

DEPARTMENT 22 - MAJOR CONTESTS

DIVISION 1

DAYTON FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

The purpose of the Fair Queen Competition Program is to encourage the promotion of agricultural fairs and to create better relations between youth and adults in both rural and urban settings. The winner of the Dayton Fair Queen Contest will be eligible to compete for a scholarship at the state level, and for the title of Pennsylvania State Fair Queen.

EACH CONTESTANT MUST:

1. Be a female U.S. Citizen, a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Meet one (1) of the following three (3) requirements:
 - a. Be a resident of Armstrong County
 - b. Attend a school in Armstrong County
 - c. Be a member of a regularly organized 4-H Club or FFA club in Armstrong County
3. Be a female at least 16 but not over 20 years of age as of June 1, 2026.
4. Be single, never married, have had no children and must not marry, or get pregnant during her reign.
5. Not be a former local fair queen winner nor PA State Fair Queen winner.
6. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
7. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent and signature to enter the competition.
8. Attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday evening, July 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dayton Fairgrounds office.
9. Compete in a two-part contest on August 9 and 16, 2026.
10. Present at the competition on August 9, 2026, a 3-5 minute speech on "Why You Should Come To My Fair" and be interviewed by judges at the Glade Run Church.
11. Give a short personal introduction on stage followed by answering an impromptu question on the evening of August 16, 2026, at the Dayton Fairgrounds.
12. Be available to participate in events during the 7 days of the Dayton Fair, August 16 - 22, 2026.
13. Compete at the State Queen Competition in Hershey, PA, in January 2027, and act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy".
14. Meet and greet visitors and local officials, participate in area parades, present ribbons, and attend regional festivals promoting the Dayton Fair throughout her yearlong reign. This includes attending Farm City Days in Harrisburg in October, which will be paid for by the Dayton Fair, and also crowning of the following year's queen in August 2027.
15. Write an essay of 300 words or less on "What My Fair Means to My Community." This will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, and word count. It should be typewritten.
16. Be certified as the winner by the Dayton Fair Board.
17. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations, and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program.

CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Poise, Appearance, Neatness, Ability to communicate, knowledge of the fair industry, written essay, personal interview, speech presentation, introduction, and impromptu question.
2. Winner will be announced at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2026 Dayton Fair, August 16, 2026. The winner will receive a monetary scholarship award and a savings award from Elderton State Bank upon successful completion of her yearlong term. Travel and housing expenses for the State Competition in January 2027 in Hershey, PA, will be arranged and provided by the Dayton Fair Board.

A special thank you to all who made the 2025 Dayton Fair Queen Contest a Success:

- Scholarship Donors: NuMine Pipe Supply, Snyder-Crissman Funeral Home, Penn Valley Shows, Denny & Pearl's Pizza, Hetrick's Farm Supply, Naser Foods, Prindible Family and Rich Cramer Family.
- **Contest Participation:** Edgewood Events & Floral by Sara Lockhart, Glade Run Presbyterian Church, The Dayton Fair Board and Cindy Snyder.

All Entries Must Be Either Postmarked or E-mailed by July 1, 2026, To:

Cindy Cramer, 508 Pebley Road, Shelocta, PA 15774

Or email to: cramercindy12@gmail.com

DAYTON FAIR QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Age (as of June 1, 2026): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of School/College: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature of Approval:

Describe your scholastic achievements: _____

Describe any extracurricular activities: _____

Describe any awards/honors received: _____

Describe any involvement in the Dayton Fair: _____

Describe any community, church, or civic activities: _____

Describe your employment experience: _____

Describe any hobbies: _____

Please list any other information you may think is important to add: _____

