

Troy Fair Queen Handbook



2023 Pageant: Sunday, July 23rd, 7:00 P.M.
Fair Week: July 24-July 29

Congratulations on your decision to run for the 2023 Troy Fair Queen! This program is full of rewarding experiences, whether you are a part of the Queen's Court or you are the Troy Fair 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.

Qualifications

1. Female, Pennsylvania resident, and U.S. Citizen.
2. Live in or attend a school in Bradford County.
3. Be at least 16 years old before June 1st, 2023, and not over 20 years old by June 1st, 2023.
4. If under 18 years old, she must have her parent's or guardian's consent.
5. Be single, never married, have had no children, and must not marry nor get pregnant during her reign.
6. Must be of good moral character (at the discretion of the Troy Fair Board).
7. Have some agriculture knowledge and a strong interest in promoting the Troy Fair.
8. Prepare a 300-word or less essay, entitled, "What the Troy Fair Means to My Community"
9. Not be a former Troy Fair Queen or State Fair Queen contestant. Alternates are eligible to run again for the queen title.
10. Not be a current title/pageant winner for any other commodity.
11. Must meet all time commitments, Queen obligations, and dress code established by the Troy Fair Board and the PA State Fair Queen program.

Responsibilities and Requirements

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. You must attend every event that you sign up for during fair week. It is expected that you attend a minimum of 75% of all activities throughout the year including meetings, fair office duties, parades, community events, school visits, and recruiting. The queen will receive a scholarship of \$1000, first alternate \$500, and the second alternate \$250, granted the requirements are fulfilled. The fair board and coordinator have the right to withhold part of this scholarship if you do not fulfill the requirements or if your behavior/attitude is unacceptable. You will document your appearances throughout the year to keep track of your participation using Google Sheets.

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 affairs and events. Any travel to outside fairs will be left to the discretion of the coordinator and fair board.

The queen and her court must be with a chaperone at all events for safety concerns. The queen and court members are not to be alone when in crown and sash. Use the buddy system!

The queen is also required to represent the Troy Fair at the state pageant at Hershey Lodge in January. She is expected to be dressed appropriately and conduct herself professionally in compliance with the PA Fair Queen Competition Contestant's Handbook. This event spans over three days and is similar to the Troy Fair Queen pageant. The queen will be given an application after fair week that will be set in before the due date. The Queen will be required to meet with the coordinator and others to practice for the state competition. Should the fair queen win the state title, the first 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 Troy Fair Queen.

Dress Code

In compliance with the PA Fair Queen Competition Handbook.

Wearing of the Troy Fair Queen crown and sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community, and Fair. Therefore responsible, appropriate, and professional appearance is expected while the Troy Fair Queen is wearing her crown and sash. When wearing crown and sash, attire should be business casual to formal depending on the event. Dress should be conservative and comfortable following the dress code policy. **While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!**

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1. Business attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.). Business casual will be the expected dress code for the majority of events.
 2. No jeans, sneakers, flip-flops (dressy sandals permitted), or boots. The "no boots" rule applies to:

1. a) No cowboy/western style
 2. b) No thigh-high or over-the-knee boots
 3. c) No muck boots
 4. d) No work boots
 5. e) Contestants may wear shoe/dress boots that are no more than ankle height, with or without a heel. See sample photo on right during winter months.
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that shows cleavage.
5. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx. 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.
7. No drastic hair color changes during reign (unnatural hair colors).



Code of Conduct and Behavior

In compliance with the PA Fair Queen Competition Handbook.

The Troy fair Queens' 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. The fair board and coordinator have the sole discretion to determine whether the Queen, Alternate, or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event that the Board 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 infraction of any queen 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 Troy Fair 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. No vulgar questionable or suggestive posts on any social media platform will be permitted. Queens must act with respected dignity and present themselves in a professional manner at all times.

4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substance or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest its winners, contestants, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written, including postings on social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. 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 fair queen coordinator, fair board, and family members. Either the coordinator or fair board must approve local events.

Pageant

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.

What will be judged?

Due **BEFORE** the pageant (MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 22nd)

1. Application – ONLINE APPLICATION found at <https://form.jotform.com/221734281278054>
 - a. Personal information (hobbies, fair involvement, achievements, etc.).
 - b. List reasons explaining why you want to be the next Troy Fair Queen
2. Essay: “What the Troy Fair Means to My Community”
 - a. The essay should be around 300 words or less.
 - b. You will be judged on your grammar, spelling, pacing, content (main idea and details), and knowledge.
3. Short biography for your introduction
 - a. This should be kept short as it is only read while you walk to the stage with your escorts.

Example: Dawcin Jones is the daughter of Matt and Caryn Gesford of Wilmot and Justin and Amanda Jones of Camptown. She graduated from Wyalusing in 2020 and is going into her sophomore year at Mansfield University where she studies Early Childhood Education with minors in Psychology and Special Education. Dawcin enjoys spending time

outdoors gardening, fishing, hunting, and hiking and she is a proud member of the Wilmot Fire Company. Dawcin is a member of the Country Kids 4-H Club in Sugar Run. This will be her 11th year showing a market hog at the Troy Fair.

Pageant day:

4. 15-minute interview with the three judges.
 - a. Judges may ask questions regarding information on your application.
 - b. Any questions that the judges may ask will not be disclosed to anyone before the interviews. Questions should not be discussed until after all interviews are complete.
5. Meet and Greet Dinner with Judges
 - a. This is where your personality and social skills should shine as you interact with families, the other contestants, and judges.
6. 90-second speech: "My Best Fair Experience"
 - a. This allows the judges to see your public speaking skills.
7. Onstage impromptu question
 - a. Each contestant will be asked the same question. Contestants will proceed to a soundproof room while the first contestant goes onstage and so forth.

After the judges are dismissed from the pageant, they will go to a soundproof 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. The queen coordinator will give a thank you speech. When the judges return, the new Troy Fair Queen alternates will be crowned followed by the new Troy Fair Queen. *Everyone must remain on stage for pictures when crowding is finished for the press and families. There will be a short meeting for new royalty and their families.*

Acknowledgement of Handbook Guidelines

By signing below, contestants and their parents/guardians understand and accept the qualifications, responsibilities, requirements, dress code, 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: _____

If contestant is under the age of 18:

Parent/guardian name (printed): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Date: _____