



*Derry Township Agricultural Fair Queen Program*

**DERRY TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FAIR - QUEEN CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**  
*The following is based on the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Competition Rules*

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**SECTION Q: Premiums: Queen - \$200.00 Princess - \$50.00 Attendant(s) - \$25.00**

**RULES FOR QUEEN/ATTENDANT CONTESTANTS:**

- \* Be a female who is a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania
- \* For Queen contestants be at least 16 but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
- \* For Attendant contestants be at least 14 but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
- \* Have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the competition.
- \* Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen contestant.
- \* Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
- \* Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
- \* Be able to meet all time commitments, obligations and dress codes as set forth below.
- \*\* **All Queen Court title holders must comply with the following guidelines throughout the year.**

**DERRY TWP AG FAIR REQUIREMENTS:**

The following requirements must be performed if and when you are crowned the Derry Township Ag Fair Queen or serving on the Court. Applicant agrees to perform all of the following responsibilities listed in addition to following the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program.

Immediately after Coronation:

- (1) all participants must stay for photographs;
- (2) all participants must walk around the fairgrounds and stop at any special event(s) going on at that time;
- (3) after walking around fairgrounds – all participants must report to the Fair office to go over the schedule of events for the week and review of rules.

**The Derry Fair Queen Court must:**

- 1. escort special guests appearing on the fairgrounds;
- 2. present awards at the Market Show; and
- 3. be in the arena during the Market Sale (Saturday evening)
- 4. help with fundraisers at the Queen Table and other Fair Fundraisers such as 50/50 during fair week;
- 5. help with the Queen Court events which funds the Amanda Dias Scholarship Fund;
- 6. attend other fair queen coronations and participate in community events IF invited;
- 7. be present at least one day of Bunny Fest for Easter;
- 8. be available to participate and attend other DTAF events;
- 9. Parade participation:
  - 1. Derry Railroad Days (September) *required for the Queen*
  - 2. Derry Homecoming (October) *optional*
  - 3. Fourth of July Parade (July) *required for the Queen*
- 10. must do at least one fundraiser that benefit the queen program and/or add monies to the Queen Fund (work with Committee on fundraising ideas);
- 11. the **Queen** must do a scrapbook with no less than eight pages showing events and participation at other fairs and events that promote the Derry Fair.
- 12. The **Queen** must attend the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Convention in Hershey (January) (unless outlined below all other expenses are your responsibility):

DTAF agrees to pay for the Queen and her chaperone/parent room;  
DTAF agrees to pay for three (3) gifts (one for Queen raffle table) and up to two for State Fair Queen gift exchange if needed;  
DTAF agrees to buy the PA State Fair Queen Competition Blanket for the Queen as keepsake;  
Registration fee for Queen (\$120) includes:

- Thursday dinner
- Registration for Trade Show
- Saturday Coronation banquet

DTAF agrees to pay for chaperone/parent meals to attend the same events that Queen is supplied with her registration;

(14) the **Queen** must attend and participate in Fair Board Meetings.

Concluding the Queen's reign, she will need to provide a small gift for participating contestants, be present for the upcoming Fair Queen Competition in which she will crown the new queen and help mentor the incoming Queen. Outgoing Queen is also responsible for having a table to display scrapbook during the entire week of the Fair.

The Fair Queen is entitled to receive a \$500 scholarship at the end of her reign if all of the above requirements are met and provided that she can supply the Queen Committee with a letter of acceptance and/or tuition bill for an accredited college (excluded if enrolled in single-class or multi class institution without a major/minor or equivalent to receiving a degree or associate degree). When said scholarship requirements are met, then funds shall be paid directly to college/institution and not to participant.

#### **FAIR QUEEN COURT BEHAVIOR POLICY**

The Contest's governing Board/Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event that Board/Committee 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 Court 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, Instagram and Tiktok).
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 Fair or the PA State Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and/or sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.
8. Running for another similar competition during the reign (regardless of the rank of the title), this will result in immediate removal of her title and disallowance of any future queen court competitions due to the lack of commitment that was shown towards the fair.

#### **FAIR QUEEN COURT DRESS CODE**

Having a title 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.
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that is low cut or shows cleavage.

5. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a one dollar bill placed between the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program

**Please note that attendants are only allowed to be sashed two years consecutively.**

**DERRY TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION**

Circle Contest Entering:                      QUEEN                      ATTENDANT

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

High/Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ give my/our consent for my/our daughter to run in the annual Derry Township Agricultural Fair Queen Contest. I/We in no way will hold Derry Township Agricultural Fair Association responsible for any type of injury, mishap, or damage done to my/our daughter or her attire. I/We also understand that my/our daughter is required to be present during the Fair to present awards, speak, etc... if she is chosen as queen, princess, or attendant. She (the Queen) must also be available throughout the year for other fair events outlined in the Derry Township Requirements and participate in the PA State Fair Queen Contest. I/We also understand that any infraction of the rules set forth could result in immediate removal of title and disallowance of any future queen court competitions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING WITH BRIEF EXPLANATION AND SUBMIT SEPERATELY WITH YOUR ESSAY, SPEECH, THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM ABOVE AND PHOTO**

1. What are your future career and personal goals?
2. What awards and/or honors have you received?
3. Name the community, church, school activities, etc in which you are involved. Explain the type of involvement with each activity.
4. What are your hobbies and interests?
5. Explain your agricultural experience and background. (ie. Gardening; FFA, 4H)
6. **PROVIDE A SHORT TYPED BIOGRAPHY ABOUT YOU TO BE READ DURING THE COMPETITION**

i.e. Jane Doe is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Joan Doe of New Derry, PA. A junior at the Derry Area High School and involved with the FFA program, a member of Student Council, a cheerleader and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). After graduation Jane plans on attending Penn State and majoring in Agricultural Business Management. She has received a Scholarship from the Rotary Club of Ligonier and volunteers at the church for Meals on Wheels. Jane's hobbies include reading, playing the piano and horseback riding.

**SPEECH PRESENTATION**

You will be required to give a 3-5 minute speech at the competition. \*Please submit a TYPED copy of your speech.

**Topic: "WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO MY FAIR"** (Spelling, Content, and Grammar will be judged.)

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**WRITTEN ESSAY**

Please provide a TYPED 500 words or less essay

**Topic: "WHAT MY FAIR MEANS TO MY COMMUNITY"** (Spelling, Content and Grammar will be judged.)

**Check Off List for Contestants:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and Signed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brief answers to five (5) questions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Short Biography on the Contestant (TYPED)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speech Presentation (3-5 min) on "Why You Should Come to My Fair" (TYPED)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Written Essay (500 words or less) on "WHAT MY FAIR MEANS TO MY COMMUNITY" (TYPED)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo of contestant
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of all shows and events the contestant plans to participate in during fair week (this will not hold any regard during the judging it is for strictly for scheduling purposes in the case that you win a title).

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Direct any Questions to Deanna Durika: Mobile number at 724-388-6053 or email at [deanna.durika@gmail.com](mailto:deanna.durika@gmail.com)

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***Deadline for the application is JUNE 23, 2023. DO NOT MAIL TO THE DTAF POST OFFICE ADDRESS!***

Note: There will be a grace period of seven days, after the applications are due.

**Any applications received after June 30, 2023 will not be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Once all the applications are collected, we will have a short meeting at the fair grounds to discuss the upcoming contest. This meeting is to very important as we will go over what to expect the day of the competition, the contestants will be given the interview time, we will practice what to do on stage and the Queen Coordinator will meet with each girl individually to hear their speech and go over their application. Attire for this is casual however the contestant should bring the shoes she will be wearing the day of the competition. Weather permitting, we will rehearse on the stage.

✓ Interviews will be conducted on Sunday, July 9, 2023. Contestant must wear business attire to interview. The contestant's interview time and location will be given to when all the applications are collected.

✓ Coronation will be Sunday July 9, 2023 at 7:00pm on the stage weather pending. You will be required to wear a gown for the coronation. Please have your gown, shoes, accessories, etc. available for a quick change after your interview if necessary. The Contestants should arrive back at the fairgrounds no later than 6:00 to meet and greet visiting Queens and guests. Contestants and guests will wait in the Home Ec building until it is time to head to the stage.

✓ Queen and Court must be present during the entire week of Fair for presentations.

✓ Derry Township Agricultural Fair Queen must attend the annual PA State Fair Queen Competition held in Hershey, PA in January