

PERRY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

P.O Box 189

New Lexington, OH 43764

May 9, 2023

To: Jr. Fair Exhibitors ages 16+ as of 1/1/23

Re: Perry Co. Fair Queen & King Contest

Enclosed you will find the application for the 2023 Perry County Fair Queen & King Contest. All Jr. Fair Exhibitors who were at least 16 years of age on January 1, 2023 are eligible to apply.

To apply you should complete the enclosed application and attach a current wallet-sized photo. Additionally, both the candidate and a parent/guardian must sign the 2023 Royalty Bylaws document, included with the application. **ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 12th!**

Additionally, you will need to schedule an interview by calling the Extension Office (740-743-1602). Interviews are being conducted on Thursday, June 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. – location to be announced when you schedule! Interviews will be offered every 10-15 minutes and will be scheduled as you call. Arrival directions will also be given at that time. **All candidates will be expected to return at the end of the interviews for the announcement of who was selected for the Court.*

Remember – the interview is your chance to shine...come prepared to make a positive impression! Dress appropriately – what would you wear to a job interview? Make eye contact, introduce yourself, shake the judge's hand, and speak clearly! Good luck!

Any questions, please call the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Perry Co. Jr. Fair Royalty Department

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The Perry County Fair Royalty Contest Bylaws

Thank you for applying for this year's Perry County Fair Royalty Court. In addition to your application, you and your parent/guardian must read this Bylaws document and sign as a verification of your understanding. These Bylaws are not open for debate. Be aware that no two years are alike, and that revisions may be made to this document annually under the direction of the Royalty Chairperson, Committee, and/or Perry County Senior Fair Board. Candidates and parents/guardians are expected to fully cooperate and abide by these Bylaws. These Bylaws are not inclusive. Decisions of the Royalty Chairperson, Committee, and/or Perry County Senior Fair Board are final.

Section 1: Contest

1. Candidates must be at least 16 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Candidates must be an active member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, FHA Chapter, or other junior fair organization in Perry County.
3. Candidates must reside in Perry County, Ohio or be a member in good standing of the junior fair organization they are representing. (**4-H & FFA both provide for out-of-county participation.*)
4. Candidates are to be attending high school or have graduated from high school/completed a GED.
5. Past candidates that were not selected as King or Queen are invited to enter the contest again provided all qualifications are fulfilled. Candidates having been selected as King/Queen are not eligible to apply again.
6. Candidates must be single, never been married, never had children, and are not an adoptive parent. This status may not change during the year of reign. If a King or Queen should get married or have children during the year of reign their title will be removed and will be passed down to the next in line.
7. Candidates must not have ever been convicted of or have pending convictions for either felonies or misdemeanors.
8. The above eligibility requirements are based on the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest rules and regulations.
9. Applications will be made available after May 15th with interviews held in late June/early July.
10. Judging will be based upon a composite score of biographical information, activities & involvement with their youth organization(s), communication skills, personality, poise, appearance, and maturity. The ideal candidate will be a well-rounded individual. All scores will remain the property of the Sr. Fair Board and no scores will be given to the candidates or parents/guardians.
11. There will be a minimum of 2 judges for the contest preferably that are not residing in Perry County or have no ties with any youth organization. It will be up to the Sr. Fair Board Royalty Chairperson to organize the judges.
12. The judges will select three males and three females to serve as the Royalty Court. They will select the King and Queen from this Court.
13. All members of the Royalty Court give consent for their name and photography to be used in publicity for the Perry County Fair, as well as for events that may be broadcast live on TV/radio.

14. The Court and their parents/guardians will be required to sign the *Perry County Fair Royalty Court Code of Conduct*. This document will be provided to the Court on the night of interviews and will be due back to the Extension Office within 5 business days. Court members must abide by this Code of Conduct through Coronation or risk disqualification. All royalty court members must abide by this Code of Conduct throughout their reign, or risk removal of their title.
15. The King & Queen will be announced and presented at the opening night of the fair.
16. All crowns, hats, and sashes are owned by the Perry County Fair. No crown, hat, or sash may be reproduced or separately purchased. No crown, hat, or sash may be worn by anyone other than the royalty court member.

Section 2: Duties

All royalty court members will be expected to:

1. Attend all special functions Perry County Fair functions together as requested by the Senior Fair Board to greet fairgoers and assist as needed.
2. Be punctual and communicate openly with the Chairperson/Committee if he/she experiences any scheduling conflicts.
3. Present Grand and Reserve Champion Livestock trophies to all winners and be present during the livestock sale and available for pictures.
4. Host visiting royalty and dignitaries.
5. Attend parades at surrounding festivals and fairs whenever possible, as a group.
6. Promote the Perry County Fair through local media appearances.
7. Assist with the royalty contest and coronation the following year.
8. Maintain business casual dress (at minimum), except when personally exhibiting livestock. No crown/hat shall be worn during a personal show or when selling their animal at the livestock auction. Business casual dress = button-down & collared shirts, dress pants/capris, skirts/dresses (at least mid-thigh/tasteful length).
9. Take proper care of the sash and crown/hat to protect them from damage or soiling (container storage is recommended). The Perry County Fair Board will not pay for a replacement unless extenuating circumstances can be proven.
10. Be a positive representative of the Perry County Fair and conduct themselves in a manner accordingly throughout his/her reign and on social media.
11. *The Queen will be required to represent Perry County at the annual OFMA Conference Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest the following winter.

Section 3: Traveling

1. Royalty are responsible for arranging their own transportation for parades, visiting other fairs, and participation in the state contest.
2. The Perry County Fair Board will provide a secondary accident policy covering the royalty when serving in an official capacity.
3. The Perry County Sr. & Jr. Fair Boards will provide some financial assistance (amount TBD) for traveling and participating in the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest.

Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

ATTENTION 4-H and FFA Members – 16 Years and Older!
(as of January 1st)

PERRY COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND KING APPLICATION

NAME _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ AGE (AS OF JAN. 1) _____

PARENT(S) NAME(S) _____

CLUB OR CHAPTER _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A MEMBER (INCLUDING THIS YEAR) _____

GRADE (ENTERING) OR DATE GRADUATED _____ SCHOOL _____

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS _____

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROJECTS (Primary projects taken, what was most valuable, what did you learn, etc.)

DESCRIBE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PERRY COUNTY FAIR

DESCRIBE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN 4-H OR FFA ACTIVITIES (i.e. camps, judgings, offices held, county and state involvement – include length of time involved and achievements, etc.)

OTHER SCHOOL, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE IN YOUR CLUB OR CHAPTER TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 12TH

INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.
CALL 740-743-1602 TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

*****PLEASE ATTACH A WALLET-SIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF (I.E., SCHOOL OR SENIOR PICTURES)***

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____