

2017 Miss Cumberland Ag Expo Queen Contest Rules

Queen Contest Information

1. The purpose of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program (PSFQP) is twofold: (1) to promote the education of young women in Pennsylvania through the operation of a scholarship program providing educational opportunities for selected applicants, and (2) to promote greater public understanding and awareness of agriculture & its importance to Pennsylvania.
2. The purpose is to select a Fair Queen who will serve as an ambassador to promote the New Carlisle Fair Association's Cumberland County Ag Expo to the community.
3. The contest will be held Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the fairgrounds stage.
4. There will be two (2) mandatory rehearsals held Thursday, August 3rd at 7 PM and Saturday, August 5th at 11 AM at the fairgrounds stage.

Fair Queen Contest Rules

1. Contestant must be a female who is a U.S Citizen and resident of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Acceptance of applications from non-Cumberland County residents will be at the committee's discretion.
2. Contestant must be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1, of the contest year.
3. Contestant must be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
4. Each contestant must have a local sponsor. A sponsor can be an organization or business. Contestants cannot be sponsored by other individuals.
5. Contestant must not have been a former Cumberland Ag Expo Queen winner, or a former State Fair Queen contestant.
6. Contestant must not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
7. Contestant must have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter the competition.
8. Contestant must be of good moral character (at the discretion of the committee).
9. Contestant must act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy."
10. Contestant must be able to meet all time commitments, obligations, and dress code as set forth by the committee and Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program.
11. Each Contestant will submit a completed entry form one (1) wallet-sized picture, and a brief biography to be included in the local newspapers and program. You may use the entry form as a guide for the biography. Biographies should be emailed to: lizziebailey@msn.com Biographies will be printed as they are received.
12. Contestants may be required to attend a personal interview with the judges on the day of the contest. The committee will schedule interviews and inform contestants of their appointment time.
13. Contestants may be asked to attend a photography session for program pictures. The committee will notify contestants of the date, time and location.
14. Contestants will appear in an interview outfit, dance outfit, and evening gown with appropriate accessories. The committee will notify contestants of the dance outfit.
15. Contestants are judged on appearance, attire, poise, speaking ability, personality, personal interview, timeliness and responsiveness.
16. If named Miss Cumberland Ag Expo Queen, it is mandatory to attend all fair activities you are scheduled for during fair week and throughout the year. Events include, but are not limited to. Other fairs, parades, and community events.
17. The Cumberland Ag Expo Queen is expected to represent the Ag Expo at various activities throughout the year and agree to return in August 2017 to crown the new Cumberland Ag Expo Queen. Should the Cumberland Ag Expo Queen be unable to fulfill her duties, the 1st Runner-up will be asked to fill in.
18. If the Cumberland County Ag Expo Queen fails to appear at the majority of events requested, they will be asked to step down.
19. The Cumberland Ag Expo Queen is expected to represent the Cumberland County Ag Expo at the State Fair Queen Pageant held in Hershey, PA in January. Costs associated with this event are approximately \$500.
20. The Cumberland Ag Expo Queen may only wear their tiaras and sashes when attending events to represent the Cumberland Ag Expo. If the Queen is requested to attend events not scheduled by the Cumberland Ag Expo pageant coordinators, they must contact the coordinators for committee approval.
21. Contestant chosen as Cumberland Ag Expo Queen must have an approved chaperone with them at all times during any event.
22. The Queen and her court will refrain from the use of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Any usage of such products while the girl is wearing the title or representing the Cumberland Ag Expo will result in her title being passed on to the 1st runner-up. The use of profanity or inappropriate language is prohibited.
23. Contestants agree to abide by all the rules of the contest. Failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of the title. The tiara and sash will be passed to the 1st runner-up who will assume the responsibilities of the Queen.
24. Decision of the judges is final. No score sheets or judges' comments will be given out following the competition.
25. Good sportsmanship is a must by the contestants, her guests and family.

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, Twitter, etc.)
4. Use of illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol and other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Cumberland Ag Expo or the Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes posting on the Internet.
6. Any uncooperative or un-sportsman like 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.

Fair Queen Dress Code

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 shows cleavage.
5. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill placed between the top of the knee cap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

The entry form and one wallet-sized photo should be mailed to:

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