

Williams County Fair Royalty Contest

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Rules:

The rules for the Williams County Royalty contest are as follows.

If for any reason the following are broken, the King/Queen will surrender his/her title and all that was included to the First Runner-up.

These are the Williams County Ag. Society rules for the Royalty Contest.

*** Ohio Fair Manager Association rules to follow are at www.wcofair.com and www.OFMA.org for more information (Queens only).

1.) Each contestant must be a resident of Williams County, between the ages of 16-18 years old for King and Queen or 12-15 years old for Prince and Princess as of January 1st of the current year, not married, never have been married, do not have a child or fathered a child, not pregnant, including during the reign. There will be no consumption of any illegal substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products etc.), no arrests of any illegal wrongdoing or partaking in any illegal activities. No person may succeed himself or herself.

2.) Each Contestant must have contributed to the growth of the Williams County Fair (example: participant, exhibitor, worker, etc.)

3.) All Contestants are expected to attend various county activities and events prior to the Williams County Fair assigned by the Pageant Directors. All Contestants along with the Royalty Court are obligated to participate in the Bryan Jubilee, Kunkle 4th of July and the Montpelier Bean Days Parade, all other town parades are optional.

4.) All contestants, should they be named the Williams County Royalty, are encouraged to attend activities and events throughout the following year to represent the Williams County Fair. If for any reason a contestant cannot accept this responsibility, he or she should not compete.

5.) The Williams County Fair Royalty and all Attendants will be expected to participate in the scheduled Fair events and activities prior to and during the Fair.

6.) The Williams County Fair Royalty and all Attendants will be determined through an interview session based upon: (full score sheet below)

KING/QUEEN

Application 50 points
Participation 50 points
Interview 100 points
Proposal 50 points
Total-----250 points

PRINCE/PRINCESS

Application 50 points
Participation 50 points
Interview 100 points
Total-----200 points

WHAT SHOULD THE ROYALTY COURT DO DURING THEIR TIME OF REPRESENTING THE FAIR?

- Promote your fair - talk with Senior Fair Board about what image they want presented and how you can help
- Serve as an ambassador for Junior Fair organizations
- Find something unique about your fair to share/highlight
- Make / purchase a little pin / button to pass out to visiting royalty and dignitaries
- Be knowledgeable about fair activities / schedule / fairgrounds / history
- Visit other fairs - promote your fair and find out about their fair
- Make sure that you are receiving invitations to attend other fairs' royalty get-togethers
- If you host a royalty get-together:
 - Extend an invitation to as many royalty as possible - knowing that not all will attend
 - Provide tours of fairground
 - Schedule in conjunction with royalty contest or other exciting fair activity
 - Introduce visiting royalty to Senior Fair Board Members and Junior Fair Board Members

VISITING COUNTY & INDEPENDENT FAIRS

- Attend as many fairs as possible during your time of service
- Call / research ahead of time to find out what is going on at the fair during your visit and be prepared to attend these events
- Dress appropriately – remember that you are representing Williams County – wear shoes that you can walk in
- Wear your crown & sash
- If asked to speak at the fairs, use appropriate and positive language – be sure to thank them for their hospitality
- Be sure to have someone go with you to visit fairs – this is for safety (an escort is required)
- Take pictures – plan to create a scrapbook or poster to display at Williams County Fair
- Have a business card with Williams County Fair Dates and Events

ROYALTY CONTEST INTERVIEW

- Business professional wardrobe: appropriate length, natural/minimal makeup, shoes that are comfortable to walk in
- Shake the judges' hands at the beginning and end of the interview
- Thank the judges
- Please do not bring scrapbooks, resumes, etc. to the interview - just yourself
- Show your true personality - be yourself and you'll do great!
- Be familiar with what you put on your application
- Avoid lengthy responses, but provide enough that you are answering the question
- Be sincere
- Avoid answering the way you think the judges want you to answer - answer honestly

- Provide enough substance in your answers so that the judges are not dominating the conversation
- Show what you know and what you love - FAIR

REMINDERS!!!

- ★ You are being “judged” throughout the duration of the contest. You never know when the judges could be watching.
- ★ This contest should not be a financial burden on the contestant and their family. There is no obligation to go out and buy a whole new wardrobe just for this event.

Williams County Fair Royalty Score Sheet

Application	Possible Points
Application & Short Answers are neatly written or typed, and use proper grammar, spelling & punctuation. All information was complete, questions were answered & application was signed & dated	10
Applicant Assumed multiple responsibilities within their program & is actively involved (4-H, FFA, etc.)	10
Application addresses the applicants' Community involvement, how it has shown them responsibility & dedication that qualify them for this position	10
Application addresses the applicants' Fair experience, how it has benefitted them & their future & why the applicant feels they are qualified to represent this position	20
Participation	
Promote the Williams County Fair (work with Fairboard)	10
Fair Related Community Service and other activities (shows, clinics, etc.)	10
Fulfilled project expectations to highest level (Ohio State Fair)	10
Participated in Royalty Court Activities & Duties	20
Interview	
Appearance - Is well-dressed & looks neat & well-prepared	20
Confidence - shows poise & posture while expresses knowledge of the position they are competing for	20
Positive Attitude & Personality	20

Speaks clearly & answers questions directly & completely, makes eye contact & is outgoing.	20
Leadership - Demonstrates leadership qualities that would be useful in the position they are running for	20
Total	250

EXPECTATIONS OF ROYALTY COURT

- Appropriate wardrobe: look professional, be sure that clothes are not too tight / revealing / too short
- Appropriate shoes: be mindful of where you are and what you are doing at the fair (flats and nice boots are great!)
- Use appropriate language (Remember: you are someone's role model and are representing your fair)
- Never be afraid to ask questions
- Include your royalty court members
- Be aware of social media: anyone can see what you are posting (statuses, pictures, etc.)
 - Be careful what is posted and what is said
 - Fair social media is a great way to update people on your adventures, just be professional in how you do it

After the Fair has concluded, you will be contacted with other opportunities to represent the Williams County Fair (meetings, events)

- If you are contacted to attend an event and it is not through Williams County Senior Fairboard, communicate with the Fairboard to receive approval to attend
- Be sure to send thank you cards to sponsors, and others who have helped during your time at convention

***Scholarships for King and Queen CANDIDATES ONLY: The Dairy Association, Pork Producers, Beef Producers and the Montpelier Civic League sponsor scholarships for all King and Queen Candidates, so that all candidates have the option to further their Education/Career. This is a one-time event each year and for King and Queen Candidates only. King and Queen Candidates are required to work in these commodity's booths during the week of the fair as a thank you. You will be required to get a form signed by each booth to show that you worked, before getting the scholarship funds. These scholarships will be paid out after the Queen attends the OFMA Queens' Contest.

PASSING ON THE CROWN

- Serve as a host for the contestants of next year's contest
- Be helpful to the contestants, you've been there - help them feel at ease!
- Interact with candidates, answer questions, make them feel comfortable
- Have scrapbook or slideshow available to show pictures from your year of service
- Serve as host for evening contest

- Speak briefly about your year of service during both the evening contest on Thursday and the General Session on Saturday
- Crown the next Williams County Fair Queen/King

AFTER BEING CROWNED WILLIAMS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN: It is MANDATORY for the Queen to compete at the state contest in January of the following year during the OFMA convention in Columbus, Ohio. If for some reason you cannot participate, the 1st Runner-up Queen will fill-in.

OHIO FAIRS' QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

- Be thorough: don't assume that the judges know everything about you
- Be honest
- Specify the level of your awards (county, state, etc.)
- Put information in the appropriate place on the application
- Don't be afraid to add the extra pages
- Limit what you say in reply to the questions asked on the application (i.e., don't attach extra pages that don't correlate to questions)
- Make sure it is legible: Typed is preferred
- Check spelling / grammar
- Ask a parent/teacher/fair rep. to look over the application before sending it
- Make a copy of your application so you can review it before the contest
- Send application in ahead of deadline to avoid complications; feel free to make contact to confirm that it arrived