Department 22 (Open Class)

SECTION 4: Fair Queen & Young Miss Program

Fair Queen Competition

Coordinator – Janalee Schilling
State and Local Fair Queen Supervisor – Tatianna Schilling

Rules:

1. Must be 16 and not over 20 years of age by June 1, of the current year.
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen, Cambria or Blair County resident, and must exhibit at the American Legion County Fair.
3. Must be single, never married, have had no children and must not marry or become pregnant during her reign.
4. Cannot have been a former Fair Queen winner, or State Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other title for any other commodity or pageant during her reign.
6. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen behavior policy.
7. Must be prepared for all Judged events as listed. Judging Criteria is based on the State Fair Queen Program Rules.
8. Must be able to meet all Queen Obligations, Time Commitments and Dress Code as set forth by the Local and State Fair Queen Programs.
9. ALL Contestants will be expected to be part of American Legion County Fair Court. This court has the responsibility of promoting our Fair and hosting a Veteran's Support Project. Scheduled Events will include but are not limited to:
   - American Legion County Fair Queen Contestant "Meet and Greet" August 22nd at 10 AM– attendance is mandatory. Location to be determined. You will need to bring the information that has been emailed to you after registering.
   - Acting as Fair Ambassador during Fair Week assisting in the presentation of Livestock Awards, Escorting and introducing visiting dignitaries, escorting Queens from visiting Fairs, and assisting at the Grandstand during Entertainment Shows.
   - Participate in the Veterans Day Parade, Ebensburg Memorial Day Parade, just to name a few.
   - The queen will represent the American Legion County Fair at the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Competition in Hershey, and at other Fairs and functions that you may be invited to attend.
10. Contestants MUST register at https://sites.google.com/view/american-legion-co-fair/home, no Later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2026. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. You will need the following information to fill out the form. Please contact Tatianna at 814-243-1147 if you need help accessing the form.
    - A Personal biography for Program Booklet.
    - The Essay on, "What My Fair Means to My Community".
    - 1 – digital Photo for Program Booklet.

    Please Note: We cannot accept Professional Photographs without a signed Photo Release from the Photographer. All paperwork, including photos will become the property of the American Legion County Fair and will NOT be returned.

PLEASE NOTE: DIGITAL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY:

5:00 PM, August 1, 2026

Local and State Judging Criteria:

1. A Written Essay (300 Words or Less) on the Topic, "What My Fair Means To My Community.

   Judging Criteria: Content, Grammar, and Spelling. **[15 Points]**

2. Personal Interview: Each contestant will meet with a Panel of Judges.

   Judging Criteria: Conversational Ability, Answers to Questions, Appearance/Poise, Activities and Knowledge of the Fair Industry. **[35 Points]**

3. Speech Presentation on the Topic, "Why You Should Come To My Fair". (A 3-5 Minute Timed Event) A Persuasive Speech appropriate for an audience of adults. The audience will be a panel of judges, parents, Fair members and other guests wishing to view the presentations. Props that enhance this speech are permitted, but not required. Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their Public Speaking Skills, not on "Entertainment". Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations are not permitted.

   Judging Criteria: Speech Content (Must Include Agriculture), Speech Format, Conveys the importance of PA Fairs, Public Speaking Ability, Poise and Presence**. [30 Points]**

4. Stage Introduction: Each Contestant will make a Personal Introduction on stage to the audience, similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. Each Contestant has 15 seconds to make this Introduction.

   Judging Criteria: Content, Stage Presence and Appearance. [**20 Points]**

Local and State Fair Queen Dress Code:

Wearing of the Fair Queen Crown and or Sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community and our Fair.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while wearing the Crown and Sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance of the event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots. Alterations may be made to this rule only if approved by the Fair Queen Coordinator
3. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn in the livestock areas, for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercing (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfits that are too low cut, too short or too revealing.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx. 2.5") from the bottom of the hem line 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 Fair Queen Program.

Local and State Fair Queen Behavior Policy:

The American Legion County Fair shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program. If 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, it will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

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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 infraction of any Queen Contest Rule.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language, public displays of affection to dates or boyfriends while wearing the crown and or sash while 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, Instagram, TikTok etc.)
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substance or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Fair or the Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee Members, whether it be oral or written. This includes post 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 event board member.

Use the digital entry form - Fill out this form and bring it to the Meet and Greet August 22nd at 10 AM (we need physical signatures.

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Name: _____Phone: _____
As you would like it printed in the Program Booklet

Address: _____

City, _____ State, _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age as of June 1, 2025 _____

InItial **Premiums**: Fair Queen - $500.00 - Princess - $250.00

_____ I agree that as a Contestant in the American Legion County Fair Queen Contest I will abide by all Local and State Rules, and Requirements, as set forth by the American Legion County Fair Queen Program and the PA State Fair Queen Program.

_____ I agree that in the event I am not crowned as queen I will still represent the Fair as an Ambassador following the rules as set forth including but not limited to dress code, conduct rules.

_____ I agree to be an active member of the annual Fair Queen Court's Veterans Support Fundraiser.

_____ _____
Contestant Signature *Parent/Guardian Signature*

Young Miss Competition

Rules

This contest is open to young girls, between the ages of 8 and 11, who would like to be part of the Fair Queen Program.

The "Young Miss American Legion County Fair" winner will become part of the Fair Queen Court and assist in promoting Fairs and Agriculture during Fair Week and other functions throughout their reign.

Each young lady must be willing and able to accompany the Fair Queen Court to any promotional event or activity scheduled by the Fair Queen Coordinator. (Local parades, festivals etc.).

1. Contestants must be Female, a United State Citizen, a resident of Blair or Cambria County and exhibit in Livestock Departments or the Agriculture Department of the Fair.
2. Contestants must be between the ages of 8 & 11, as of June 1 of the current year.
3. Contestants may not have been a former contest winner.
4. Not hold any other title for any other commodity or pageant.
5. Entries will not be accepted without the parent/guardian signature.
6. Each contestant must be able to meet time commitments and obligations set forth by the Fair Queen Coordinator.
7. Contestants MUST register at https://sites.google.com/view/american-legion-co-fair/home following information to the Fair Office, no later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2026. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. You will need the following information to fill out the form. Please contact Tatianna at 814-243-1147 if you need help accessing the form.
   - A Personal biography for Program Booklet.
   - A digital Photo for Program Booklet.

   Please Note: We cannot accept Professional Photographs without a signed Photo Release from the Photographer. All paperwork, including photos will become the property of the American Legion County Fair and will NOT be returned.
8. A Meet and Greet will be held August 22nd at 10 AM. Location to be determined. You will need to bring the information that has been emailed to you after registering and a poster on a full size sheet of heavy poster board showing: **"WHAT I LIKE ABOUT FAIR".**
9. ALL Contestants will be expected to be part of American Legion County Fair Court. This court has the responsibility of promoting our fair and hosting a Veteran's Support Project. Scheduled Events will include but are not limited to:
   - American Legion County Fair Queen Contestant "Meet and Greet" – attendance is mandatory.
   - Acting as Fair Ambassador during Fair Week assisting in the presentation of Livestock Awards, Escorting and introducing visiting dignitaries, escorting Queens from visiting Fairs, and assisting at the Grandstand during Entertainment Shows.
   - Participate in the Johnstown Halloween Parade, Veterans Day Parade, Ebensburg Memorial Day Parade, just to name a few.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WINNER

Questions can be addressed by contacting:

Tatianna Schilling – State and Local Fair Queen Supervisor 814-243-1147

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PLEASE NOTE: THE DIGITAL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY:

5:00 PM, August 1, 2025.

American Legion County Fair Young Miss Entry Form

Use the digital entry form - Fill out this form and bring it to the Meet and Greet August 22nd at 10 AM we need physlcal signatures.

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Name: _____Phone: _____
As you would like it printed in the Program Booklet

Address: _____

City, _____ State, _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age as of June 1, 2025 _____

InItial **Premiums**: Young Miss $100.00

_____ I agree that as a Contestant in the American Legion County Fair Young Miss Contest I will abide by all Local and State Rules, and Requirements, as set forth by the American Legion County Fair Queen Program.

_____ I agree to be an active member of the annual Fair Queen Court's Veterans Support Fundraiser.

_____ _____
Contestant Signature *Parent/Guardian Signature*

Class	Section: 4: Fair Queen & Young Miss	1st	2nd
12.	Fair Queen	$500.00	$250.00
13.	Young Miss	$100.00	