



FAIR ROYALTY PROGRAM

Our Fair Royalty Program is designed to promote greater public understanding, awareness and interest in Pennsylvania's number one industry - agriculture¹. The Fair Queen and Ambassadors share a unique opportunity to promote our fair and our county's agriculture, as well as an opportunity for personal and professional growth, and development. The Fair Royalty Program provides each participant the opportunity to build and enhance confidence in her abilities, poise in her presentations, pride in her accomplishments, skills in communication, knowledge of the fair industry and sportsmanship in accepting success or defeat gracefully. In addition to building skills and relationships, a scholarship is presented to the elected Queen, and she will have the opportunity to represent our fair at the State Fair Queen Contest in **January 2027**.



CONTEST DATE: Sunday, JUNE 14, 2026 @ 12:15 p.m.

CONTEST DEADLINE: JUNE 7, 2026

Fair Queen Contest Guidelines

This is not a beauty contest. You do not need artistic talent to enter. Entrants will be judged on their ability to communicate (speaking ability), message, promptness, and appearance. Judging will take place prior to the Fair. The results will remain sealed until **Monday, July 20, 2026**, at the Opening Ceremonies, the first night of the Fair.

1. Entrant must be a female at least 16 years of age and not over 20 years old **by June 1, 2026**, be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania. In addition, she must also meet one of the following criteria:
 - live in or attend/graduated from one of the surrounding school districts (Phoenixville, Spring-Ford, Owen J. Roberts, Downingtown, Great Valley, Conestoga, CAT-Pickering, Kimberton Waldorf or Renaissance Academy),
 - an exhibitor of the Kimberton Community Fair,
 - a resident of Chester County
2. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
3. Not be a former Fair Queen winner or a former State Fair Queen contestant. You are not permitted to hold any additional year-long title during your reign, for any commodity, group or pageant. Exception: does not include things like Homecoming Queen or being elected the "2027 PA State Fair Queen".
4. Entrants must have their parent or legal guardians' signature on the entry form. The purpose of this signature is to allow Kimberton Fair to use the transcript for the interview. This entry signature also ensures the parents/guardian is aware of her participation in this contest and provides their consent to photos and videos that will be taken of all contestants for the use of promoting the Kimberton Community Fair and Fair Queen Program.

¹ Agriculture includes various commodities of Pennsylvania including livestock (dairy, beef, poultry, swine, goats, sheep, equine, and rabbits), agronomic/horticulture/forestry, and other general agri-science and agri-business organizations including many "Green" initiatives.

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5. Entrants should be able to meet all time commitments, Queen Obligations, Behavior Policy and dress code as set forth by the Kimberton Fair Board and the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program.
6. Be an upstanding citizen and of good moral character (at the discretion of the Fair Board).
7. Entrants will be required to attend every night of the **2026 Kimberton Community Fair – July 20 – 25, 2026** - to participate in nightly activities, unless excused by Coordinators for just reason. Be available to crown the **2027** Kimberton Fair Queen.
8. The scholarship award will be presented after all commitments and obligations have been met and proof of scholarship eligibility by presenting a current tuition bill or grade report from her college/university. The entrants may receive a variety of individual prizes.
9. The elected Queen is expected to be responsive in a timely fashion to the calls and emails of the Queen Coordinator or the Fair Board members.

The deadline for entry is JUNE 7, 2026

This contest may be cancelled if we have two or less entrants. You will be contacted by email if this occurs.

The decision of the judges and/or the Kimberton Community Fair Committee is final. If for any reason the chosen Fair Queen is unable to fulfill her obligations or is dismissed and replaced by the next eligible Princess or Ambassador, she agrees to relinquish her title and all privileges awarded to her. The sash and crown are the property of the Kimberton Community Fair and will be immediately returned in the same condition as received or reimburse the Fair in the amount of \$70 for replacements. The Kimberton Fair Committee has the discretion of recall should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur. Conviction of any crime, illegal types of behavior, such as drug use, alcohol consumption, or smoking will not be tolerated and will be grounds for recall. Your actions portray an image of our fair to the public. Any Fair Queen recalled will be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up.



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Behavior Policy

A “Zero Tolerance Behavior Policy” has been established by the Kimberton Fair Royalty and the PA State Fair Queen Programs. The following will be considered violations of the policy and will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

- Illegal types of behavior, such as drug or tobacco product use, alcohol consumption.
- Smoking, by a legally aged person, will only be tolerated in private settings, never in a public location while representing the Kimberton Fair.
- Behavior during the fair or other related functions that is unbecoming, unmoral or detrimental to the Queen program as determined by the Kimberton Fair Board, including but not limited to on-line representations on the internet social networking sites (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, etc.);
- Unresponsiveness to the requests and contacts of the Royalty Program Coordinator or the Fair Board.
- Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners, and contestants, the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it is oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet such as social networking sites.
- Disrespectful behavior of/with others. Boyfriends or significant others should display respectful behavior when accompanying the Queen. The public and the Fair Board should be able to believe any individual accompanying you is part of your “family”. Public displays will not be tolerated.
- Clothing or dress that is indecent or inappropriate as set forth in the dress code.
- Admitting unauthorized personnel into the Queen’s Room. Authorized personnel include Fair Board members, contestants and their Guardian’s, or as authorized by the Royalty Program Coordinator.
- Pregnancy/Marriage.
- Conviction of crime other than minor traffic offense.
- Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearances or representations of the Royalty Program in crown and banner.
- Any unsportsmanlike or uncooperative conduct before, during and after the competition.

Dress Code

Wearing the Fair Queen Crown and Sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community and our Fair. Therefore, professional appearance is expected while in crown and sash during the fair or special event:

- ☞ Acceptable clothing would be dresses, skirts, or dress pants.
- ☞ No denim jeans or shorts, t-shirts, crop tops, flip flops, sneakers or boots. Closed-toe shoes will be needed for being in the livestock areas for safety reasons.
- ☞ No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.
- ☞ No item should be revealing in anyway (cut too short [2” past fingertips at sides of body] or too low).
- ☞ Excessive make-up or jewelry is not permitted.



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- ✉ No visible body piercing (other than earrings).
- ✉ Tattoos should not be visible during any contest or fair activity.

Judging Guidelines

- ✉ Each prospective entrant must complete the Entry Form. Please read the entry form before filling it out. Entrants should outline what she wants to say on another piece of paper, then type or print the application. The entry form is used for publicity and the interview, so please complete it neatly. Separate paper may be used if additional space is needed.
- ✉ The competition will be held on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the Kimberton Fair Office located at St. Basil's Church, 2230 Kimberton Road.
 - ✉ Write an essay on *"What Kimberton Community Fair Means To My Community"*. Essay must be 300 words or less and **submitted no later than June 13, 2026**. The essay will be judged for content, grammar and spelling.
** **NEW RULE from the PA State Fair Queen Program: Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)**
 - ~ **Permitted Uses:** A.I. may be used for light assistance such as grammar correction, spelling checks, or brainstorming prompts. **Prohibited Uses:** A.I. must not be used to generate, outline, translate, or rewrite substantial portions of the essay. The core ideas, structure, and voice must be entirely the contestant's own.
 - ~ **Disclosure Requirement:** If any A.I. tool was used during the writing process, contestants must include a brief note at the end of their submission describing how it was used.
 - ~ **Violation Consequences:** Judges reserve the right to use an A.I. Checker and disqualify any essay that they find to be primarily A.I.-generated or misrepresented in terms of authorship.
- ✉ Entrants must be prepared to give a 3–5-minute speech to the judges on *"Why You Should Come to the Kimberton Community Fair"*. This should be a persuasive speech appropriate for an adult audience. Cue cards may be utilized. Entrants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not "entertainment". Props may be used if they enhance the speech. Computer-based presentations are not permitted.
- ✉ The interview will be held on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, immediately following the speech. For the interview, each entrant will meet alone with the panel of judges for 5-10 minutes. The judges will utilize the information from your application as well as additional questions. You will be judged on your conversational ability, the answers to the judges' questions, your appearance/poise, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry.

NOTE: The outfit for the interview and the speech should be of a business type. The night of the crowning a prom-type formal dress should be worn.



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Kimberton Fair Queen Obligations

Local obligations should take approximately 16 hours or less a month (except in January & July).

The crowned Queen will be required to fulfill additional obligations and appearances after Fair week, as presented below. These obligations may only be waived at the sole discretion of the Kimberton Fair Royalty Coordinators, or the Kimberton Community Fair Board based on valid reasons with advanced notification. The Fair Princess may be asked to also attend functions with or in place of the Queen (if the Queen is unavailable for valid reasons).

If the elected Queen is unable to fulfill her duties and is replaced by the Princess, or next eligible ambassador, she will immediately relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The sash and crown are the property of the Kimberton Community Fair and will be immediately returned in the same condition as received or she will reimburse the fair \$70 for replacement.

- Have a meeting with the Queen Coordinator, yourself (the new Queen), and your parents to review the expectations of the Kimberton Fair Board and these Obligations following the Opening Ceremony or within one week following the fair.
- Attend 4-day Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention in **January 2027**. If she is unable to attend the state level competition, the Princess may be sent in her place and will represent the Kimberton Fair as our Queen for the remainder of the year, at the discretion of the Fair Board. Kimberton Fair will pay the actual expenses of the Queen and one chaperone to the state contest. The alternate (Princess) and a guest will be invited to attend the Coronation Banquet at the state competition; the fair will cover the cost of their banquet tickets. Any additional attendees will be at their own cost.
- Attend scheduled practices for speech prior to state convention.
- Assist with writing updates for the Kimberton Queen Facebook page. Some suggested topics would be:
 - How it feels to be the new Kimberton Fair Queen.
 - Anticipation of going to the State competition.
 - How you did at the state competition.
 - Upcoming new Queen search.
 - Upcoming fair.
 - Fundraisers; Agricultural highlights
 - Community activities
- The Queen and Princess (if active) must send a brief update to the Fair Queen Coordinator every month. The report must include information on the activities and events she has completed and plans of upcoming activities and events. Queen Coordinator must approve in advance any activities not scheduled by the Queen Program.
- Help create pages for the "Queen Scrapbook".
- Crown the **2027** Kimberton Fair Queen



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Other suggested activities may include:

- Read books to local daycare students about fairs.
- Talk to local service groups about volunteerism and the fair. (“Why you should come to our Fair”)
- Learn about county and state agriculture. Learn what local agriculture exists (see how cheese is made; see how grapes are turned into wine at the local vineyards; learn about CSAs).
- Attend regional community events (Mushroom Festival, Community Days), as they are arranged.
- Attend other fairs associated with the PSACF, when invited.
- Help other service clubs with fundraisers, as requested.
- Support regional agricultural businesses by appearances as requested or arranged.
- Meet our local legislators and be introduced to the State Legislative bodies, as arranged.
- Participate in the promotion and activities of the **2027** Fair Queen Contest (attending presentations at schools, 4-H meetings, etc.).

ALL activities will be set up by the Fair Royalty Coordinator.

If you have any additional suggestions for activities, please provide the details to the Coordinator.

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Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Obligations

For the state contestant that is chosen as the PA State Fair Queen

- ☞ Attend all PA State Fair Queen Program sanctioned events including, but not limited to: Cornucopia (Harrisburg), PA Travel Council Tourism Day (Harrisburg), Ag Progress Days (Rock Springs, PA), Farm-City Day (Harrisburg), the Pennsylvania Farm Show (Harrisburg), and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs' convention (Hershey).
- ☞ Attend fairs in all four (4) zones of the PA State Association of County Fairs (PSACF), when invited. (Fair Season: May – Oct.)
- ☞ Attend other events/obligations that may arise on behalf of the PSACF.
- ☞ Keep an Event Summary log (Event name and location, purpose/target audience, number of attendees, and contact person).
- ☞ Make a scrapbook and create a display for the 2027 PSACF Convention showing how she promoted fairs and agriculture during her reign.
- ☞ Attend and participate in the 2027 State Fair Queen competition and crown the 2028 State Fair Queen.
- ☞ Show proof of scholarship eligibility by presenting a current tuition bill or grade report from her college/university.
- ☞ Was exclusively the PA State Fair Queen for her entire reign and did not participate in any other pageants nor hold a title for any other commodity group during that time.

If selected as the new PA State Fair Queen, the Queen will receive a
\$3,000 First Place Scholarship



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