

The purpose of the West End Fair Queen Program is to promote the education of young women through a scholarship program and to encourage the promotion of the West End Fair (its history and community impact), educate the public on the agricultural industry and foster a greater public understanding of the importance of each of these to our community.

**FAIR DATES: Sunday, August 18- Saturday,
August 24, 2024 All entries must be entered by
August 3, 2024 (No Exceptions)
Personal Interview Date :August 10, 2024**

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 Fair Queen contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Monroe County in the state of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
3. Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth.
8. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen and West End Fair Queen “Behavior Policy” - see below
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and “Dress Code” as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program and West End Fair Queen Program—see below

FAIR QUEEN 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 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 Queen is wearing her crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. The West End Fair Queen committee will approve of the desired clothing for all events.
3. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage, tight fitting, or flaunting in nature.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the top of the kneecap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY

The West End Fair Queen Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Princess, or Contestants may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Fair Queen 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 Queen Competitions:

1. Any infraction of the Queen 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 Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, nonpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, SnapChat, 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 Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, Directors and Committee members, and the West Fair Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program, 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 sash at any event without official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. All appearances must be approved by the West End Fair Queen 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 QUEEN

The winner will reign for one year.

1. She must be available to attend various functions during the 2024 West End Fair deemed necessary by the West End Fair Queen 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 Queen committee.
3. The nominated Fair Queen may participate in the PA State Fair Queen Contest on January 23-25, 2025 to be held in Hershey, PA, at the expense of the West End Fair Association. (The Fair Association will supply a chaperon if needed).
4. She must attend the crowning of the following year's Fair Queen unless otherwise approved by the Fair Queen committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS

West End Fair Queen

- At the Opening Ceremony, the queen will receive a crown, trophy, and sash.
- At the completion of her reign and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the queen will receive a \$1,000 monetary scholarship.

West End Fair Princess

- At the Opening Ceremony, the princess will receive a tiara, and a sash.
- At the completion of her term and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the princess will receive a \$500 monetary scholarship.

All contestants

- At the Opening Ceremony, will receive a gift bag, meal vouchers and 1 Free admission ticket to be used at any time of the fair.

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.**

Fair Queen Application Form

Name		
Street Address	Age as of 6/1/24	Birth date
Town, Zip code	Email	
Telephone number	Alternate telephone number	
Name of parent(s)/Guardian		
School/College attending	Current grade or education level	
Please indicate your plans for the future, such as college or trade school. What you want to be when you get older.		
Why have you chosen these plans?		
Please list any honors, rewards or recognition (within last 3 years) and <u>when</u> you have received them.		
Current Community Service Project(s)		
Current School Activities		
Current Club Affiliations		
Hobbies/Interests		

Please use an additional page if necessary.

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

Contestant's Signature

Date _____

Fair Queen Consent Form

Parental Permission to Participate

I, _____parent/guardian of
_____hereby give permission for my daughter to try out for the **2024 West End Fair Queen**. If my daughter is selected as the **2024 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 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 West End Fair Queen/Princess and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash, and the monetary prize. 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 of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Agreement by Contestant to Participate

I, _____ have reviewed the necessary criteria with my parent/guardian and agree to follow the criteria during the pageant activities. If selected as the **2024 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 West End Fair Queen/Princess and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash, and the monetary prize.

Signature of Contestant _____

Date _____

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.