

Williams County Junior Fair Horse Royalty Rules 2026

1. All entries are due by April 24, 2026 to the Williams County Extension Office. Late entries will not be accepted and you will forfeit the opportunity to compete this year.

Interview date: Saturday May 2, 2026 see below.

2. Any girl or boy ages 13 to 18 (as of January 1, current year) who is a member in good standing with any of the 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters in Williams County is eligible to participate for Horse King and Queen. Any girl or boy ages 9 to 12 (as of January 1, current year) who is a member in good standing with any of the 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters in Williams County is eligible to participate for Horse Prince and Princess. All participants must have previously completed at least one (1) 4-H or FFA equine project.
3. The King/Queen and Prince/Princess title can be held no more than twice throughout a youth's Jr. Fair career. Titles cannot be held over consecutive years (may not serve back-to-back). Runner up and Sportsmanship titles are not included in this rule – they can compete again the following year.
 - a. If no one runs for a Royalty position, then the past year's King/Queen will remain, so long as they are still eligible as a 4-H member/FFA member.
4. Each applicant must be enrolled in a horse project(s) for the current year.
5. Contestants will perform a four-stage process plus a personal interview. A written test will be given.
6. Each Contestant is required to attend the interview, wearing proper Western Show Attire in accordance with the Williams County Fair Showmanship Attire rules and regulations.
7. Everyone who attends MUST conduct themselves in a professional manner with a positive attitude displaying and encouraging sportsmanship in representation to Williams County. Any negative comment or attitude shall disqualify you from the event and furthermore, may affect your scores in returning the following year. Negative and unprofessional behavior is strictly prohibited!
8. A King and Queen and a runner up of each will be selected after the scores are added. Each contestant may review their scores following the contest in order to improve your chances in the future.
9. The interview will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 with the event starting at 9:00 AM in the Williams County Fairgrounds Horse Barn. The selected winners will reign over the remaining horse activities until the selection of the next years royalty.



10. Each winning King and Queen MUST agree to the following or forfeit their sash/crown to the runner up contestant. This will be strictly enforced. With no runner up, you forfeit your awards back to the program.
 - a. Must participate in Williams County Saddle Club Horse Show/Activities throughout the year. (This years Speed Show show is June 5, 2026.)
 - b. Must attend one (1) Williams County Horse Council meeting. (Meeting date and location to be given upon results.)
 - c. Assist with show and barn duties during the week of the Williams County Fair when not competing in showing/judging of projects.
 - d. Represent Williams County by wearing your T-shirt, crown, and sash at The Ohio State Fair, if you are a qualifier, as well as all other events where applicable.
 - e. Encouraged to participate in the Montpelier Bean Days Parade or any other parades in Williams County to bring a positive representation to the program.
 - f. Overall score for judging should be 70% or higher to qualify for any of the awards.
11. Judging will be based on the information provided in the Autobiography, interview, members poise, personality, personal appearance, and horse knowledge.

**Autobiography for Williams County Jr.
Fair Horse Royalty Contest**
(Print or Type)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Town _____

Club/Chapter _____

Birthdate _____ Phone _____

Years as 4-H/FFA Member _____ Years in Horse Projects _____

1) Awards received _____

2) List of Horse Projects & Activities _____

3) List 4-H and/or FFA, School, Church and Other Youth Activities _____

4) List any volunteer hours or community service projects you have been involved in. _____

5) Why do you want to become the Williams County King or Queen or the Prince or Princess?

Your Signature: _____

(Parent's Signature)

(Advisor's Signature)

**Please return this application to the Ohio State University Extension Office, 1425 East High Street, Suite 112, Bryan, OH 43506 by April 24, 2026 . Office hours 8 AM-4:30 PM M-F, outside drop off mailbox, or email to: macdonald.353@osu.edu
Interviews will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 starting at 9:00 AM at the Williams County Fairgrounds Horse Barn.**