

## KNOX COUNTY JR. FAIR KING AND QUEEN COMPETITION

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this program is to recognize and commend one male and female to represent the Jr. Fair Program in its entirety.

### **Eligibility:**

Any male or female, aged 16-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the competition is eligible to compete. Participants must be a member of 4-H, FFA, Jr. Grange, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or FCCLA who believe that their involvement in the Jr. Fair program, community, and leadership endeavors warrants recognition as a model Jr. Fair participant. Applicants must be currently involved in the Jr. Fair Program, be unmarried and not have parented any children.

### **Selection Procedures:**

Participants must take part in an interview, provide a letter of recommendation, give a 3-5 minutes speech on their Jr. Fair Activities and answer a question at the final judging. This question will be selected at the time of judging and will be different for each contestant. Contestants are evaluated by a panel of community representatives, and placed as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> runners up, or as the new King or Queen. There is a preliminary screening in which the contestants undergo an interview, on July 17th at Brandon Baptist Church. This interview will be worth 60% of the total process. In the final selection, the contestants will present a prepared three to five-minute speech on why he or she is qualified for the position and how their Jr. Fair activities have influenced their life as well as answer a random question selected by the judge. This will be held on Sunday July 21st at the Midway Stage at 11:30am and is open to the public.

### **Duties of the Knox County Jr. Fair King and Queen:**

The newly selected King and Queen must be available to attend the production livestock shows and sales, make a public appearance at all Sr. Fair Board activities during fair week, maintain a public presence at various parades and festivals held throughout the year, and set an exemplary image of Jr. Fair conduct for the community. The King and Queen are expected to make public appearances together, as well as individually.

### **Behavioral Expectations:**

The Jr. Fair King and Queen are to act in a manner that best portrays the ideal image of the Jr. Fair for the public. Appropriate dress, appearance, behavior, and sportsmanship are requirements for this position. Public displays of affection (PDA), rude conduct, poor sportsmanship, and participation in activities, which are destructive to the Jr. Fair image inside or outside the Knox County Fair week, are all acts that warrant revoking of royal placement. If such circumstances arise, the crown will be passed to the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up. If he/she is unable to fulfill the Jr. Fair King or Queen duties, the crown will be passed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up. That being said, it is an honor to represent your organization at the Knox County Fair. Children, young teens and adults will be looking to you as a role model. Please act accordingly.

### **Application Packet:**

Each contestant must complete and sign the application for the King and Queen competition and include:

- ❖ A letter of recommendation from a non-family source who can attest to current and past endeavors in your organization. These should be from individuals who can also attest to the applicant's community involvement, civic responsibility, leadership, service projects, church involvement, scholastic records and personal integrity.
- ❖ Essay questions
- ❖ Speech (3-5 minutes)
- ❖ Read over and sign the rule sheet

### **Dates and Deadlines:**

May 1- July 8: Applications are available at the Knox County Extension Office on Harcourt Rd. Completed Application Packets are due to the Extension Office by July 8th.

July 17: Preliminary Judging. 6:00-9:00pm at Brandon Baptist Church. Interview session and speech. Applicants will be notified by phone of the assigned time slot by July 10th.

July 21: Final judging at the Knox County Fairgrounds at the Midway Stage at 11:30.

July 20-July 27: Fair Week

### **Awards:**

The King and Queen will receive a \$100.00 gift, compliments of the Knox County Senior Fair Board. The King and Queen will be awarded gifts as well as the runner ups.

### **Future Opportunities:**

The newly crowned queen will be eligible to compete for the 2020 Ohio Fairs Queen at the Ohio Fair Manager's Conference in January of 20 This must be approved by the Fair King and Queen Coordinator as well as the Senior Fair Board.

Questions may be directed to:

Bobbi Maleszewski, Jr. Fair King and Queen Coordinator

740-507-1847

**Application for 2019 Knox County Jr. Fair King or Queen**

Return to:  
OSU Extension-Knox County  
160 Columbus Rd. Box 1268  
Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050  
740-397-0401

Completed application is due **July 8, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization you are representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities in that Organization in which you participate: (If more room is needed you may attach another sheet of paper)

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School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities in which you participate: (If more room is needed you may attach another sheet of paper)

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Community/ Church Activities in which you participate: (If more room is needed you may attach another sheet of paper)

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Please write about a characteristic that makes you unique.

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**Essay:**

In 100 words or less, type written on an additional paper please answer the following question.

- ❖ What role does your family play in your life? How have they influenced your life?

**Speech:**

In a three to five-minute speech to be given at the interview session as well as the final session, address the following questions. Points will be deducted for any material under three minutes or over five minutes.

- ❖ Why do you want to be the Knox County Jr. Fair King or Queen?
- ❖ How has your participation in Jr. Fair Activities influenced your life and why are you highly qualified for this role?

**Letter of Recommendation:**

A letter of recommendation from a non-family source who can attest to current and past endeavors in your organization. These should be from individuals who can also attest to the applicant's community involvement, civic responsibility, leadership, service projects, church involvement, scholastic records and personal integrity.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that all the information in**  
(Applicant's name)

**this packet is credible to the best of my knowledge and is to be used in the selection of the 2019 Knox County Jr. Fair King or Queen.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Applicant's signature)