

## SECTION 3 - FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST & PROGRAM

Held Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 PM

*The purpose of the Greene Dreher Sterling Fair Royalty competition is to encourage the promotion of agricultural fairs and create better relations between youths and adults in rural and urban settings. The Greene Dreher Sterling Fair Royalty is a high honor bestowed upon a young woman in the community who represents the outstanding qualities found in our youth today.*

### CONTEST RULES

Each Fair Royalty Contestant must:

- 1.) Be a female U.S. citizen and Pennsylvania resident living in either Wayne or Pike County.
- 2.) Meet the age requirements of their respective division as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
- 3.) Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.\*
- 4.) Not have been a former local Fair Royalty winner or former State Fair Royalty contestant.\* (exception- Jr. and Princess contestants running unopposed)
- 5.) Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign unless special permission is granted.
- 6.) Have parent/guardian consent to enter the competition.
- 7.) Must have an adult chaperone at all times during the contest.
- 8.) Be single, have never been married, nor have ever been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
- 9.) Act in accordance with the PA Fair Royalty Behavior Policy.
- 10.) Meet all time commitments, Royalty obligations and Dress Code as set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program and the GDS Fair Royalty Program.

### DIVISIONS + PREMIUMS

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| 1.) Queen - be at least 16 but not older than 20 years of age as of June 1, 2023.         | \$100 premium |
| 2.) Junior Queen - be at least 13 but not older than 15 years of age as of June 1, 2023.  | \$60 premium  |
| 3.) Princess - be at least 10 but not older than 12 years of age as of June 1, 2023.      | \$40 premium  |
| 4.) Junior Princess - be at least 7 but not older than 9 years of age as of June 1, 2023. | \$10 premium  |

Additional prizes will be awarded at the time of the program.

### BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Royalty, 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 Royalty competitions.

- 1.) Any infractions of Royalty 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 Royalty program.
- 3.) Engagement in any illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representation on Internet or social networking sites (such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Tiktok)
- 4.) Use of any illegal, controlled, dangerous substances or use of alcohol or any other dangerous substances
- 5.) Any defamation of the Royalty contest, its winners and contestants, the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program, and/or their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written which includes posting to the internet.
- 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 board member
- 8.) Unexcused event tardiness or absences
- 9.) Acting unprofessional or being disrespectful while representing the Fair

### DRESS CODE

Wearing of the Fair Royalty crown and sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The Bearer represents herself, her family, her community and the Fair. Therefore, professional appearance is expected while in crown and sash. If the Dress Code is not met, the Winner or Alternate may be asked to change attire to comply with the Dress Code or may be asked to leave an event.

- 1.) Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (ie. business casual, formal, etc.).
- 2.) No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots unless special permission is granted by the GDS Royalty Committee.
- 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 placed between the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
- 6.) No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Royalty Program.

### RESPONSIBILITIES + APPEARANCES

GDS Fair Royalty will be required to fulfill additional obligations and appearances after Fair week. Obligations may only be waived at the sole discretion of the GDS Fair Coordinator and/or the GDS Fair Board based on valid reasons and with advanced notice given at least two weeks prior to the event. The Alternate may be asked to attend functions with or in place of the Winner (if the Winner is unavailable for valid reasons).

\* = Queen only, \*\* = Queen and Junior Queen

Some obligations include but not limited to:

- 1.) The winner will be required to make scheduled appearances as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Fair.
- 2.) Be on site during the remainder for the GDS Fair to distribute awards, introduce events, and make other appearances.
- 3.) Meet with the Royalty Committee during or following the Fair to review obligations and expectations of the GDS Fair Board.\*
- 4.) Complete the application process for the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen contest in entirety and meet all deadlines.\*
- 5.) The Queen must attend, compete, and represent the GDS Fair in the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest during the 2024 Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention in Hershey In January. One parent/guardian must attend the convention and act as chaperone. (Thurs – Sunday after MLK Day). The GDS Fair will cover the cost hotel, convention registration, and Thursday and Saturday banquet dinners for the Royalty and one chaperone. \*
- 6.) Develop content for the GDSFQ social media outlets and submit to the Royalty Coordinator for review.\*
- 7.) Submit a letter to be included into the GDS Fair Premium Booklet. (due after Convention)\*\*
- 8.) Attend GDS Fair Meetings (September & February) and the 2023 GDS Fair (August-September).\*\*
- 9.) Participating in parades and promotional events as requested by the GDS Fair Board.
- 11.) Submit a log of all appearances.\*\*

**FAILURE TO COMPLY OR FULFILL DUTIES**

In the event that the elected Royalty is unable to fulfill her duties and obligations or is found in violation of any Contest Rule, Behavior Policy, or Dress Code she may be removed by the GDS Fair Board. The GDS Fair may then replace the Royalty with the Alternate or next eligible ambassador. The Royalty will then immediately relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her. The sash and crown are the property of the GDS Fair and will be immediately returned in the same condition as received or she/her guardian will reimburse the fair \$50 for replacement. Scholarship prizes are only awarded upon the completion of a full year of service with all obligations having been met. In the event the Queen fails to attend and compete in the Pennsylvania State Fair Royalty Contest at the PSACF Convention and the runner-up is unable to attend, the Royalty/her guardian are responsible to reimburse the GDS Fair for any expenses incurred.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

In each category, the judges will score each contestant with the highest number being the BEST possible score. At the end of the contest, the contestant with the highest possible composite score will be crowned the winner. The contestant with the next highest score will be crowned first alternate. Contestants will not be able to view score anytime during or after the competition.

- 1.) Queen – written essay, personal interview, self-introduction on-stage, speech presentation, impromptu question.
- 2.) Junior Queen – written essay, personal interview, self-introduction on-stage, speech presentation, impromptu question.
- 3.) Princess – personal interview, self-introduction on-stage, on-stage question “Why do you want to be the next Fair Princess.”
- 4.) Junior Princess – personal interview, self-introduction on-stage, on-stage question “Why do you want to be the next Fair Junior Princess.”

**REGISTRATION**

This registration form is a request for an official application. Please email the following information to [GDSFairRoyalty@gdsfair.org](mailto:GDSFairRoyalty@gdsfair.org)

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**FAIR ROYALTY REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Division:  Queen (16-20)     Junior Queen (13-15)     Princess (10-12)     Junior Princess (7-9)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER/REQUEST AN APPLICATION IS JULY 25TH, 2023**

For more information, please contact Danielle Premuto (570) 947-5858 or Fair Office (570) 676-4047