

Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program

2021 PA FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION

CONTESTANT HANDBOOK

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2020 PA Fair
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**January 22-23
2021**

HERSHEY LODGE &
CONVENTION CENTER

2021 PA Fair Queen Competition

Contestant's Handbook

TO: 2021 Contestants
cc: Fair Queen Contest Coordinators

FROM: Karen Dobson, Contest Coordinator

We congratulate you on being selected as the **2020 Fair Queen**, and welcome you as a finalist for the **2021 PA Fair Queen competition** in January.

We are pleased to have **21** contestants in the competition. You are going to be part of a tremendous experience as you compete with these young women for the coveted title of **PA Fair Queen**. The contestant who is selected as the **2021 PA Fair Queen** will earn a \$2,500 scholarship and spend the remainder of the year representing our PA State Association of County Fairs and the PA Department of Agriculture to promote Pennsylvania's top industries of agriculture and tourism.

This **Handbook** is designed to give you a detailed look at the Contest's schedule, judging processes, requirements and expectations. Bring it with you to the contest! A separate packet is also included with important information including your **Individual Contestant Schedule**, a **Packing Checklist**, **Scoring Criteria**, **Driving Directions**, **Hershey Lodge map**, **Commemorative Item Order Form**, and a **Medical Release Form**.

Planning and organization are critical to keeping our competition on track. **So please review the enclosed information carefully** with your Coordinator as you prepare for the **2021 PA Fair Queen competition**. **Pay special attention to the COVID NOTES throughout the packet.**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Contest Coordinator. It is our wish that each Contestant leaves this experience with a sense of pride, accomplishment and camaraderie. We look forward to meeting you in Hershey on Friday, January 22, 2021. However, should you have any questions about the competition before then, feel free to contact us.

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GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**DATES:**

The competition will be a two-day event commencing **Friday, January 22** and culminating with the Coronation ceremony on **Saturday, January 23, 2021**.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PA Fair Queen competition is being held as a separate event since the regular PA State Association of County Fairs' (PSACF) and PA State Showmen's Association (PSSA) Annual Convention events, with the possible exception of the groups' Annual Meetings, have been canceled.

LOCATION:

All PA Fair Queen competition events will be held at the

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

325 University Drive,

Hershey, PA 17033 (*visit www.hersheylobby.com for more information*)

Phone: 717-533-3311

COVID NOTE: Visit <https://www.hersheylobby.com/safety.php> to review hotel safety protocols

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Sunday, January 17

📌 7:30 pm Orientation: held online via Zoom

Friday, January 22

📌 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Judging:

Personal Interviews in the morning;

Speech Presentations in the afternoon

📌 11:00 am or 2:00 pm - Leadership Seminar (TBD)

📌 6:00 pm Judging: Stage Introductions
(*before the Banquet; line up before 5:45 pm*)

Saturday, January 23

📌 8:45 am – 9:30 am Contestant Seminar (TBD)

📌 9:45 am – 10:30 am Contestant Seminar (TBD)

📌 11:30 am – Photos and Coronation Rehearsal

📌 12:30 pm – 2021 Coronation Luncheon

📌 1:45 pm – 2021 Coronation Ceremony - *livestreamed*

COVID NOTES:

The PA Fair Queen Program values the health and safety of all who will be participating in or attending any of the 2021 PA Fair Queen State Competition events. Therefore, the committee will be following and enforcing all COVID safety protocols as mandated by the CDC, PA Department of Health, The Governor's Office, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, and/or local/county agencies.

- Face masks will be required for any contestant or hotel guest, including committee members, in any public area on hotel property (hotel hallways, lobbies, indoor pool area, meeting space and/or banquet rooms/restaurants).
- Face Shields will be required when a contestant is engaged in any judged activity such as interview, stage introduction and speech presentations.
- Face Masks are not required to be worn when the contestant or guests are in their own hotel room. They are to be worn if visiting another guest's hotel room.
- The PA Fair Queen Program will supply face masks, face shields and small bottles of hand sanitizer to contestants. All other guests must supply their own PPE.
- Hand sanitizing stations will also be available throughout the hotel.
- Everyone who participates in or attends any of the competition events, including judging, seminars, meals, and other meeting sessions, will be asked to answer a daily COVID-19 screening questionnaire daily, and be temperature checked before entering a hotel meeting or banquet space.
- Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms, has a temperature, and/or answers "yes" on the questionnaire will be directed to leave the area, avoid contact with others and go straight home, immediately, to seek further testing and/or to quarantine.
- Any person who blatantly refuses to comply with the COVID safety protocols as set forth by the Queen Program or hotel will be banned from the competition and hotel.
- The Queen Program reserves the right to limit the number of guests in a hotel meeting or banquet space to comply with the PA Governor's current mitigation mandates and/or hotel restrictions.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

All Contestants, parents, chaperones and fair members are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A block of rooms has been made available at the **Hershey Lodge and Convention Center** for the Queens. After December 31, the Lodge can release any unused rooms in the block to other hotel guests.

Contestant Room Reservations were already made directly with the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center using the two-page Application Item #9 (Hotel Form and Credit Card Authorization) that was included in the State Contest Application. These forms were due by December 5.

The room will not be guaranteed without the proper form.

The room costs are NOT included in the \$75 Contestant Fee.

The PA Fair Queen Program is not responsible for reservations or payment for any hotel accommodations.

Hershey Lodge, Attn: Michelle Maxwell

325 University Drive, P.O. Box 446

Hershey, PA 17033

Phone: 717-534-8696

Email: mamaxwell@hersheypa.com

Fax: 717-534-8668

Check-in time: 4:00 pm

Check-out time: 11:00 am

Occupancy cannot be guaranteed before 4:00 pm (check-in time).

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CONVENTION & BANQUET REGISTRATION:

There is NO Convention registration for 2021 due to the cancellation of convention activities as a result of COVID-19.

The following items are already included in the Contestant's \$75 Application fee:

- ❖ one (1) ticket to the Friday Banquet¹, and
- ❖ one (1) ticket to the Queen Coronation Luncheon²

Contestants must submit the **2021 PA Fair Queen State Competition Registration Form**, along with the \$75 fee, by December 5, 2020.

This form is also to be used for registering all other guests (parents, chaperones, friends, family, etc.)

¹ Required of all Contestants as part of the judging for the "Stage Introduction" competition.

² Additional Banquet Tickets can be ordered through the Fair (ex: family, friends)

COVID NOTE: Due to Pennsylvania's restrictions on indoor gatherings, the banquet and luncheon will have a limited number of tickets available. First preference will be given to Contestants and the guests listed on their completed Registration form. After the deadline, any remaining tickets will be sold to other guests on the waiting list.

Any other meals for the contestant, other than the Friday night banquet and Saturday Coronation luncheon, are the responsibility of the contestant/fair/family. The PA Fair Queen Program is not responsible for any other costs associated with the contest including but not limited to hotel rooms, room service, clothing, travel and COVID-19 testing.

CHAPERONES:

It is important that Contestants are supported and supervised during the competition events. Most Contestants have never been to the Convention before, and are not familiar with the schedule or the facility. Therefore each Fair with a Queen Contestant **must** have an adult chaperone for their Contestant at all times during the Convention and PA Fair Queen competition (*unless otherwise noted in this Handbook*). This chaperone must be approved by the Fair and may be a parent/guardian or a Fair delegate.

DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen 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 Fair.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.) *Refer to Handbook for specifics for each Activity*
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots (*"no boots" rules applies to*
 1. No cowboy/western style,
 2. No thigh-high or over the knee boots,
 3. No muck boots
 4. No work boots.
 5. *Contestants may wear shoe boots that are no more than ankle height, with or without a heel). See sample photo on right.*
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that shows cleavage.
5. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

**COVID NOTE:**

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- Face Shields will be required when a contestant is engaged in any judged activity such as interview, stage introduction and speech presentations.
- Face Masks are not required to be worn when the contestant or guests are in their own hotel room. They are to be worn if visiting another guest's hotel room.
- The PA Fair Queen Program will supply face masks, face shields and small bottles of hand sanitizer to contestants. All other guests must supply their own PPE.
- Hand sanitizing stations will also be available throughout the hotel.

BEHAVIOR:

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event that the Board 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 Queen competitions:

1. Any infractions of any Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen 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, Twitter, Instagram, etc.*)
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.
8. **COVID NOTE:** Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms, has a temperature, and/or answers "yes" on the questionnaire will be directed to leave the area, avoid contact with others and go straight home, immediately, to seek further testing and/or to quarantine.

DAILY COMPETITION INFORMATION

The PA Fair Queen Program shall determine the time, manner and method of conducting the competition. Each Contestant must arrange her personal schedule as she is expected to attend all mandatory competition activities.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**ORIENTATION:**

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2021

Location: Online via Zoom
(Contestants and Coordinators will be emailed the Zoom access link)

Attendees: **Mandatory** for All **Queen Contestants and Chaperones**

Times: 7:30 pm
(The Orientation will be recorded and made available for replay)

This is a particularly important Session. You will receive updates on the remainder of the Contest schedule, and we will answer any questions about the procedures, judging process, and our expectations.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021**HOTEL ROOM CHECK-IN:**

Date: On or before Friday, January 22

Location: Report to the Lodge's Front Desk Lobby
(near University Drive entrance)

Time: Hotel rooms may not be available until 4:00 pm

You Get: Hotel Room Number* and Key

COVID NOTE: See page 3

INTERVIEW:

JUDGED EVENT

- Date: Friday, January 22
- Location: Cocoa Suites
Main Floor adjacent to the Fireplace Lobby and near Gift Shop/Bear's Den restaurant
- Your Time: *See individual Schedule Summary on website*
(maximum 8-minute interview)
(Report to Waiting Area – Cocoa Suites at least 15 minutes before your Interview)
- You Bring: Completed Medical Release Form
Hotel Room Number
Commemorative Order Form and payment
- You Get: Contestant Number Badge
Contestant Name Badge
Contestant Supplies
- Attire: **Business Dress**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.
similar to what one would wear to a job interview)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash
COVID NOTE: See page 3



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

Judging: *See attached Score Criteria in enclosed packet*
90 points

Our panel of judges will conduct a personal eight (8) minute interview with each Contestant. **Only the Judges and the Contestant are permitted in the Interview room.** Coordinators/Fairs/Family may wait in the designated Cocoa Suites.

The Interview Schedule will be posted outside the Waiting Room.

Promptness is necessary and expected! Please be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by being quiet while in the vicinity of the Interview Room.

SPEECH COMPETITION:***JUDGED EVENT***

Date: Friday, January 22

Location: Cocoa Suites
Main Floor adjacent to the Fireplace Lobby and near Gift Shop/Bear's Den restaurant

Your Time: *See individual Schedule Summary on website*
(maximum 8-minute interview)
(Report to Waiting Area – Cocoa Suites at least 15 minutes before your Interview)

Attendees: *All other attendees must be on location at least 10 minutes before a Contestant's scheduled time; sometimes speeches run slightly ahead of schedule!*

COVID NOTE: See page 3

A Contestant may only watch any speech after her speech is given.

Attire: **Business Dress**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.
similar to what one would wear to a job interview)

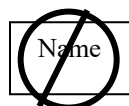
Must wear Contestant number on right hip

Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See page 3



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

Judging: *See attached Scoring Criteria*

80 points

There will be an official timekeeper.
Contestants will be given a 1-minute warning when 4 minutes have expired.
Contestants will be stopped if speech is still going after 5 minutes.
Over/under times will be considered by the Judges in a tiebreaker situation.

Each contestant will present a **3-5 minute speech** to our panel of judges on the topic **“Why You Should Come To My Fair”**. It is to be presented as a **persuasive speech** appropriate for an audience of adults.

Props that enhance this speech for this audience are permitted but not required. **Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not on “entertainment”**. Review the judging criteria carefully when planning this presentation.

Laptops/Powerpoint or Props that require extensive setup are **not** permitted. Contestants must be ready to go with any props when they enter the room. Helpers may assist to carry in any props. An easel and a podium will be available in the room for Contestants' optional use. There is **no** microphone.

Promptness is necessary and expected! Entering and exiting the speech room is only permitted between Speeches. Cell phones must be Muted or Off. Be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by waiting in the designated area and being quiet outside the Speech Room.

SEMINAR:

“Young Women’s Leadership Hour”

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: Friday, January 22
Location: Cocoa Terrace
Time: 11:00 am and 2:00 pm sessions

Contestant's Recommended Session: See *individual Schedule Summary* **on website**

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for a Meeting)
(slacks, corduroys, khakis; sweaters, button-down shirts, etc.)

Must wear Name Badge

Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See page 3



Note: NO crowns!



Presenter: Denise (Sustrik) Leigh, 1990 PA State Fair Queen.

This is Denise's 14th year in presenting this special session for our Contestants. Denise was born in rural Pennsylvania and raised on a dairy farm. Throughout her lifetime, she lived on various farms that contributed to the development of her strong work ethic and ability to sparkle through trying times. This is a story that she wants to share with you. She is passionate about educating and empowering young women to know themselves as they prepare for the world. This passion encouraged her to write a book entitled Born A Country Queen. Come for an hour of women empowerment! Participate in the discussion of our role in society, our significance, and our future. This seminar

gets rave reviews from Contestants every year! So come be inspired by this country queen!

NOTE: If recommended time does not fit with Contestant's schedule, she may attend the other session.

STAGE INTRODUCTION COMPETITION: JUDGED EVENT

Date: Friday, January 22

Location: Great American Hall
Great Hallway (line up)
Great American Hall Stage (presentation)

Time: **6:00 pm** *Be in the Ballroom hallway no later than **5:45 pm** to line up by Contestant Number

NOTE: Memorize your Banquet Table Number.
Make sure someone at your Table has your Banquet Ticket.

Attire: **Business Dress** **NO EVENING GOWNS!**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc.
similar to what one would wear to a job interview)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See page 3



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!



Judging: See Scoring Criteria in enclosed packet
35 points

This segment of the Competition is conducted in front of an audience and the Contest Judges.

Each Contestant will present on stage and introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should be similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event.

The Contestant will have **15 seconds** to make this introduction. **Practice** and be prepared!

Introductions should include, at a minimum, the following information:
Contestant's Name, Name of Fair, and Home Town

After all contestants are introduced, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned banquet table as noted on their Banquet Ticket. **Dinner begins after the introductions.**

“Q-TIP” We recommend that Queen Contestants practice walking in the dress/shoes they will be wearing prior to coming to the Competition as there will be no rehearsal for this event. There will be steps up and down for the stage introduction.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021**SEMINARS:****“Leadership”****OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

Date: Saturday, January 23

Location: Cocoa Suites

Time: 8:45 am – 9:30 am – ½ the group goes to Session A; ½ to Session B
9:45 am – 10:30 am – each group switches to the other Session

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for a Meeting)
(slacks, corduroys, khakis; sweaters, button-down shirts, etc.)

Must wear Name Badge

Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

COVID NOTE: See page 3



Note: **NO** crowns!

Presenters: Mikara Anderson, 2019 PA State Fair Queen and TBA

Two separate seminars will be offered to give contestants the opportunity to learn about a leadership topic as well as interact and get to know each other!

“Q-TIP” We recommend that Queen Contestants have everything they will need for Coronation event - evening gown, shoes, makeup, etc. - ready in their hotel room before going to these seminars.

CORONATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL & CONTESTANT PHOTOS

Date: Saturday, January 23

Location: Great American Hall

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: 11:30 am - line up in Contestant Number order in the Great Hall

You Bring: Completed "**Miss Congeniality**" Voting Form
Coronation Ticket for your assigned table

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

This is a closed rehearsal session. We will be doing

- individual portraits with each contestant and the 2020 Fair Queen,
- practicing for the Coronation crowning ceremony that will take place immediately 12:30 Coronation Luncheon (including the entrances, stage positioning and procedures for the "top 5" final question and the Queen crowning), and
- taking a group contestant photo.

Following the Rehearsal, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned Tables.
(*Table assignment is written on your Banquet ticket included in your Convention packet*).

Doors will then be opened **at 12:15 pm** for seating of all other paid Coronation Ticket holders (Family, Fairs, and other guests).

CORONATION LUNCHEON:

Date: Saturday, January 23

Location: Great American Hall

Time: 12:30 pm (doors open to paid ticket holders at 12:15 pm)

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Afterwards all Contestants will be excused from the Great American Hall to the Great Hall to line up (approximately 1:30 pm)

Contestants will then be introduced by the Emcee and will walk to the stage. All Contestants will remain onstage for the entire ceremony. Chairs will be provided.

Miss Congeniality will be announced and presented with her gift.

The top five (5) contestants will be announced. Those finalists will then be taken to a sound proof area, and brought out one at a time to answer the same Final Question. All finalists will then remain on stage with the entire group of contestants while the 2020 PA Fair Queen gives her farewell speech and the Judges make their final decision.

We will then announce the **2021 PA Fair Queen's Alternate** followed by the new **2021 PA Fair Queen**. Both winners will receive a new sash and a crown.

The 2021 Queen, the four finalists, and Miss Congeniality must remain on stage after the crowning for photos. The Queen Program's Official Photo session will take place first, and then an open photo session made available for friends, family and Fairs as time permits.

The new Queen will attend a debriefing meeting afterwards with her family, fair coordinator and the Queen Program's Events Coordinator to review the remainder of her obligations during the Convention as well as her scheduled appearances and obligations for 2021.

CONTESTANTS' PHOTOGRAPHY

Date: Saturday, January 23

Location: Great American Hall

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: 11:30 am

Attire: **Evening Gown**

Contestant Number – we will ask contestants to remove the numbers for the actual photo
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

To view and order photos taken at the competition, go online to:

www.PSACF21.photoherald.com

Password: 2021

Photography by

TIM MCGOWAN STUDIO

www.timmcgowanstudio.com

717-866-9094

*Professional photography for over
44 years in central Pennsylvania!*



Note: **NO** crowns!



NO name badges!

CONTESTANT GROUP PHOTO:

A professional photographer, Tim McGowan Studio, will take the official Group Photo. Only the Contestants and Contest Committee will be permitted in the room during this time. Group Photos will be available for purchase (see *Commemorative Items Order Form in enclosed packet*).

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY:

The professional photographer will take individual portraits of each contestant with the 2020 PA Fair Queen prior to rehearsal. These photos will be given to the contestants as a gift from the PA Fair Queen Program.

The photographer will also be available on Friday and Saturday to take portraits of Contestants. He will have a backdrop set up near the Great American Hall. Contestants may invite their family members and/or friends for group portraits. All photo proofs will be available on the photographer's website after the event.

www.PSACF21.photoherald.com Password = **2021**

LIVESTREAM:

The plan is to have a livestream of the Saturday Coronation through Facebook or YouTube so that friends, family and fair members who cannot attend in person can watch the crowning ceremony. We will announce more details as soon as the information becomes available.

Purchase of any photography is strictly optional. All proceeds benefit the PA Fair Queen Program.

CONTESTANT AUCTION ITEM DONATION:

NOTE: There is **NO** auctions, raffles or 50/50 fundraisers this year due to COVID restrictions.

JUDGES' RECEPTION:

NOTE: There is **NO** judges' reception due to COVID restrictions.

QUEEN CONTESTANTS' PIZZA PARTY:

NOTE: There is **NO** contestant party due to COVID restrictions.

HAIR STYLING APPOINTMENTS:

NOTE: There is **NO** hair styling appointment due to COVID restrictions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Question: Are Coronation Banquet Tickets available on the day of the event?

Answer: We have to give the hotel a meal count. You need to pre-order and pre-pay through your Fair.

Question: Are banquet fees refundable?

Answer: No. If someone has to cancel, consider giving/selling their banquet ticket to another guest of your choice.

Question: Will the contest be able to be held as scheduled with the COVID event gathering restrictions?

Answer: As of January 4, 2021, Hershey Lodge is expected to be allowed to go back to 10%. That limits us to 199 people (including staff) in the Great American Hall. Unfortunately we do not know what will happen in the post-Christmas COVID surge, and are looking at alternate dates should the event need to be postponed.

SUMMARY:

The PA Fair Queen Program's mission is to provide educational opportunities for young women in Pennsylvania through our scholarship program for the selected Queen and Alternate, and to also provide a representative who can promote greater public understanding, awareness and interest in Pennsylvania's top industries – agriculture and tourism.

The State Competition allows us to select that representative from a group of young women who are already “winners” from their own Fairs. We have seen those who serve as Fair Queens become confident and well-rounded individuals, gaining many life skills and knowledge that guide them throughout their education and careers.

We are very excited to host our contest! This is a wonderful opportunity for you, and we hope you will take full advantage of every moment of this occasion.

This experience will make memories that last a lifetime!



L-R: “Miss Congeniality” Rebecca Liddle, Clearfield County Fair; Finalist Gretchen Henneman, McKean County Fair; Finalist Jessica Herr, West Lampeter Community Fair; 2020 PA Fair Queen Grace VanSciver, Mifflin County Youth Fair; Alternate Fair Queen Abigail Wurzbach, York Fair; and Finalist Morgan Bair, Centre County Grange Fair

PA FAIR QUEEN STATE COMPETITION

2021 Interview-Speech-Seminar Schedule

Issued 12/31/20

			FRIDAY, JAN 22, 2021			SATURDAY, JAN 23, 2021	
#	Contestant	Fair	Interview	Seminar	Speech	8:45 AM Seminar	9:45 AM Seminar
1	Addison Neff	Elizabethtown Fair	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	3:10 PM	A	B
2	Julie Stinson	West Lampeter Community Fair	7:40 AM	9:00 AM	3:05 PM	B	A
3	Olivia Leshar	The Berks County Fair	7:50 AM	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	A	B
4	Hannah Wood	Southern Lancaster County Fair	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	2:55 PM	B	A
5	Chelsey Wise	Cumberland Ag Expo	8:10 AM	9:00 AM	2:50 PM	A	B
6	Makena Jordan	Beaver Community Fair	8:20 AM	9:00 AM	2:45 PM	B	A
7	Olivia Laub	Juniata County Fair	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	2:40 PM	A	B
8	Reilly Bauer	Carbon County Fair	8:45 AM	11:00 AM	2:35 PM	B	A
9	Raylee Gibbons	Franklin County Fair	8:55 AM	11:00 AM	2:30 PM	A	B
10	Lauren Yost	Union County West End Fair	9:05 AM	11:00 AM	2:25 PM	B	A
11	Lauren Chamberlain	Unionville Community Fair	9:15 AM	11:00 AM	2:20 PM	A	B
12	Bryndil Kemler	The Bloomsburg Fair	9:25 AM	11:00 AM	2:15 PM	B	A
13	Raegan Braund	Troy Fair	9:35 AM	11:00 AM	2:10 PM	A	B
14	Abigail Knapp	Somerset County Fair	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	2:05 PM	B	A
15	Kendra Smeltz	Tioga County Fair	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	A	B
16	Sarah Swope	Clearfield County Fair	10:10 AM	11:00 AM	1:55 PM	B	A
17	Eryn E Krieg	Cameron County Fair	10:20 AM	11:00 AM	1:50 PM	A	B
18	Gina Bush	Elk County Fair	10:30 AM	9:00 AM	1:45 PM	B	A
19	Emma Barr	McKean County Fair	10:40 AM	9:00 AM	1:40 PM	A	B
20	Morgan Larson	Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	10:50 AM	9:00 AM	1:35 PM	B	A
21	Aubrey Spellman	Albion Area Fair	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	1:30 PM	A	B

Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program

Packing Checklist

Reminders/Suggestions of what you should bring to the Competition:

- ☐ Hotel Room Confirmation Number plus Credit Card for Hotel Room check-in
- ☐ Fair Sash
- ☐ Medical Release Form (see Handbook for details)
- ☐ Order Forms and Payment for any Commemorative Items you want to purchase
- ☐ Stage Introduction and Speech Presentation
- ☐ Business Attire outfits
 - Friday Interview, Speech, Seminar, Stage Introductions
 - Saturday Seminars
- ☐ Evening Gown ensemble
 - Saturday Coronation
- ☐ Appropriate and Presentable Casual Wear
 - Travel times and “off hours” when not involved in convention or competition events
- ☐ Hair Styling products
- ☐ Repair Kits (safety pins, needle/thread, scissors, etc.)
- ☐ **COVID Personal Protective supplies** such as face masks, thermometer, sanitizing wipes (PA Fair Queen Program will also supply masks, shields and hand sanitizer to contestants)
- ☐ Positive attitude, a desire to have fun, and a winning smile!

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2020 Competition Scoring Criteria

WRITTEN ESSAY

CATEGORY: 30 POINTS

Content (25 points)

Grammar and Spelling (5 points)

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

CATEGORY: 90 POINTS

Conversational Ability (30 points)

Quality of Answers (30 points)

Appearance (10 points)

Fair Knowledge (10 points)

Conduct (5 points)

Activities (5 points)

EVENING GOWN / INTRODUCTION

CATEGORY: 35 POINTS

Introduction Content (15 points)

Stage Presence (10 points)

Appearance (10 points)

SPEECH PRESENTATION

CATEGORY: 80 POINTS

Content (30 points)

Format – a speech (*not* "entertainment"); effectively conveys a convincing message;
suitable for adult audience (30 points)

Public Speaking Ability (10 points)

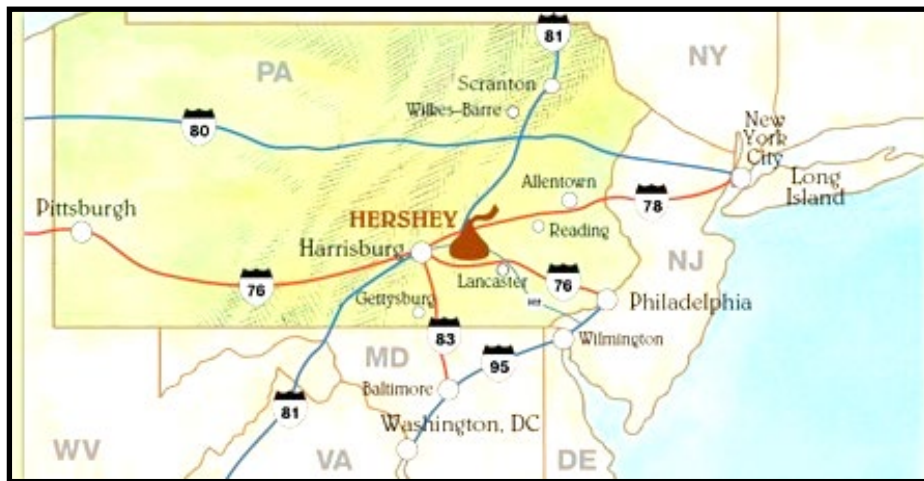
Poise and Presence (10 points)

Pennsylvania
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Driving Directions - HOTEL
<http://www.hersheylobby.com/contact.php>

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

717-533-3311

Address: 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033



**Using
Mapquest or an
in-car GPS?**

Get detailed driving directions by clicking on the Hershey Lodge icon on the www.hersheylobby.com/contact.php webpage

FROM THE EAST (PHILADELPHIA, PA)

(2 hours, 100 miles)

Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) West to exit 266. Turn left onto 72 North. Follow 72 North to 322 West. Take 322 West into Hershey (approximately 12 miles). Turn right onto University Drive (traffic light). Take the first left into the entrance to Hershey Lodge.

FROM THE WEST (PITTSBURGH, PA):

(4 hours, 200 miles)

Follow the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) East to exit 247. I-283 North to exit 3 and 322 East to Hershey. 322 East to 422 East. At the traffic light turn right onto University Drive. Take the first right into the entrance to Hershey Lodge.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take I-83 North towards York and Harrisburg. Approaching Harrisburg, follow signs to continue on I-83 North. I-83 North to 322 East to Hershey. 322 East to 422 East. At the traffic light turn right onto University Drive. Take the first right into the entrance to Hershey Lodge.

FROM THE NORTH:

Follow I-78 West to I-81 South. Take exit 77 and follow Route 39 East to Hersheypark Drive. At the traffic light turn right onto Hersheypark Drive. Follow Hersheypark Drive to Route 422 and exit onto 422 East. At the traffic light turn right onto University Drive. Take the first right into the entrance to Hershey Lodge.

HERSHEY LODGE FLOOR PLAN

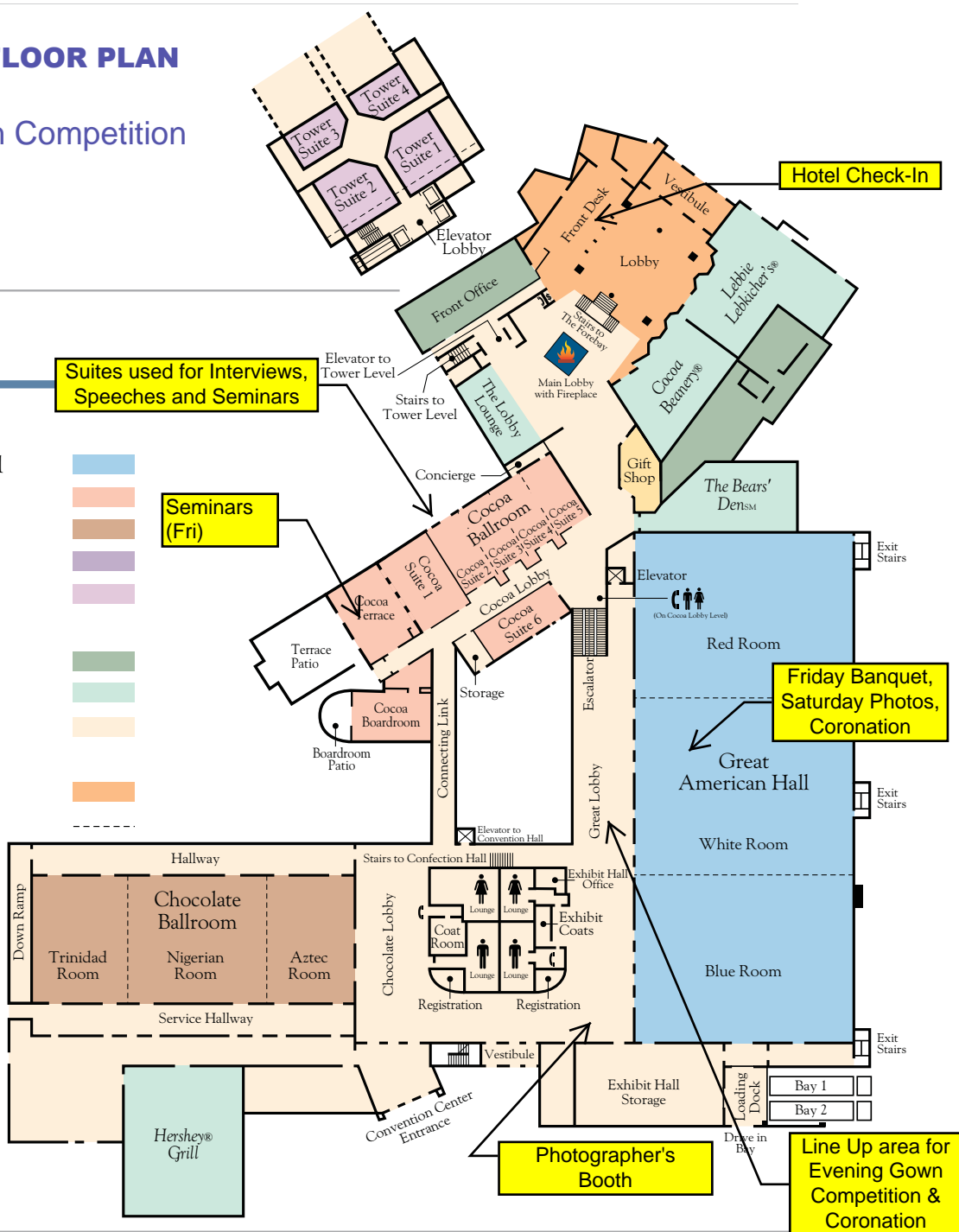
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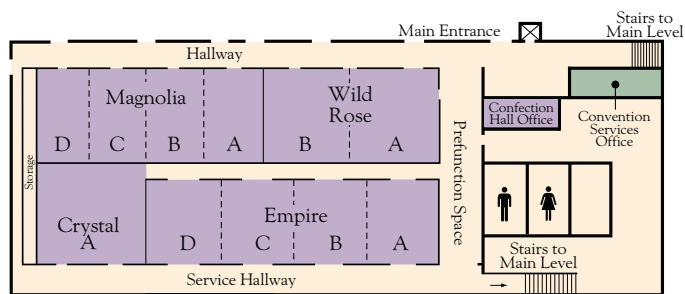
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Great American Hall
Cocoa Suites
Chocolate Ballroom
Confection Hall
Tower Suites

Offices
Restaurants
Prefunction Areas
Guest Registration
and Lobby
Wall Dividers



Confection Hall



Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS ORDER FORM

Please Print or Type. Payment Due at time of order. Checks Payable to: "PA State Fair Queen Program"

NAME: _____

☐

I am the Queen Contestant * from _____ Fair.
CHECK BOX IF APPLICABLE

SHIPPING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	SUBTOTAL
Contestants' Group Photo		\$15.00	

Photo taken of all Contestants with reigning PA Fair Queen in evenings gowns. 8 x 12 prints only. No mount; No frame. Photos mailed to delivery address written above. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

PA Fair Queen Throw Blanket - *limited supply*

Ultraweave coverlet that combines the rich color and detail of fine tapestry with the softness of 100% cotton; 48 x 60 inches; fringed on all four sides, depicts a Fair theme; customized with the PA Fair Queen Program logo. Machine washable, color fast, shrink resistant, woven in the USA.

Customer's Initials at Pick-Up

***** Price for Queen Contestant only (limit one)

\$40.00

Price for non-Queen buyers -for items picked up at Contest

Limited number available. First-come, first serve.

Orders will be taken at a purchase price of \$55.00 each (covers shipping and handling)

\$45.00

Round Utility Tote - *limited supply*

\$40.00

Perfect for carrying Queen crown, sash, makeup and other necessities when making an official appearance! Pockets inside and out provides extra space for keys, wallet, phone and more. Personalized on front pocket with "PA Fair Queen Program and a "crown" logo to make it even more special! Polyester, webbed handles with reinforced stitching, laminated interior for easy wipe cleaning. Measures 14" H x 19"L at top x 7.5" D. Distributed by Thirty One.

Only Cash or Checks payable to
"PA State Fair Queen Program"

TOTAL DUE:

Bring this Order Form and Payment to the INTERVIEW or SPEECH Check-In Tables

QUEEN PROGRAM USE ONLY - 2021

INITIALS _____	CHECK NO. _____	CASH	\$
		CHECK	\$

Medical & Liability Waiver/Release

Please complete this waiver/release form and submit it when you check in for your interview on Friday.

These forms will be kept confidential with only the State Contest Coordinators and will only be used if needed in the case of an emergency. This form will be held on file for thirty (30) days following the competition, and then shredded.

Contestant's Name: _____

Fair Name: _____

Contestant's Address: _____

Contestant's Age: _____ **D.O.B** _____

Contacts In Case of Emergency:

FIRST CONTACT:

Name: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____ **Relationship:** _____

SECOND CONTACT:

Name: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Family Physician: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Please list any medications currently being taken: _____

Please list any allergies or other health problems: _____

I give permission for the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program to seek medical care for the Contestant first named above in the event of an emergency. I also give Emergency Service Workers and/or a Physician permission to treat same Contestant if the medical need would arise.

I acknowledge that participation in the PA Fair Queen State Competition includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to influenza and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Releases or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless The Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program, The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), with respect to any and all illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

(Contestant signs if age 18 or older; Parent/Guardian signs if Contestant is under age 18)