

**DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST  
RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. Contestants must be 16-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year (Jr. Fair age limit). Applications are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of June. Applications may be dropped in the Jr Fair Drop box or e-mail to: jrfair@darkecountyfair.com
2. Contestants can never have been married.
3. Queen contestants may not now be or have ever been pregnant and can not have adopted a child.
4. King contestants may not have ever fathered a child or have adopted a child.
5. Contestants must be properly dressed. Queen contestants: street length dresses or pant suits for interview and formals for the pageant. King contestants: dress slacks, shirt and tie for the interview and suit and tie for pageant.
6. Contestants must be sponsored by a youth organization in Darke County that exhibits at the fair: 4-H club, FFA chapter, FCCLA chapter, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Jr. Fairboard, etc. Candidate must be a member of their sponsor organization.
7. Each club may sponsor two king and two queen contestants. Each contestant may be sponsored by only one youth organization.
8. Individual interviews (approximately ten minutes) will take place on Monday, prior to the pageant. Applicants will be assigned interview times after all applications are submitted. Pageant rehearsal will be held following interviews.
9. During the pageant, each contestant will introduce themselves and share their Jr. Fair, community, and school activities. The reigning Jr. Fair King and Queen will introduce the finalists and ask the final question.
10. King, Queen, and three attendants will be selected.
11. The queen will represent Darke County during the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest held during the Ohio Fair Managers Association Conference in Columbus in January.
12. If the queen is not eligible for the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest, the first runner-up will compete.
13. Basis for judging the contest (patterned after state fair, county, and independent fair queen contests).

**SCORING**

- A. Activities (School/Community/Jr. Fair participation, leadership, achievement, initiative)
  - B. Poise and Personality
  - C. Personal Appearance (includes overall appearance during both interview and pageant)
  - D. Essay
14. King, queen, and court **must maintain the dress and poise of their positions** during the entire fair.
  15. King, queen, and court will be given a list of activities in which they will be expected to participate throughout the fair. Royalty will be expected to participate in activities throughout their year's reign, including parades and other county fairs. If you will be unable to attend the fair to carry out duties and responsibilities, please reconsider your participation in this contest.

DUE: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of June  
TO: Secretary's Office, Fairgrounds

**DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR  
ROYALTY CONTEST APPLICATION**

**\*Please attach one wallet size photograph of yourself. Photograph is for publicity purposes.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Organization you represent \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Years of involvement in Jr. Fair youth organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of Darke County? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Will you be present for the majority of the fair? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please answer the following questions. You may add additional pages, if necessary.

**1. List your school, community, and Jr. Fair activities and honors:**

**2. Professionally, where do you see yourself in 10 to 12 years?**

**3. What does my fair mean to my community?**

**4. Why do you want to be the Junior Fair King or Queen? How will you better the Junior Fair as King or Queen?**

**Essay: What is your proudest accomplishment and why?**