

## COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. There is NO ENTRY FEE.
2. All contestants must submit a typed essay (300 words or less) on *“What the West End Fair Means to My 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. The following phases of competition will be held in August:
  - **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 Fair Queen 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. (10 points)*
  - **Personal Interview**—each contestant will have a private 10-minute interview with the judging panel utilizing biographical 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. (30 points)*
  - **Speech Presentation**—each contestant will present a speech to the judging panel on the topic *“Why You Should Come to the West End Fair”*. The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and will be timed. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Props that enhance this speech are permitted but not required. 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, conveying the importance of West End Fair/PA fairs, public speaking ability, and poise/presence. (30 points)*

## DISCLAIMER

- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the fair queen committee may change the dates and times as noted above.
- 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.
- It is the responsibility of the fair queen committee to remain in contact with the contestants to relay any changes in locations and times.
- During fair week, the Queen and Princess are expected to participate in the fair's week events including to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets, promote the program, etc.
- In the event, the Fair Queen cannot fulfill her duties; the Princess will become the Fair Queen.
- At age 18, the West End Fair Queen Committee will communicate directly with the Fair Queen/Princess.
- The Queen and Princess will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussions.
- The Queen and Princess must be an active participant in the required number of the events to be determined by the Fair Queen committee to receive scholarship unless approved otherwise by the Fair Queen committee.
- 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.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA accounts cannot be created without authorization using the West End Fair's and/or the West End Fair Queen's name and/or logo.**
- **Judging of the West End Fair Queen Contestants is not required by the state to be shared and individual scoring will not be discussed/disclosed.**



2023 Fair Queen  
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