# 2024 Warren County Fair Queen Application

Please return application via mail by <u>Saturday, May 4, 2024</u> (or bring to the orientation) to: Warren County Fair

Queen Contest PO Box 230 Pittsfield, PA 16340

Questions? Contact Laura James <u>warrencountypafairqueenprogram@yahoo.com</u> or 814-730-8336 Please submit in original formatting

\*\*\*Please email to <u>warrencountypafairqueenprogram@yahoo.com</u> by July 1, a 500-word essay entitled: "What My Fair Means to My Community". The essay is judged and should be <u>typed</u>, <u>single-spaced</u>, and <u>limited to one page only.</u>

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Why do you want to be the Warren County Fair Queen?
Activities, Interests, Hobbies:
Please explain (briefly) what activities you have been involved in at the fair. (Examples: 4-H, exhibits, camping, volunteer work, livestock, performing etc.):
***By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to uphold and follow all rules and regulations as stated. In addition, I agree to attend all mandatory and scheduled rehearsals prior to the Fair Queen Contest and am aware that if I do not attend these rehearsals, I will be disqualified from the Fair Queen Contest.
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:
DATE:
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: (if applicant is under 18 years of age)
DATE:

\*\*\*PLEASE SEND A *COPY* OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH APPLICATION\*\*\*
This is to verify age/residency requirements.

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### **Queen's and Runner-Up Responsibilities**

- Participate in the Fair Week events this is mandatory
- Represent the Warren County Fair at parades, community events, etc. during the year
- Be present at the Warren County Fair Annual Meeting in November
- Be willing to promote the Warren County Fair by speaking at dinner meetings, club dinners, public events and be available to reign for one year
- Follow the dress code set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program
- Fair Queen only-Required to attend the PA Sate Fair Queen Contest in January 2025 in Hershey, PA
- Fair Queen only—must complete a scrapbook of her reign, by January 2025 to take to the PA State Fair Queen Competition, to be entered in the scrapbook contest.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Must be a female US citizen, a resident of Warren County **and** have participated in or attended the Warren County Fair
- Must be at least age 16 but no older than 20 years of age by June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024
- Must be single, never married, have no children and must not marry, nor get pregnant during reign
- Must have never committed, been arrested, or convicted of a crime
- Have parent or guardian's consent, if under 18 years of age
- Must complete an application and participate in orientation and judging activities
- Prepare a 2-minute persuasive speech "Why You Should Come To My Fair" (props encouraged) 25 points
- Judges will interview each contestant 25 points
- Poise and appearance will be considered
- Each contestant will be asked an impromptu question 15 points
- Must follow all rules as set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program, including dress code
- Must have and demonstrate a personal knowledge of the Warren County Fair and agriculture

#### Recognition:

- Each contestant will receive a T-shirt
- Each contestant will receive a season fair pass for herself

#### Queen will receive:

- Crown and sash
- Gifts from local businesses
- \$250 from the Warren County Fair Board awarded at the successful completion of her reign
- 4 additional season fair passes
- Registration, hotel & banquet costs for PA State Fair Queen Contest

## First Runner-Up will receive:

- Crown and sash
- Gifts from local businesses
- \$100 from the Warren County Fair Board awarded at the successful completion of her reign
- 2 additional season fair passes

Awards are: Best Essay, Míss Congeniality, Míss Photogenic, People's Choice, and Best Speech

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# **Important Dates:**

## **Orientation**

May 4, 2024

1pm

Fairgrounds—exact location on the Fairgrounds TBD.

You are invited to attend a short orientation meeting to go over all requirements, dates, phases of competition etc. as well as meet the other contestants.

Attire: Wear something that you would wear to church or a nice gathering – pictures will be taken!

### **Photos**

Saturday, June 1 11 a.m.

Pictures will be taken at the Fairgrounds

You will be taking both a "fun" photo as well as one in an evening gown – remember these pictures will be judged! \*\*\*You are required to wear the same dress & undergarments for the evening gown photo that you will wear for the Fair Queen Contest.

\*\*\*Hannah's Helping Hands, in memory of our 2019 Junior Miss, Hannah Nickerson will have "Hannah's Closet" available at orientation for contestants to choose a dress to have for the Miss Photogenic photos and for the evening gown portion of the contest. This is not required, but will be available should anyone like to have one of these dresses.

# **Warren Fourth of July Parade**

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time TBD

Warren – lineup is typically near the Warren YMCA – More details will be given at orientation

## **MANDATORY REHEARSALS:**

Sunday, July 28 @ 1 – 4pm Saturday, August 3 @ 1 - 4pm Sunday, August 4 @ 11am – 3pm

- -ALL practices held at KeyBank Pavilion
- -Be prepared to rehearse your speech at both Sunday rehearsals. All props \*must\* be practiced at rehearsals

New for 2024: Speeches will now be completed DURING the 7 p.m. Fair Queen Contest

Fair Queen Contest-Monday, August 5, 2024

\*Times are Subject to Change

Be sure to like the "Warren County PA Fair Queen Pageant" Facebook Page to receive updates!