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Contests – Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen Contest
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The purpose of the Mason Dixon Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen is to encourage the promotion of agriculture and create relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings.

Mason Dixon Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen 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 June 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 June 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. Application, essay and photo must be received no later than June 1st of the contest year.
14. 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 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.

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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.
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.

Fair Queen, Junior Fair Queen, and Queen’s Court 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.

Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen Premiums

The following premiums apply to the Fair Queen, Junior Fair Queen and Runner-Up contestants in the Mason Dixon Fair Queen Contest. All cash awards are subject to forfeiture, reduction or proration if the recipient is unable to comply with all contest rules as stated in the Fair Book or is unable to fulfill all required duties of their awarded position.

Fair Queen \$250.00

Junior Fair Queen \$100.00

Queen’s Court

Alternate Fair Queen (First Runner-Up)	\$75.00
Alternate Junior Fair Queen (First Runner-Up)	\$50.00
Other Court Members (Additional Runner-Ups)	\$25.00

The Royal Court is limited to a maximum of 6 members.

Essay, Application, and Wallet sized photo must be received no later than June 1st.