

# 2024 Lawrence County Fair Queen Contest Application

## LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR APPLICATION ITEM CHECKLIST

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- \_\_\_ 2. **Short Biography** for Program Booklet
  
- \_\_\_ 3. **Two (2) Wallet-Sized Photos**
  
- \_\_\_ 4. **Biography Form** for Judges
  
- \_\_\_ 5. **Essay** for Judging
  
- \_\_\_ 6. **Signed Understanding of Rules and Regulations** of Lawrence County Fair Queen Contest

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### *July 15, 2024*

Completed Lawrence County Fair Queen application forms are due to the Lawrence County Fair office by July 15th. Please see below for the fair office address and attached is the application.

### *August 11, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.*

The Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant will be held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds on **Sunday, August 11, 2024**. The pageant is open to the public. Contestants are required to wear a business suit or sundress for the contest. Attention All Contestants: You are required to help fundraise throughout the week of the Fair during Grandstand events.

### **Mail or Hand Deliver Applications to:**

Lawrence County Fair, 464 Midway Road New Castle, PA 16101

Phone: 724.654.7745

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## APPLICATION ITEM #1: Application Form

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: (as of 6/1/2024) \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION ITEM #2: SHORT BIOGRAPHY

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. The short biography is a required part of the application. It will be used for the 2024 Lawrence County Fair Program and could be used in the 2025 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Coronation Program.
2. Submit a double-spaced typed or word processed on a separate sheet of paper. Handwritten biographies will not be accepted.

A sample is included below. Please keep paragraph to this length. The committee reserves the right to edit the biography paragraph to the proper size to fit beside the photo of the contestant in the Program booklet.

### Example of Biography:

#### **Amy Smith – Best County Fair**

Amy is the 18-year old daughter of John and Mary Smith of Anytown, PA. She is currently studying nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. Amy received the Knights of Knowledge Award as an Honor Student at the Anytown High School from which she graduated in 2024. While in High School, Amy was a member of the Student Council, Pep Club, Band and was the Feature Twirler/Majorette for the Band Front. Sue was a runner-up in the 2024 Junior Miss. Her employment experiences include Hamburger Harry's, babysitting and working at her local fair in the French Fry stand. Amy also serves as a volunteer at the Anytown Community Hospital. In her spare time she enjoys skiing, swimming, dancing and reading.

## APPLICATION ITEM #3: TWO (2) PHOTOS

Each contestant must submit **two wallet-sized photos** for the Competition Program.

Include a **Photographer's Release** if the photo(s) you submit were professionally taken and copyrighted.

The photos will not be returned to the contestant and become property of the Fair.



**PARTICIPATION IN FAIR(S)**

Describe Involvement, Activities, Honors and Awards	Leadership Position Held (if applicable)	Year

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List any Community, Church or Club Activities, Honors and Awards	Leadership Position Held (if applicable)	Year

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE** *(if applicable)*

Place of Employment	Position Held	Year

**APPLICATION ITEM #5: ESSAY**

**This is a judged item. "What The Lawrence County Fair Means to My Community"**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The essay must be typed or word processed on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Please double-space the essay. Handwritten essays will not be accepted.
2. Contestant's name should be included on the top right-hand corner of all pages of the essay.
3. Include total word count on the bottom right-hand corner of the page. The body of the essay must be 300 words or less.
4. Topic: **"What The Lawrence County Fair Means to My Community"**.

## **APPLICATION ITEM #6: Signed Understanding of Lawrence County Fair Queen Rules and Regulations**

### **RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen, a resident of Pennsylvania, and living in Lawrence County.
2. Be at least 16 years old, but not older than 20 years old by June 1 of the contest year.
3. Never served as a local or state fair queen.
4. Have parent or guardian(s) consent.
5. Be single, never married, have had no children and remain so during her reign.
6. Not hold any other state or local titles for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
7. Be available to participate in events during six days of the Lawrence County Fair.
8. Attend the state competition in Hershey, PA in January.
9. Agree to promote the Lawrence County Fair in a positive manner throughout her reign.
10. Be available for publicity during her reign, via TV, newspaper, radio and public appearances.

### **FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen and 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, Twitter, 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 Lawrence County Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their directors, committee members, or staff. 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 board member.

**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. (Certain boots may be permitted with prior approval from the Fair Queen Coordinator)
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.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

**WHY I WANT TO BE THE NEXT LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN:**

I understand that the information provided on the prior pages will be used in the judging process, and hereby verify that it is truthful and correct. I have read, understand and am in compliance with the Lawrence County Fair Queen Program’s rules and regulations as listed above. If selected as the new Lawrence County Fair Queen, I will exclusively be the Lawrence County Fair Queen during my entire reign and will not participate in any other programs nor hold a title for any other commodity group during that time

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Contestant’s Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian's Signature if Under 18 Years of Age

Date

**The contest consists of five segments with each segment counting towards points:**

**1. Written Essay**

Each contestant will be judged on their essay on the topic "What My Fair Means to My Community." The essays will be judged on content, grammar and spelling. (15 points)

**2. Personal Interview**

Each contestant will meet privately with a panel of three judges. The interview is judged on conversational ability, the answers to a variety of questions, appearance/poise, activities and knowledge of the Lawrence County Fair and the fair industry. (30 points)

**3. Introduction**

This segment is conducted in front of guests and three judges. Each contestant will walk on stage and introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should be similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a fair or other public event. The introduction must be under one minute. This event is judged on content, stage presence and appearance. (10 points)

**4. Speech Presentation**

This is a persuasive speech on the topic "Why You Should Come to the Lawrence County Fair". A 3 - 5 minutes (timed) oral presentation is given in front of the audience. The speech should include daily and featured events, agricultural exhibits and how our fair impacts our community. This speech should be appropriate for an audience of adults. Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, not "entertainment". It is judged on content, persuasive quality, speaking ability and poise/presence. (30 points)

**5. Impromptu Question**

Each contestant will be required to answer the same impromptu question in front of the panel of three judges and audience. (15 points)