

## 2017 Athens County Junior Fair 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.
2. Each contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 19 years of age 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. **Candidates cannot be a current reigning royalty or court member of another fair or festival at the time of application and cannot try out for any other royalty position with the exception of your school's homecoming king or queen.**
5. A current photo must be attached to the contestant's application or the application will be void. Photo must be a reproducible quality photo; no photocopies are acceptable. All photos become the property of the Fair Board and cannot be returned.
6. Contest interviews will take place on the Athens County Fairgrounds on a date to be publicized by the committee well in advance of the interviews. 2017 interviews will take place Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grange Building.
7. Applicants must be on time or they will be disqualified from the competition. **NO INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE ANY DAY OTHER THAN THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW DAY OR LOCATION. An applicant on vacation, attending another function or working will not be accepted.**
8. 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.
9. Dress for Queen and King contestant is business attire (dress or dress pants with a nice blouse or top for queen contestants and dress pants, dress shirt and tie for king contestants). Your appearance is important and part of your overall score. Try to look your best. There will be a Queen's Tea the Sunday of the fair prior to the crowning of the 2017 Royalty. This is open to surrounding fairs and festivals to be invited as well as all of the 2017 candidates. This tea is mandatory for all candidates and all outgoing royalty as well.
10. Winners will be announced during the Junior Fair Parade on Sunday, August 6, 2017. Note: Jr. Fair Parade times have changed. The parade now begins at 4:30 p.m. Queen contestants should wear a formal gown or evening dress with proper shoes. King contestants should wear dress pants, dress shirt and tie. Weather can play an important role here so if it becomes extremely hot or is rainy, Junior Fair Advisors may make alterations to the dress code.
11. The Queen will receive a crown and sash. Her attendants will receive crowns and sashes.
12. The King will receive a sash and a hat. His attendants will receive sashes and hats as well.
13. If the current reigning King or Queen is unable to complete his or her term, the title of Athens County Junior Fair King or Queen will NOT be passed on to the runners-up.
14. If the reigning King or Queen is unable to attend functions, the runners-up may attend in their place as approve by the Junior Fair Chair.
15. The 2017 King, Queen and all attendants are expected to wear royalty attire during the week of the fair except when showing livestock. Royalty are expected to make appearances and assist with all shows and help out hand out awards, especially sale night. Royalty 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 spaghetti straps, no ragged or ripped and torn clothing and no clothing with alcoholic beverage logos or foul language. No flip flops or sandals as you may go into a show ring to hand out awards.** 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. Girls should wear dress pants or nice jeans with a nice top or shirt. Boys should wear dress pants or nice jeans and a dress shirt and tie.
16. **Royalty at no time is permitted to use tobacco products or alcohol.** This is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Any royalty attending an event and representing the fair and wearing their crown, hat and sash seen using tobacco products or alcohol will be removed from their position. We do not condone profanity and any royalty using profanity while representing the Athens County fair may be removed from their position.
17. There is to be no public display of affection with boyfriends or girlfriends or at any time while representing the fair in your crown, sash and hat.
18. All functions attended by the King, Queen and Attendants must be approved in advance. We are a county fair. Attendance at another county fair representing our county is always welcomed but must be so arranged with the Junior Fair Chair in advance. While festivals are good PR for the fair, they do not take priority over a county fair.
19. You are expected to furnish your own transportation to events unless otherwise provided by the advisors. Registration fees and/or luncheon tickets will not be paid by the fair board and are the responsibility of the King, Queen and/or Attendant. These must be made in advance as a group. Reservations will be made by the Junior Fair Chair. Royalty signing up for an event and not participating will be expected to reimburse the fair board for any fees paid on their behalf. Anyone making his or her own reservations without approval will not be reimbursed.

Mail all applications and photos to: Athens County Fair King/Queen Contest, P.O. Box 669, Athens OH 45701 or place in the box on the porch of the Secretary's Office by July 17, 2017. No late applicants will be allowed.