



2026

York State Fair Queen

Application

Contest Rules

1. Contestant must be a female, U.S. Citizen who meets at least one of the following requirements:
 - a. Be a resident of York County.
 - b. Attend a school in York County.
 - c. Be a member of an FFA Chapter or regularly organized 4-H Club within York County.
2. Contestant must have exhibited a project at the York State Fair within the past 3 years.
3. Contestant must be at least 16 years of age and no more than 20 years of age as of June 1st of the year entering the local contest.
4. Contestant may not run for this award if they were previously a local Fair Queen or State Fair Queen Contestant.
5. Contestant must have a parent or guardian signed consent to enter the state competition.
6. Contestant must have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child, and may not get married or pregnant during her reign.
7. During the ten days of the York State Fair, the York State Fair Queen shall make appearances at various activities as requested. When making public appearances, the York State Fair Queen should not wear jeans, shorts, or flip flops, or be accompanied by her boyfriend. Her sash and crown shall be worn when making appearances. She shall not chew gum. The queen's appearance displays an image to the public of our fair.
8. The York State Fair Queen is required to be present at the Fair for 20 hours total over the 10-day period. Hours performed at required events will be counted towards total hours. Required events include the following:
 - a. Salute to Heroes Parade
 - b. Selection of Supreme Market Animal
 - c. Selection of Supreme Showman
 - d. The 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale
 - e. 1 night at the Froggy 107.7 Free Stage
 - f. 4 hours volunteering in the Agriculture Education Center
9. The York State Fair Queen shall abide by the PA State Fair Queen Program's Behavior Policy and Dress Code. (Attached on the next page)
10. The Queen should be available to attend the State competition in Hershey, PA, January 2027. The following rules are requirements for each contestant, so that state requirements are met for the State competition if you become the 2026 York State Fair Queen:
 - a. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania
 - b. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20, years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
 - c. Be a certified representative from the local fair where she was crowned.
 - d. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former State Fair Queen contestant.
 - e. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign (of State title).
 - f. Have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the State competition
 - g. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
 - h. Act according to the PA State Fair Queen Policy and Dress Code.
 - i. Be able to meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and dress code as set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program.
11. If the York State Fair Queen does not abide by the contest rules or if for any reason the Queen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning queen, she agrees to relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The York State Fair Queen Committee has the discretion of recall should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur. Conviction of any crime other than a minor traffic offense shall be cause for recall.

Application and Contest

12. Contestants shall submit the following, postmarked by **June 1st** of the contest year:
 - a. The completed application.
 - b. An essay of 300 words or less on the topic “What the York State Fair Means to My Community”.
 - c. A Resume listing their present and past activities in 4-H, FFA, other agricultural associations, high school, college, employment, and the community (church, local fire hall, etc.). (Only the categories applicable to the contestant should be included) Your future goals and plans should also be included.
 - d. Wallet size photo (this may not be returned)
13. Contestants must attend judging and Coronation on **July 23, 2026**, beginning at approximately 3:00 pm in the West Green Room in the York Expo Center where the following will take place:
 - a. 10 minute interviews. Business attire is to be worn.
 - b. 30 second radio spot promoting the York State Fair. Business attire is to be worn.
14. Contestants will be given time to change into gowns. Beginning at approximately 6:00 pm in the Veranda Room, the following will take place:
 - a. The gown contest. Formal gown attire is to be worn.
 - b. 3-5 minute speeches on a current issue in agriculture. Props may be used but are not required. Formal gown attire is to be worn.
 - c. Finalists will participate in an extemporaneous question based on their application. Formal gown attire is to be worn.

***Exact schedule to be determined based on number of participants.**

15. Judging will be based upon poise, neatness, appearance, and ability to communicate and answer questions. The Judges shall decide upon the recipient of the York State Fair Queen title as well as a runner up. All judge’s decisions are final.

If you have any questions pertaining to these rules or the contest in general, please contact Andrea Foore at andreadfoore@gmail.com or at (717) 659-3675.



Awards for the York State Fair Queen Contest

The York State Fair Queen.....\$1,500

- \$750 payable after the York State Fair Queen Contest.
- \$750 payable at the completion of the PA State Fair Queen Competition.
- The Queen will also receive a sash and crown at the end of the contest.
- The Queen will get the opportunity to compete in the PA State Fair Queen Contest at the PA State Fair Convention to be held January 2027.

The First Runner Up.....\$500

- \$500 payable after the York State Fair Queen Contest.
- The First Runner Up will also receive a sash and crown at the end of the contest.

If the York State Fair Queen fails to fulfill any of her duties or abide by the contest rules, any and all awards shall be forfeited.

Please use tape on the backside of the wallet size photo and place here.
Also, please write contestant name in soft pencil on the back of the photo.

PA State Fair Queen Program Behavior Policy and Dress Code:

C. FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:

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, Instagram, Snapchat, 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 the Internet.
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.

D. FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community and Fair. Therefore, professional appearance is expected while in crown and sash.

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots.
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 placed between the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

York State Fair Queen Application

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last: _____

Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Age as of June 1st of the Contest Year _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Announcements, Publications, and Advertising:

Name of High School: _____

Grade Level: _____ Year of Anticipated Graduation: _____

GPA: _____ On a Scale of: _____

Name of College Currently Attending (if Applicable): _____

Semesters Completed: _____ Year of Anticipated Graduation: _____

Major Area of Study: _____

GPA: _____ On a Scale of: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

(Anything listed in your received resume and application may be used for publication or advertising)

Number of RSVP's for Contest Dinner: _____ /4 (not including contestant) T-Shirt Size: _____

I have read and understand the contest rules:

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature of Approval: _____

The completed application, essay, resume, and wallet size photo must be postmarked to the following address, no later than **June 1st** of the contest year.

**Nicole Groff
York State Fair
334 Carlisle Avenue
York, PA 17404**

If you have any questions, please email Andrea Foore at andreadfoore@gmail.com
or call at (717)659-3675.

Submission Checklist:

	Contestant	Committee
Completed Application	_____	_____
Essay	_____	_____
Resume	_____	_____
Wallet Size Photo	_____	_____