

Mason Dixon Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen Contest Application

APPLICATION, ESSAY & PHOTO DUE BY JULY 1st

The purpose of the Fair Queen is to encourage the promotion of agriculture and create relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings

Contest Rules:

1. Contestant must be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of York County, Pennsylvania or Harford County, Maryland. (Please note only York County residents are eligible to compete in the PA Fair Queen Contest).
2. Contestants for Fair Queen must be at least 16, but no older than 20, years of age as of July 1st, of the year entering the local contest.
3. Contestants for Junior Fair Queen must be at least 12, but not older than 15, years of age as of July 1st, of the year entering the local contest.
4. Contestants must not have been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA State Fair Queen contestant. (Former Junior Fair Queens may compete for Fair Queen).
5. Contestants must not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Contestants must have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the competition (if under the age of 18). Applications must include parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' signature if contestant is under the age of 18.
7. Contestants must be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child and must not marry, nor become pregnant during the one year reign of Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen.
8. Contestants must act in accordance with the "Fair Queen Behavior Policy" (see below)
9. Contestants must meet all time commitments, Queen Obligations and Dress Code (see below) as set forth by the Fair Queen Program.
10. Fair Queen Contestants are required to submit a written essay of 300 words or less on the theme "**What my Fair means to my community**" and present a 3 to 5-minute biographical speech.
11. Junior Fair Queen Contestants are required to submit a written essay of 200 words or less on the theme "What my Fair means to my community" and present a 3 to 5-minute biographical speech.
12. The competition will also include two impromptu questions, as well as an interview with the judge's panel. Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance, neatness and ability to communicate.
13. The Fair Queen and her parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' will be required to sign a contract stating that commitments and obligations are understood for the year of reign.

Fair Queen 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, Twitter, etc.)
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

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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.

Dress Code:

Wearing of the Fair Queen and Junior 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, shorts or flip flops.
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.

Essay:

Theme: "What my fair means to my community"

Fair Queen Contestants essay must be 300 words or less

Junior Fair Queen contestants essay must be 200 words or less

If you have any questions, please contact:

Tonya Mason 717-487-8379

or email masondixonqueen@yahoo.com

I am applying as a (please check one):

- Fair Queen (age 16 – 20 as of July 1)
- Junior Fair Queen (age 12 – 15 as of July 1)

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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County: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Age as of July 1 of the contest year (if under age 18 a signed parental consent form must be submitted before the contest): _____

Information to be used for publications and advertising (submitting the following information grants Mason Dixon Fair permission for use in publications and advertising).

School Attending: _____

Grade Level: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Wallet Size Photo

Essay- "What my fair means to my community"

200 words Jr Fair Queen

300 words Fair Queen

You may submit two ways

1. Email to masondixonqueen@yahoo.com
2. Mail to: Tonya Mason 3586 Day Rd Darlington MD 21034

By signing, I am stating that I have read and understand the contest rules.

Applicant Signature

Date