

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION 2026 ENTRY FORMAT ~ RULES ~ CONTEST INFORMATION

EACH CONTESTANT MUST:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Washington County.
2. Be at least age 16 but not older than 20, years of age as of **June 1, 2026**, of the year entering the local contest.
3. Be the certified representative from the local fair where she was crowned.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former State Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s)' or guardian (s)' consent to enter the Competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
8. Be of good moral character (at the discretion of the Committee)
9. Be able to meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and dress code as set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program.
10. Have farm, 4-H, or FFA experience, or an exhibitor of the fair.
11. All contestants under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian sign a consent form prior to the event.
12. Submit her entry and written essay (detail below) by **July 24, 2026**.
13. Winner must be available to reign at the Washington County Fair, **August 15-22, 2026**.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Written essay on "What My Fair Means To My Community", 300 words or less, **Due with application on or before July 24, 2026**.
2. A 3-to-5-minute talk on "Why You Should Come to the 2026 Washington County Fair".
3. An impromptu question to be answered on stage.
4. Poise
5. Neatness
6. Appearance
7. Ability to communicate (speaking ability and knowledge of fairs.)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The winner must participate in the State Fair Queen Contest to be held in Hershey during the month of **January 2027**, and represent Washington County. The winner of the state contest will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship and reign as Pennsylvania State Fair Queen. Prizes will be awarded to each contestant.

The Winner of the County Fair Queen contest will receive \$200.00, and the runner-up will receive \$100.00. Gifts will be given to all contestants. The following information must be turned into the Fair Office by **July 24, 2026** or mailed to:

**Washington County Fair
2151 North Main Street
Washington, PA 15301**

By July 24, 2026.

All application packets must include ...

1. Paper application attached.
 2. A biography card – use one side only for use of M.C. – Use an index card 3x5. Include activities and accomplishments. This will be read while Contestant models. Question about fair activities and experience.
 3. **4 copies** of Essay (no more than 300 words) "What My Fair Means to My Community."
 4. **Photo** – (waist up only please or head shot)
- Any questions? Please call Denise Leigh at 724-884-3554

- 1. Paper Application**
 - 2. The 3 x 5 card with Bio**
 - 3. The Essay – 300 words – use theme.**
 - 4. Photo – waist up only or head shot.**

**APPLICATION FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
FAIR QUEEN CONTEST**

(Please read attached information)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

Phone: ____ - ____ - _____ Parents Names: _____

School currently attending _____

Grade/Year _____

Please list any projects that you plan to enter in the upcoming Washington County Fair....

Please give a brief summary of your past fair history and experience....

State briefly why you would like to be the Washington County Fair Queen....
