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Junior Miss Committee 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 Junior Miss Competitions:

1. Any infraction of the Junior Miss Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown/sash and/or representing the Junior Miss 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, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, and Tik Tok, etc).
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Junior Miss Contest, its winners and contestants, Directors and Committee members, and the West End Fair Junior Miss Program, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet and social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. All appearances must be approved by West End Fair Junior Miss Committee and she must be accompanied by a West End Fair authorized representative.

8. Failure to participate in required events.

DUTIES OF THE WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS

The winner will reign for **one year**.

1. She must be available to attend various functions during the 2025 West End Fair deemed necessary by the West End Fair Junior Miss committee.
2. She must attend and participate in other civic/agricultural activities and functions throughout her reign as deemed necessary by the West End Fair Junior Miss committee.
3. She must attend the crowning of the 2026 West End Fair Junior Miss.

SCHOLARSHIPS and THANK YOU GIFTS

West End Fair Junior Miss

- At the Opening Ceremony, the Junior Miss will receive a crown, sash, and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her reign and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the Junior Miss will receive a \$100 check scholarship.

West End Fair Junior Miss Runner Up

- At the Opening Ceremony, the runner up will receive a crown, sash and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her term and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the runner up will receive a \$50 Check Scholarship.

All other contestants

- At the Opening Ceremony, will receive a thank you gift bag.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE- Dress attire should be as if you're going to a job interview

1. There is **NO ENTRY FEE**.

2. **All contestants must submit a typed essay (200 – 250 words) on “What the West End Fair Means to the Community”.** This essay **MUST** accompany the application form and will be considered part of the judging criteria. Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar and Spelling. **(30 points)**

3. **Professional/Introduction**—this segment is conducted in front of the judging panel. Each contestant makes a personal introduction to the audience, similar to that which a Junior Miss would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. The contestant has approximately 15 seconds to make this introduction. Judging criteria will include content, stage presence and appearance. **(20 points)**

4. **Personal Interview**—each contestant will have a private 10-minute interview with the judging panel utilizing bio-graphical information and other questions pertaining to the fair and agricultural industry. Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise/presence, interview conduct, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry. **(20 points)**

5. **Speech Presentation**—each contestant will present a speech to the judging panel on the topic **“Why Agriculture is important in Pennsylvania”.** The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and will be timed. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Contestants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, not “entertainment”. Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations **are not permitted**. Contestants will be judged on their speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveys the importance of The West End Fair/PA fairs, public speaking ability, and poise/ presence. **(30 points) Please Submit a copy of this speech as well.**

DISCLAIMER

- It is the responsibility of the contestant to provide the committee with at least **two** current telephone numbers and an email address. A prompt response is required **within 24 hours**.
- During fair week, **all contestants** are expected to participate in the fair's week events and to help sell Fair Queen Program 50/50 tickets. *(at least 2 days for all contestants that do not place) Failure to do so will impact running for the following year*
- **All contestants**, Junior Miss, Runner Up will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussions.
- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the fair Junior Miss committee may change the dates and times as noted above.
- In the event, the West End Fair Junior Miss cannot fulfill her duties; the Runner Up will become the West End Fair Junior Miss.
- Junior Miss, Runner Up must be an active participant in required number of the events listed to receive scholarship.
- Mode of transportation for scheduled events will be determined by the fair queen committee with input from participants. Factors such as insurance will be considered when finalizing all decisions. In other words, the **fair queen committee will make the final determination**.
- It is the responsibility of the Junior Miss committee to remain in contact with the contestants to relay any changes in locations and times.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** accounts cannot be created without authorization using the West End Fair's name and/or logo. The queen and her court may send pictures or ideas to the coordinator for review before posts are made.

The Jr. Miss West End Fair Queen committee does not have to provide or disclose any scoring information as directed by the Pa state fair queen program.

Name		
<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Age as of 6/1/25</u>	<u>Birth date</u>
<u>Town, Zip code</u>	<u>Email</u>	
<u>Telephone number</u>	<u>Alternate telephone number</u>	
<u>Name of parent(s)/Guardian</u>		
<u>School/College attending</u>	<u>Current grade or education level</u>	
<u>Please indicate your plans for the future, such as college or trade school. What you want to be when you get older.</u>		
<u>Why have you chosen these plans?</u>		
<u>Please list any honors, rewards or recognition (within last 3 years) and when you have received them.</u>		
<u>Current Community Service Project(s)</u>		

Name
<u>Current School Activities</u>
<u>Current Club Affiliations</u>
<u>Hobbies/Interests</u>

Please use an additional page if necessary.

By signing below, I certify that the above information and that on any attachments is accurate/truthful.

Contestant's Signature and Date _____

Jr. Fair Queen Consent Form

Parental Permission to Participate

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____ hereby give my permission for my daughter to try out for the 2025 Jr. West End Fair Queen. If my daughter is selected as the 2025 Jr. West End Fair Queen/Princess, I understand the role and responsibility that my daughter will need to perform as well as the required appearances. I also understand that parental involvement will be required until my daughter turns 18, and is selected as the Jr. Fair Queen/Princess. I have also reviewed the competition rules with my daughter and understand that failure to follow criteria will result in immediate removal as the Jr. West End Fair Queen/Princess and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash, and the check scholarship.

In addition,

- I will allow photographs to be taken of my daughter that have the potential to be used in West End Fair exhibits, published in local newspapers & TV, and in West End Fair publications, or published on West End Fair Websites or other digital/social media.
- I will not allow photographs of my daughter to be taken for use by the West End Fair.

Signature and date of Parent/Guardian _____

Agreement by Contestant to Participate

I, _____ have reviewed the necessary criteria with my parents/guardian and agree to follow the criteria during the pageant activities. If selected as the 2025 Jr. West End Fair Queen/Princess, I will also follow the criteria during the required appearances. I understand that failure to follow competition rules will result in immediate removal as the Jr. West End Fair Queen/Princess and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash, and check scholarship.

Signature and date of Contestant _____

Please make sure to have completed all the steps and paperwork when submitting the application.

1. COMPLETED Application Form
2. COMPLETED consent form
3. COMPLETED ESSAY— all contestants must submit a typed essay (300 words or less) on “What the West End Fair Means to My Community”. This essay is part of the judging criteria. Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar and Spelling.
4. Provide a photo for social media usage and local news with a short Bio.