



2017 ERIE COUNTY FAIR AT WATTSBURG QUEEN, JR. MISS AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Welcome Contestants!

We are pleased to announce this year's competition will soon be underway! We would like to, not only invite back the previous competitors, but also welcome new smiling faces to this year's Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, and Princess Contest!

Please find enclosed an application and rules/ information packet that you need to go over with your parent/guardian. Please have them sign the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Contestant Application. By signing the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Contestant Application, this means you and your parent/guardian agree to the rules and regulations set forth. You must return the completed Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Contestant Application, Medical Permission Form and Photograph Permission Request, Queen, Jr. Miss or Princess Information Sheet and your essay **postmarked by July 28, 2017**. Late contestant applications will be returned. There will be a meeting on **Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 9:30AM** for all contestants and their parent or guardian. This meeting will be held at the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Fairgrounds, Rt. 8 and 89 Wattsburg, PA in the queens building. This is the garage structure as you first come into the main gates. At this meeting we will be going over information/rules of the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest. Queens- there will be a discussion on the topic "required events" at the meeting. We will also have a question/answer session at this meeting.

Enclosed you will find an Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Sponsorship Form in your packet. Feel free to make as many copies as needed. A \$60.00 entry fee/sponsorship is required by each queen contestant and a \$40.00 entry fee/sponsorship is required by each junior miss and princess contestant. Please begin collecting your sponsorships. The money collected to sponsor you defrays your entry fee owed. All Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Sponsorship Forms and monies will be collected at this first meeting on **Saturday, August 5, 2017**. No sponsorships will be accepted after **Saturday, August 5, 2017**. No extensions will be granted. We are sorry in advance for any inconvenience. The sponsor ads are going to print for the Queen, Jr. Miss & Queen Contest Program Book as soon they are categorized.

Be prepared to have your picture taken the day of the first meeting. Your picture will be displayed in the queen building during fair week.

This year's fair theme is "***Country Scenes... Blue Ribbon Dreams.***"

Awards and Prizes

Queen Contest

Queen-\$500.00 Prize upon completion of reign.

Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest

1st Runner Up
Sponsorship
Best Essay

We are looking forward to a fun filled, although very busy summer!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Tina Elder (814) 504-5705
Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss & Princess Contest



2017 Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, & Princess Contestant Application

Please read entire page and fill out application completely:

Mail completed Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contestant Application to the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg office by **July 28, 2017**. All applications must be post marked by **July 28, 2017** otherwise applications will be returned. **There will be a meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 9:30 AM for Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess contestants and their parent or guardian.** Please be prepared to have your picture taken at this meeting. Your picture will be displayed in the queens building during fair week.

I am competing as: (please circle one)

Princess (8-11) age as of June 1, 2017 **Jr. Miss** (12-15) age as of June 1, 2017 **Queen** (16-20) age as of June 1, 2017

Today's date: _____

Full Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/guardian Name _____

Home phone # _____ Cell # _____

Date of Birth _____ Age on June 1, 2017: _____

Essays must be turned in with your application. No exceptions.

Essay Topic: "**What My Fair Means To My Community**" Queens: 300 words or less.

Jr. Miss and Princess: 75 words or less.

Essays are to be typed! *No names are to appear on the paper. You will receive a contestant number at the meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2017. At the top of the paper, type Queen., Jr. Miss or Princess, whatever is appropriate. Please include total word count on the top right of the page. Word count does not include the title. Essays are judged on content, grammar and spelling.*

Queens will have a speech presentation on "**Why You Should Come To My Fair**" a 3-5 min. timed event that will be presented on stage at the contest on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

Personal Interview- Each contestant will meet on the day of the contest with a panel of judges.

On Stage Introduction- Each contestant will introduce themselves on stage the day of the contest.

On Stage Question- Each contestant will be asked an on stage question the day of the contest.

Please start thinking about what you will be entering in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg. **Remember, a Fair Entry/Exhibit is a requirement.**

Parent/guardian signature _____

Mail to:

Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen Program
P.O. Box 266
13993 Rt. 8 & 89
Wattsburg, PA 16442

If you have any questions please Contact Tina (814) 504-5705.



Wattsburg Agricultural Society Association
Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss & Princess Contest
Medical Permission Form & Photograph Permission Request

Please use ink and answer all questions.

Contestant Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Age _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please circle one. **QUEEN** **JR. MISS** **PRINCESS**

Name of parent/guardian _____

Phone number parent/guardian _____

Emergency contact name if above cannot be reached _____

Phone number of this person _____ Relationship _____

Please list any allergies _____

Please list any medical conditions we should be made aware of (bee stings, asthma etc.) This information is held in confidence. _____

In the event of an emergency, if the parents/guardian cannot be contacted immediately, I give my permission to have my child taken to the doctor and/or hospital for medical attention. I understand that I will assume responsibility and expenses in such a case. I will not hold the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Fairgrounds or the contest coordinators responsible in the event of an emergency.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Contestants Physician _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____

Photograph Permission Request

I give my permission for my daughter to be photographed and allow the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg to use these photos for promotional purposes.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____



Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen Information Sheet

1. Why do you want to be the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen?
2. What are your scholastic achievements, activities, honors and awards?
3. List any community activities you have been involved in.
4. What are your hobbies/interests?
5. What is the importance of agriculture and agricultural fairs?



Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Jr. Miss Information Sheet

1. Why do you want to be the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Jr. Miss?
2. What are your hobbies/interests?
3. If you could add one event to the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg, what would it be and why?
4. How would you encourage more families to attend the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg?
5. Why is agriculture so important to our community?



Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Princess Information Sheet

1. Why do you want to be the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Princess?
2. What are your hobbies/interests?
3. What is your favorite event/activity at the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg?
4. What does agriculture mean to you?

PA Fair Queen Contestant Rules

Each Fair Queen contestant MUST:

1. Be a female who is a US 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 PA Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other State 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 attached.
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program -see attached.

PA Fair Queen Program Behavior Policy

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgement, 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 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. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

****The Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest is subject to the same Behavior Policy listed above.***

PA Fair Queen 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.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Queen is wearing her 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. Alterations may be made to this jean-footwear rule only if
 - a) severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
 - b) the Fair Queen's official coordinator or Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.
3. It is strongly recommended that close toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage.
6. 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.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Responsibilities Of The Incoming Royalty

1. Queen- Keep an event summary log of event names, contact person, location, purpose and # in attendance. Attend all mandatory events (see mandatory appearances).
2. Queen- Attend and participate in the PA State Queen Competition in Hershey, PA in January.
3. Queen runner up- In the event your queen is crowned PA State Fair Queen, please be prepared to take on all the responsibilities as the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen.
4. Parents- Accommodations and meals while at state competition are the responsibility of the parent.
5. Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess- Do not participate in any other contests/pageants nor hold a title for another commodity.
6. It is the responsibility of the queen/parent to communicate with the Jr. Miss, Princess for publicity events.
7. It is the responsibility of the queen/parent to arrange vehicles, trailers or wagons for parades. Also to communicate with the other parents if help is needed.
8. It is NOT the queen/parents responsibility to provide transportation to and from events for the royalty unless arrangements are made and agreed upon.
9. Crowns are for the royalty only. No one else is to wear a crown at any time. If crowns break do not buy one on your own. Return it to the coordinator as soon as possible. We will get it fixed or get you a new one.
10. Queen- Attend annual meeting, truck/tractor pulls or any event at the fairgrounds throughout the year that is approved by the fair board to attend and work at the discretion of the fair board.
11. Queen -attend one fair board meeting a month to report royalty activities. No complaints, see your coordinators if there is a complaint.
12. Work where ever required the week of the fair. i.e. Maple Shack, Larry's Tater Shack, queens building, bingo, gate booths etc.
13. Assist with fund-raising events. This is what gets you, as the queen, to the state competition. If you can't participate in fund-raising events then a monetary amount set and agreed by the board will be your responsibility.
14. Queen- Pass out applications for the upcoming contest in schools or where you think would bring a good, positive response for the fair.
15. Attend every contest meeting and all the practices.
16. Help the new contestants feel welcomed and relaxed! Show them the "ropes".
17. Princess and Jr. Miss are excused from events that may be to mature for them.
18. Attend other area fairs. You have to have permission to be at another fair in your crown and sash. You must be invited. Please do not invite yourself.
19. Remember, you are representing the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg. Always be friendly, smile and wave!

The goal is for everyone to make good friends, have fun and work together in a mature fashion. Memories are what lasts a lifetime! Together let's make them the best ones possible!



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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 attached.
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program -see attached.
10. Follow the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Dress Code.
11. Reside in or around Erie County Pennsylvania.
12. Attend fundraisers, publicity events and all scheduled practices.
13. Work the week of the fair.
14. Pay the \$60.00 entry fee/sponsorship for the competition (ex. sponsorship or direct payment).



Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Jr. Miss and Princess Contestant Rules

Each Jr. Miss and Princess contestant MUST:

1. Reside in or around Erie County Pennsylvania
2. Meet the age group requirements set forth.
3. Have parental or guardian consent
4. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy". See attached.
5. Attend fundraisers, publicity events and all scheduled practices.
6. Work a minimum of 10 hours the week of the fair.
7. Pay the \$40.00 entry fee/sponsorship for the competition. (ex. sponsorship or direct payment).
8. Princess contestants are not permitted to wear make-up.
9. Follow Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Dress Code and PA State Fair Queen Dress Code -See attached.



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5. No outfit that shows cleavage.
6. 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.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.
8. Queens are permitted to wear formal gowns without straps. Dresses must pass the dollar bill rule.
9. Jr. Miss is permitted to wear semi-formal tee length dresses. No full length gowns. Dresses must pass the dollar bill rule.
10. Princess is permitted to wear cotton dresses only. Nothing semi-formal, lacy, satin or tooling.

Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Sponsorship Form

I _____, am competing for the title of Erie County Fair at Wattsburg

Queen Jr. Miss Princess (please circle one).

I am asking for your support by sponsoring me for this event. Ads will appear in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Program.

Thank you for your support.

Individual Ad:

Business name _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Message exactly how you would like it to appear in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Program (please print message).

Sponsorship amount \$ _____

Business Ad:

Business name _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Message exactly how you would like it to appear in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Program (please print message).

Sponsorship amount \$ _____

Attach business card, half or full page ad as you would like it to appear in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess Contest Program.

\$5.00 per line ad (for individual ads)

\$40.00 business card

\$60.00 half page ad

\$100.00 full page ad

Make checks payable to **Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. Queens Fund**

Thank you for supporting the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen Program