

## **2008 Athens County Junior King/Queen Eligibility Rules and Regulations**

1. Each contestant must be a resident of Ohio and a member of an Athens County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop or FCCLA Chapter.
2. Each contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 19 years of age. The age of a contestant shall be as of January 1 of the same year in which the contestant enters the contest.
3. Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, or have borne a child.
4. A current photo must be attached to the contestant's application or application will be void. This photo must be of reproducible quality, photo copies are not acceptable.
5. Contest interviews will take place on the Athens County Fairgrounds in the Secretary's Office on **Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**
6. Applicants failing to report to their scheduled interview time will be removed from the competition. **NO INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE ANY DAY OTHER THAN THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW DAY OR LOCATION.** An applicant going on vacation, attending another function, or working will not be accepted.
7. There will be a social time during the interviews and each candidate is expected to socialize with his or her fellow candidates and the judges.
8. Queen contestants should wear a dress or pant suit and king contestants should wear a dress shirt, dress pants and a tie for the initial interview. Your appearance is important. Try to look your best.
9. There will be a Queen's Tea prior to the crowning of the 2008 King and/or Queen on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 2:30 pm. Visiting royalty from surrounding fairs and festivals will be invited to attend as well as all candidates for the current year's fair. This is a mandatory function for all outgoing royalty as well as all candidates.
10. Winners will be announced during the Junior Fair Parade on Sunday, August 3, 2008. Queen contestants should wear a formal gown or evening dress with proper shoes. King contestants should wear a shirt and tie with dress pants. Weather can play an important role here so if it becomes extremely hot, Junior Fair Advisors may make alterations to this dress code.
11. The Queen will receive a crown, sash, chair and flowers. Her attendants will receive crowns, sashes, trophies and flowers.
12. The King will receive a hat, sash, chair and flower. His attendants will receive hats, sashes, trophies and flowers as well.
13. If the current reigning king or queen is unable to complete his or her reign, the title of Athens County Fair King or Athens County Fair Queen will NOT be passed on to the runners-up.
14. If the reigning King or Queen is unable to attend a function, runners-up may attend in their place as approved by the advisors of the Junior Fair Board. These advisors for 2008 are: Paula Carpenter, Danny Simons, and Lester Green .
15. The 2008 King, Queen, and all attendants are expected to wear their crowns, hats, and sashes during the week of the fair except when showing livestock. They are expected to make appearances at all shows and help hand out with awards, especially sale night. They will remain highly visible week of the fair. This means that you will dress properly at all times. No bare midriffs or low cut tops, no ragged, ripped or torn clothing, no clothing with alcoholic beverage logos or foul language. We expect you to dress as well as you did for your interview but we do not expect you to wear a gown or suit.
16. All functions attended by the King, Queen, and Attendants must be approved in advance.
17. You are expected to furnish your own transportation to events unless otherwise provided for by the advisors. Registration fees and/or luncheon tickets will be paid by the Junior Fair Board when made in advance as a group. Anyone making their own reservations without approval will not be reimbursed.

Mail all complete applications and photos to: Athens County Fair, King/Queen Contest, P.O. Box 669, Athens OH 45701 no later than July 9, 2008. **DO NOT DROP APPLICATIONS OFF AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.** If you miss the mail deadline, bring your application with you.

**Athens County Fair August 1-9, 2008**