

## KNOX COUNTY JR. FAIR KING AND QUEEN COMPETITION

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this program is to recognize and commend one male and one 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 Junior 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 two different speeches, 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. The participants must attend the Knox County Chamber of Commerce breakfast to be held July 6, 2023 at 8:00am. At this event the participant will introduce themselves and give a 2–3-minute speech as to their involvement in Junior Fair, what qualities they possess that makes them a good candidate and be prepared to answer an “on the spot” question. The contestants will then undergo an interview process, and provide a 3–5-minute speech to introduce themselves, talk about importance that Junior Fair has played in their life and why they feel the Junior Fair opportunity is a valuable part of our community, as well as answer a random question selected by a judge, on Monday July 10, 2023 at the Ramser 4H Center. This interview will be worth 60% of the total process. The newly appointed Knox County Junior Fair King and Queen will be announced at the opening ceremonies at the 2023 Knox County Fair.

### **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 of 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 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 (one for the chamber breakfast that is 2-3 minutes in length and one for the interview process that is 3-5 minutes in length)
- Read over and sign the rule sheet

**Dates and Deadlines:**

May 10-July 1, 2023. Applications are available at the Knox County Extension Office on May 10, 2023. Or may be requested via email to Amy Carpenter @ [juniorfair@knoxcountyfair.org](mailto:juniorfair@knoxcountyfair.org). Completed applications are due to Amy Carpenter by July 1, 2023.

July 6, 2023\_ Knox County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. Ramser 4-H Center. 8:00am

July 10, 2023 Preliminary Judging 6:00pm-9:00pm Ramser 4H Center. Interview and Speech. Applicants will be notified by phone of the assigned time slot by July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

July 23, 2023 at 5:00pm (arrive at 4:30 pm to the Senior Fair Board Office.) Knox County Fair Opening Ceremonies. Crowning of newly appointed Knox County King and Queen.

July Sunday July 23, 2023-July 29, 2023 Knox County Fair.

**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 2024 Ohio Fair Queen at the Ohio Fair Manager's Conference in January of 2024. This must be approved by the Junior Fair Chair as well as the Senior Fair Board.

\*\*\*Questions may be directed to:

Amy Carpenter, Junior Fair Chair

740-507-4458 or via email @ [juniorfair@knoxcountyfair.org](mailto:juniorfair@knoxcountyfair.org)

**APPLICATION FOR 2023 KNOX COUNTY JR. FAIR KING OR QUEEN**

Return to:  
Amy Carpenter  
12252 Yankee Street  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

Or via email: juniorfair@knoxcountyfair.org

Completed application is due July 1, 2023

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)

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School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School activities in which you participate: (if more room is needed you may attach another sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

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Community/Church Activities in which you participate :( if more room is needed you may attach another sheet)\_\_\_

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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 two to three minute speech to be given at the Knox County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast and a three to five minute speech on July 10<sup>th</sup>, interview 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 qualified for this role?
- Why do you feel the junior fair opportunity is a valuable opportunity to our community

**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, \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name), certify that all the information in this packet is credible to the best of my knowledge and is to used in the selection of the 2023 Knox County Jr. Fair King or Queen.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS THE NEW ROYALTY MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THESE RULES!

Remember you are not only representing your organization but the fair, the Sr. Fair Board, the Junior Fair Board, the members of all these organizations, the judges, myself and your parents. Make us proud.

A few rules to get you through the week~

1. Remember to dress appropriately. As Queen you are to look respectful. You can wear dresses, dress shorts, capris, and nice shirts. High heel shows, and tight outfits are not recommended or appropriate. You will be doing a lot of walking, a cute pair of tennis shoes will be fine. If you re in the show ring helping out with a show you may wear dark jeans and boots as long as your shirt is a nice shirt. No t-shirts! The King should look nice as well. Dress pants or nice dark jeans are allowed. If you have dress shorts, those are permitted as well. The King will wear a collared shirt. No T-shirts. Both King and Queen should steer clear of short shorts, mid-drift shirts and flip-flops. YOU MUST WEAR YOUR SASHES AND TIARA AT ALL TIMES. YOU MAY TAKE IT OFF TO SHOW YOUR ANIMAL (S).
2. When you go to the different functions, as highlighted in your schedule, please dress appropriately. I know that there are numerous functions that start at the same time. Please go right from one to the other. If you both cannot make it to an activity, please make sure at least one of you is able to attend.
3. If asked to say "something" please do so. I want to hear you support something that is going on at the fair. Look at your schedule for that day. See what is going on later. For example, let's say you are being introduced at the Jr. Fair Rabbit show at 9:00am. Look at your schedule and see what is going on later in the day. You might say, "Thanks for coming to the fair and the rabbit show. Make sure you also stop by the FFA building and see all the projects that FFA members have worked on. Support the fair and all its wonderful aspects. If the pork-ette sandwiches are your favorite food, tell the audience about it. If you are showing an animal tell them when the show is. I DO NOT WANT TO COME TO EVENT WHERE YOU ARE SPEAKING AND HEAR YOU JUST SAY, "THANKS FOR COMING TO THE FAIR." I WILL CHECK UP ON YOU!!!
4. Remember no PDA and inappropriate behavior or conduct. IF this is evident at any point during the fair, I will ask your first runners up to take over as Fair Royalty.
5. If you are a member of the Junior Fair Board and you have responsibilities to work shows or in the office, you can still take part in those activities. Just remember to also make your rounds at the highlighted functions on your schedule.
6. Please take a few minutes today, to write out your thank you's. I have put the cards in your folder along with whom they go to. Many people and organizations have sponsored you and you should be respectful enough to thank them.
7. We will need personal information for you to provide to the Senior Fair Board. Please do this with me as soon as possible if you are selected the King or Queen. This is for your \$100.00

I have read and understand my duty as King or Queen for the Fair. By signing this paper. I agree to all the rules and will abide by them or my title will be given to my runner up.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

