

Troy Fair Queen Handbook 2020-2021

Pageant: July 26, 7:00pm

Fair Week: July 27 – Aug. 1



Congratulations on your decision to run for the 2020 Troy Fair Queen! This program is full of rewarding experiences, whether you are a part of the Queen's

Court, or you are the Queen herself! The responsibilities of the Troy Fair Queen cover a wide range of activities during the entire year! You can be assured that no matter what part you play in the Queen's Court, you will find something that sparks your interest.

Responsibilities

The duties of the Troy Fair Queen and her court are to promote and represent the Troy Fair throughout the entire year of her reign. There will be many public appearances, locally and throughout the state. All queens are to be professional in their duties, which are not just limited to the week of the fair. It is expected that you attend 75% of all activities. The Queen will receive a scholarship of \$1000, 1st alternate \$500, and the 2nd alternate \$250, granted they fulfill their requirements. The fair board and coordinator have the right to withhold part of the scholarship if you do not fulfill the requirements or if your behavior or attitude is unacceptable. You will document your appearances throughout the year to keep track of your participation using Google Docs. You will receive half of your scholarship in January and the second half when you give up your reign at the next Troy Fair.

Requirements

Queens must attend 75% of duties throughout the year including the week of the fair, meetings, parades, community events, school visits, and recruiting. Once the queen is crowned, she will be invited to many other fairs throughout the state, and while queens will never be prohibited from attending these fairs, the Troy Fair Queen Program and Coordinator feel it is the queen's obligation to focus her effort and time at the local fairs and events. Any travel to outside fairs will be left to the discretion of the Fair Queen Coordinator and Fair Board.

In addition to fair visits, the queens will also be expected to attend a number of events, meetings, and appearances throughout the year, including but not limited to the Troy Fair. While the Fair Queen Coordinator will chaperone as many of these events as possible, sometimes work commitments get in the way. For this reason, it is asked that queen candidates and their parents/guardians have a conversation about the responsibilities and identify a point person who may be available to chaperone, etc. when the coordinator and queen's parents/guardians cannot.

The Queen is also required to represent the Troy Fair at the State Pageant in Hershey in January. She is expected to be dressed appropriately and conduct herself professionally.

If she is found to be insubordinate by not complying with the responsibilities and requirements set forth, she will be given a warning. This warning would indicate that she is in jeopardy of losing her scholarship or title.

State Pageant

The newly crowned Troy Fair Queen will attend the PA State competition, in January at the Hershey Lodge. This spans over three days and is similar to the Troy Fair Queen Pageant. The queen will be given an application after fair week is over that will be sent in before the due date. Should the fair queen win the state title, the 1st alternate will be given a chance to take over the Queen position. If she decides to do this, she will not be able to run again for fair queen.

Pageant

Judging

You will be judged on various categories of competition. The Troy Fair Queen and court will be selected based on her public speaking ability, agricultural knowledge, personality, appearance, poise, and general knowledge of the Troy Fair.

The following will be due before pageant day:

1. An essay written with the prompt: "What the Troy Fair Means to My Community"
 - a. Make sure to use proper spelling and grammar. The essay should be 300 words or less. Your essay should be typed. Please have your name and address at the top of your essay. This will be due by **June 29th** as it is sent to the judges prior to pageant day. You can mail this to Samantha Estep at 2571 Farmers Valley Road, Troy Pa. 16947 or email it to her at troyfairqueen@gmail.com
2. Short bio for your introduction
 - a. Located at the back of the handbook is a layout of the bio. This should be kept short as it is only read while you walk to the stage with your escorts. **This is due with your essay.**

The following will be judged on pageant day:

1. 15 minute interview with three judges
 - a. Any questions that the judges may ask will not be disclosed to anyone before interviews.
 - b. Questions should not be discussed until after all interviews are finished
2. Meet and Greet with Judges & Pre-pageant
 - a. This is where your personality and social skills should shine as you interact with family and other candidates.
 - b. Before pageant you will be greeting audience members, handing out crowns to children.

3. 90 Second Speech
 - a. Top contestants will speak for 90 seconds on the topic of their essay or "My best fair experience". This will allow the judges to see your ability to speak in public areas and your comfort level.
4. Onstage Impromptu Question
 - a. Top contestants will be asked the same question. Contestants will proceed to a sound proof room while the first contestant goes onstage and so forth. Contestants will be asked the question twice and then given a few seconds to answer the question.

After the judges are dismissed from the pageant, they will go to a sound proof area to deliberate. During this time, the retiring Troy Fair Queen and her court will give their farewell speeches. Any commodity queens as well as our guest queens will be introduced as well. Any special speakers will speak at this time. When the judges return, the new Troy Fair Queen alternates will be crowned, followed by the queen. The coordinator will do a thank you to the audience before crowning. Everyone must remain on stage for pictures when crowning is finished for the press and families.

Codes of Conduct

The Troy Fair Queen's reign will last one year up until the following fair pageant. At the end of her reign she is required to crown the new queen. The queen and alternates must follow the following codes of conduct during her reign.

1. Appearances of the Troy Fair Queen should not interfere with her education, family routine, work, etc. Appearances must be determined by mutual agreement between the Queen Coordinator, Fair Board, and family members.
2. Either the Coordinator and/or Fair Board must approve local events.
3. The Queen and court should always have a chaperone and never walk alone. Use the buddy system.
4. Queens must act with respect and dignity and present themselves in a professional manner at all times.
5. Drinking, smoking, or any use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
6. When wearing crown and sash, attire should be business casual to formal depending on the event. Dress should be conservative and comfortable.
 - a. No JEANS

- b. Flip-flops and boots are permitted during Fair Week only if weather permits.
 - c. Dressy sandals are allowed
 - d. Sneakers are not permitted unless the event requires them
 - e. Dresses/skirts/shorts should not be more than a dollar bill length above the knee.
7. The fair queen should not make drastic hair color changes during her reign such as bright colors (unnatural hair color)
 8. Tattoos and body piercings (other than ears) should be covered for the public eye when wearing crown and sash
 9. No gum chewing
 10. No public displays of affection! That includes handholding, kissing, and hugging while crown and sash is on or off!
 11. No vulgar, questionable, or suggestive posts on social media will be permitted.

Acknowledgement of Handbook Guidelines

By signing below, contestants and their parents/guardians understand and accept the responsibilities, requirements, expectations, and code of conduct set forth for all queens and alternates of the Troy Fair Queen Program.

Contestant Name (Printed) _____

Contestant Signature _____

Contestant Phone Number _____

Date _____

Parents/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Date _____