

2011 GRATZ FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

The purpose of the Gratz Fair Queen Competition Program is to encourage the promotion of agriculture through the Gratz Fair, and to create better relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings. Contestants do not need to live on a farm or be a member of an agricultural organization to participate.

CONTEST RULES

Each FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT must comply with PA Fair Queen Program rules and Gratz Fair Queen Program rules.

PA Fair Queen Program rules:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20, years of age 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. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former State Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
8. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy" – *see below*.
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and Dress Code as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program – *see below*.

Gratz Fair Queen Program rules:

1. A resident of Dauphin, Northumberland, or Schuylkill County.

FAIR QUEEN 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 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 Queen competitions:

1. Any infractions of any Queen 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 Queen 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 and MySpace).
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearances or representations of the Queen Program in crown and banner.

FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community and Fair. Therefore professional appearance is expected while in crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.).
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots.
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that is too low cut, too short or too revealing.
5. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

PA FAIR QUEEN OBLIGATIONS:

1. Attend functions during the week of September 18 through 24, 2011 as deemed necessary by Gratz Fair officials.
2. Attend and participate in the 2012 PA Fair Queen competition, which is at the Pennsylvania State Fair Convention in Hershey.
3. Attend other events/obligations that may arise on behalf of the Gratz Fair.
4. Keep an Event Summary log (Event name and location, purpose/target audience, number of attendees, and contact person).
5. Make a scrapbook and create a display for the 2012 Gratz Fair showing how she promoted the Gratz Fair and agriculture during her reign.
6. Show proof of scholarship eligibility by presenting a current tuition bill or grade report from her college/university.
7. Was exclusively the PA Fair Queen for her entire reign and did not participate in any other pageants nor hold a title for any other commodity group during that time.

AT THE COMPETITION

1. No entry fee required.
2. Be available for judging on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2011.
3. Judging to consist of:
 - ❖ Personal interview
 - ❖ Presentation of speech - 3 to 5 minutes on "Why You Should Come To My Fair"
 - ❖ Written essay - **300 words or less** — Topic "What My Fair Means To My Community."

Contestant will be judged on poise, appearance, neatness and ability to communicate. Also, some biographical information is requested.

The winner will reign for one year and must be available to attend several functions during the week of September 18 through 24, 2011 as deemed necessary by Gratz Fair officials. The winner will also be required to attend other activities/functions throughout her reign, including the State Fair Queen competition January 2012, which is at the Pennsylvania State Fair Convention in Hershey.

All contestants will receive an individual gift. In addition, the winner and alternate will each receive cash awards: \$500 and \$250 respectively. Additional scholarship opportunities are available at the Fair level and State level.

The deadline to register to participate in the 2011 Gratz Fair Queen competition is August 8, 2011 - it will not be extended. Please mail completed application and essay to: **Gratz Fair Queen Contest, P.O. Box 204, Gratz, PA 17030. For more information or questions, please phone Tamara at (717) 362-2999 or Georgine at (717) 692-4670.**

2011 GRATZ FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION APPLICATION

Contestant's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State: Pennsylvania Zip Code: _____ Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age (As of the Fair Contest): _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____ College & Major: _____

What year of High School/College will you begin in the fall? (2011) _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A BRIEF EXPLANATION:

What are your career goals?

What have been your primary scholastic achievements?

What extracurricular activity have you been involved in?

What awards or honors have you received?

What have been your community, church, etc. activities?

What are your hobbies?

Have you any employment experience?

Is there other information you feel is important? If so, list:

**PLEASE TYPE OR NEATLY PRINT IN 300 WORDS OR LESS YOUR THOUGHTS ON
"WHAT MY FAIR MEANS TO MY COMMUNITY."**