

RULES FOR THE 2021 ADAMS COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR QUEEN & KING CONTEST

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1. Contestants must be 16 through 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year. Contestants must not be married nor have ever been married. They must not be pregnant nor ever had a child, or have children of their own.
2. To participate in the Queen and King's contest, you must be an active member of a recognized Adams County Junior Fair Organization (4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, or SkillsUSA) and you must not be a contestant in any other county that year. Once you are selected as queen or king you are not eligible to enter the contest again. Individuals serving as a livestock industry ambassador or queen/king (beef, pork, dairy, horse, wool, etc.) are **ineligible** for Junior Fair Queen or King in the same year.
3. **Applications must be complete and received by the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 23rd.**
4. Judging will be held prior to the fair. The Preliminary interviews will be the evening of Friday, June 25th. All contestants will be interviewed separately (this will be earlier in the day), then all will be called back for a final question that will be done in front of candidates and the public on stage. Attire for the first private interview is business. Attire for the final question (open to public) of judging is formalwear. Contestants will model their formalwear and answer an additional question in stage. After the final question, judges will tally their score sheets to come up with our final five for both the Queen and King. The top five contestants will be announced, for both Queen and King, in no particular order. These five individuals from both courts, will ride in the fair parade on opening day and will participate in a live interview on stage during the opening ceremonies. The queen & king and their four runners-up will be announced following the live interviews. The opening day of the fair this year is Sunday, July 11th. The contest will start at approximately 6 o'clock.
5. A minimum of three judges, not associated with the Adams County Junior Fair program, will be used for the competition. The scoring will be as follows: Application – 25%, Preliminary Interviews and Judging – 100%, Fair Judging – 75% equals 200 %.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

1. Meet with the Queen & King Contest Committee immediately following the Ceremony on Sunday to determine your fair duty schedule. If you can't be at the fair at a given time, let the committee coordinators know in advance. You should report to your assigned location no later than 15 minutes prior to scheduled activity,
2. You must attend the small and large animal sales in their entirety.
3. You must make every reasonable effort to attend the Junior Fair Beef Barbeque the first Thursday evening in September.
4. The Queen should make every reasonable effort to represent the Adams County Fair in the annual Ohio Fair Queens Contest, held in Columbus in January. If this is not possible, the committee coordinators or the Extension office should be notified at least 15 days prior to the contest entry deadline, to allow time for the 1st Runner Up to enter if she desires.
5. The queen & king and their courts should wear sashes and crowns at all times practical (including evenings) during the fair and at all other events and appearances, **except when showing or competing in a fair event.**

The queen & king and the courts are expected to dress appropriately at all times during the fair and other scheduled events. The dress code will be as follows: Formals and suits for the opening ceremonies on Sunday. At all other times the queen, king, and their courts, will wear the polo shirts (containing the logo provided by the junior fair). These are to be worn with jeans or khakis and boots. No shorts or holes in jeans or shorts are permitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6. The queen & king and their courts shall serve as positive role models when acting in their official capacity. There will be no use of inappropriate language, no use of tobacco products or alcohol, and no public displays of affection.
7. The queen & king will wear the crown provided by the committee throughout her reign as fair queen.
8. The responsibility of being the Adams County Junior Fair Queen and King or a member of the court should be put at the top of your list of priorities and activities. If you have a job or other plans for fair week, think twice about being in the contest, or make other arrangements. The junior fair queen & king and their court members will play a very important role in the fair. If you are selected as queen, king, or a court member, be proud of it and most of all show it. A general attitude of cooperation is expected of all participants.

The Junior Fair Queen & King Contest Coordinator and Committee has the right to remove the sash and/or crown of anyone who does not follow the rules.