

SECTION 3 - FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST & PROGRAM

Held Saturday, August 29 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. Receive all of these rules in advance of the competition.
2. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania. She must reside within the following school districts: Delaware Valley, East Stroudsburg North, Forest City, North Pocono, Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands and Western Wayne.
3. Meet the age requirements of their respective division as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
4. Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.
5. Have not been a former local Fair Royalty winner nor a former PA Fair Queen contestant. (May hold title once per division.)
6. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
7. Have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the competition.
8. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
9. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy".
10. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program and the GDS Fair Royalty Program.
11. Must have an adult chaperone at all times during the contest.

DIVISIONS + PREMIUMS

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| 1.) Queen - be at least 16 but not older than 20 years of age as of June 1, 2026. | \$250 premium |
| 2.) Junior Queen - be at least 13 but not older than 15 years of age as of June 1, 2026. | \$50 premium |
| 3.) Princess - be at least 10 but not older than 12 years of age as of June 1, 2026. | \$25 premium |
| 4.) Junior Princess - be at least 7 but not older than 9 years of age as of June 1, 2026. | \$25 premium |

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

FAIR ROYALTY BEHAVIOR POLICY:

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

1. Any infractions of any 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 representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.)
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances, the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Royalty contest, its winners and contestants, the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on social media. **(This rule also applies to any parent/guardians if the contestant is under the age of 18.)**
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.
8. Unexcused event tardiness or absences.
9. Acting unprofessional or being disrespectful while representing the fair.

FAIR ROYALTY DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community and Fair. Put the effort into making a good impression!

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate, and professional appearance is expected while wearing the 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 should be conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. banquet, business casual, formal, etc.) Alterations to the attire rules may be made only if; 1.) severe weather or unsafe conditions exist AND 2.) the Fair Queen's official coordinator or Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.
2. No Jeans. No flip flops, sneakers or boots. The boots rule applies to cowboy/western style boots, thigh-high or over-the-knee boots, muck boots, work boots. "Shoe Boots", with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height.
3. No outfit that shows cleavage.
4. 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.

5. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.
6. No visible piercings (other than earrings); no visible tattoos. This applies to the WHOLE competition process, not just after being crowned.

If the fair royalty is a visitor in the livestock barns or show rings:

She should follow the General Appearance Attire and Footwear Rules (slacks, dresses, skirts), wear her crown and sash, and closed toe shoes for safety reasons.

If the fair royalty is in the show barns and/or ring as an exhibitor:

The following is expected, khaki or similar boot-cut style pants and a presentable shirt (no jeans) She should not be wearing her crown or sash. Closed-toe shoes for safety.

If the fair royalty is also presenting ribbons or awards during her time as an exhibitor, then she may only wear her crown and banner for the presentation segment; but not while showing livestock.

Boots may be permitted in livestock barns and/or show ring if worn with pants and the pant legs are worn out over the boots.

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.

Some obligations include but not limited to:

- 1.) The winners will be required to make scheduled appearances as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Fair.
- 2.) Be on site during the remainder of the GDS Fair to distribute awards, introduce events, and make other appearances.
- 3.) Meet with the Committee during/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 2025 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 it to the Royalty Coordinator for review. *
- 7.) Submit a picture and biography to be included in the GDS Fair Premium Booklet. (due after Convention) *
- 8.) Attend GDS Fair Meetings (September & February) and the 2025 GDS Fair (August-September).
- 9.) Participating in parades and promotional events as requested by the GDS Fair Board.
- 10.) 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 the 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 fully reimburse the fair 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, a panel of 3-5 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 the score anytime during or after the competition. Each division will have a written essay, personal interview, self-introduction on stage, and on-stage question. The Queen and Junior Queen will also have a speech presentation and impromptu questions.

REGISTRATION

To register, please email GDSFairRoyalty@gdsfair.org with: Candidate Name, Age, Birth Date, Address, Phone, Email, Parent/Guardian Name, Parent Phone, Parent Email, and Division being entered.

The application will contain any essay or speech topics and requirements.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER/REQUEST AN APPLICATION IS JUNE 30TH, 2026

For more information, please contact Fair Office (570) 676-4047 or gdsfairroyalty@gdsfair.org

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