

2026  
*Erie County Fair at Wattsburg  
Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest*

Welcome Contestants!

We are pleased to announce this year's competition will soon be underway! We would like to, not only invite back the previous competitors, but also welcome new smiling faces to this year's Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest!

Please find enclosed within this application information and rules that you need to go over with your parent/guardian. Please have them consent and complete where indicated in the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Contestant Application. By consenting, you and your parent/guardian agree to the rules and regulations set forth. You must complete the application **via the fair website [wattsburgfair.com](http://wattsburgfair.com)** (Queen's Corner) **by Saturday, August 8, 2026**. There will be a meeting on **Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 1:30 PM** for all contestants and their parent or guardian. This meeting will be held at the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Fairgrounds, Rt. 8 and 89 Wattsburg, PA in the queens building. This is the garage structure as you first come into the main gates. At this meeting we will be going over information/rules of the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest. **Queen contestants**, you are required to write an essay on the topic: "What My Fair Means To My Community" 300 words or less. Essays are to be typed! No names are to appear on the paper. At the top of the paper, type Queen Contestant. Please include the total word count on the top right of the page. Word count does not include the title. Essays are judged on content, grammar, and spelling. All essays are due **on or before** the meeting on August 9, 2026. Please upload them when completing the application or email them to [fairpageantcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:fairpageantcoordinator@gmail.com)

**There will be no essay requirement for Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, or Tiny Princess contestants.**

*The Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest is FREE to enter! All contestants will receive a fair button which allows free admission into the fair (rides not included) all week!*

*Be prepared to have your picture taken the day of the first meeting, Sunday, August 9, 2026. Your picture will be displayed in the queen building during fair week.*

There will be **ONE** rehearsal scheduled for **Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM**. We will meet at the Main Grandstands. This topic will also be discussed at the first meeting.

This year's fair theme is: Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Family & PA Fairs

*The Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest will be held on Sunday August 16, 2026, at 2:00 PM. This year the contest will be held 2 weeks prior to the start of the 2026 Fair.*

**Awards and Prizes**

**Queen Contest**

Queen-\$500.00 Prize upon completion of reign.

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

Best Essay-\$25.00

Interview Award-Plaque

**Queen, Jr. Miss & Princess Contest**

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

Interview Award-Plaque

**Jr. Princess/Tiny Princess Contest**

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

2<sup>nd</sup> runner Up

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up

4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up

We are looking forward to a fun filled, although busy summer!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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## **Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen Contestant Rules**

### **Each Fair Queen contestant MUST:**

1. Be a female who is a US Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
3. Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other state title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s)' or guardian(s)' consent to enter the competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
8. Promote her fair, advocate for agriculture in her community/county, and be a positive role model.
9. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy" -see attached.
10. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program -see attached.
11. Follow the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr, Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest Dress Code.



## **Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Jr. Miss and Princess Contestant Rules**

### **Each Jr. Miss and Princess contestant MUST:**

1. Be a female who is a US Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Meet the age group requirements set forth.
3. Have parental or guardian consent.
4. Promote her fair, advocate for agriculture in her community/county, and be a positive role model.
5. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen “Behavior Policy.” See attached.
6. Princess contestants are **not** permitted to wear make-up.
7. Follow Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest Dress Code and PA State Fair Queen Dress Code -See attached.



## **Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Jr. Princess/Tiny Princess Contestant Rules**

### **Each Jr. Princess/ Tiny Princess contestant MUST:**

1. Be a female who is a US Citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Meet the age group requirements set forth.
3. Have parental or guardian consent.
4. Promote her fair, advocate for agriculture in her community/county, and be a positive role model.
5. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen “Behavior Policy.” See attached.
6. Jr. Princess/Tiny Princess contestants are **not** permitted to wear make-up.
7. Follow Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest Dress Code and PA State Fair Queen Dress Code -See attached.



# Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Responsibilities of the Incoming Royalty

1. Queen- Keep an event summary log of event names, contact person, location, and purpose. Attend all mandatory events (see mandatory appearances).
2. Queen- Attend and participate in the PA State Queen Competition in Hershey, PA in January.
3. Parents- Accommodations and meals while at state competition are the responsibility of the parent.
4. Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess & Tiny Princess- **Do Not** participate in any other contests/pageants nor hold a title for another commodity.
5. It is the responsibility of the queen/parent to communicate with the Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess for publicity events.
6. It is the responsibility of the queen/parent to arrange vehicles, trailers, or wagons for parades. Also, to communicate with the other parents if help is needed.
7. It is NOT the queen/parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from events for the royalty unless arrangements are made and agreed upon.
8. Crowns are for royalty only. No one else is to wear the crown at any time. If the crown breaks, do not buy one on your own. Return it to the coordinator as soon as possible. We will get it fixed or get you a new one.
9. Queen- Attend annual meeting, truck/tractor pulls or any event at the fairgrounds throughout the year that is approved by the fair board to attend and work at the discretion of the fair board.
10. Queen -attend one fair board meeting to report royalty activities. No complaints, see your coordinators if there is a complaint.
11. Volunteer wherever required the week of the fair. i.e., Truck Pulls, Tractor Pulls, Harness Racing, Queens Building, Bingo, Gate Booths etc.
12. Assist with fund-raising events. This is what gets you, as the queen, to the state competition.
13. Attend every contest meeting and all the practices.
14. Help the new contestants feel welcomed and relaxed! Show them the "ropes."
15. Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess are excused from events that may be too mature for them.
16. Attend other area fairs. You must have permission to be at another fair in your crown and sash. You must be invited. Please do not invite yourself.
17. Remember, you are representing the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg. Always be friendly, smile and wave!

The goal is for everyone to make good friends, have fun and work together in a mature fashion.  
Memories last a lifetime! Together let us make them the best ones possible!

# Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Queen, Jr. Miss, Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess Contest Dress Code

## FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community and Fair. Put the effort into making a good impression!




*While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!*

**Therefore responsible, appropriate, and professional appearance is expected** while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash. Attire should be conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. banquet, business casual, formal, etc.)

Alterations to the attire rules may be made only if

1. severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
2. the Fair Queen's official coordinator or Board Member has approved an alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.

Failure to consistently comply with the Dress Code (as viewed on public social media posts, publicity photos, etc.) may be used as a deciding factor by the Judge panel during the PA State Fair Queen Program competition.

GENERAL APPEARANCE ATTIRE RULES	FOOTWEAR RULES	LIVESTOCK BARN & SHOW RING ATTIRE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>No</u> Jeans</li><li>2. <u>No</u> outfit that shows cleavage.</li><li>3. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.</li><li>4. <u>No</u> clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.</li><li>5. <u>No</u> visible piercings (other than earrings); <u>no</u> visible tattoos</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No Sneakers</li><li>2. No Flip Flops</li><li>3. No Boots – rule applies to<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <u>NO</u> cowboy/western style boots</li><li>b) <u>NO</u> thigh-high or over-the-knee boots,</li><li>c) <u>NO</u> muck boots,</li><li>d) <u>NO</u> work boots "Shoe Boots", with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height (see Figure 1)</li></ol></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If the fair queen is <u>a visitor</u> in the livestock barns or show rings:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. follow the General Appearance Attire and Footwear Rules (slacks, dresses, skirts)</li><li>b. Crown and Banner</li><li>c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.</li></ol></li><li>2. If the fair queen is in the show barns and/or ring <u>as an exhibitor</u>:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Khaki or similar boot-cut style pants and a presentable shirt (<u>no</u> jeans) (See Figure 2)</li><li>b. <u>NO</u> Crown. <u>NO</u> Banner</li><li>c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.</li><li>d. If the fair queen is also presenting ribbons or awards during her time as an exhibitor, then she may only wear her crown and banner <u>for presentation segment</u>; but <u>not</u> while showing livestock.</li></ol></li><li>3. Boots may be permitted in livestock barns and/or show ring if worn with pants (see 2.a. above) and the pant legs are worn out over the boots (see Figure 3)</li></ol>
		
<p>Figure 1: shoe boots no higher than ankle height</p>	<p>Figure 2: livestock exhibitor attire</p>	<p>Figure 3: boots permitted in livestock barns and show ring if worn with pants and the pant legs are worn out over the boots</p>

*Queen is permitted to wear formal gowns without straps. Dresses must pass the dollar bill rule.*

*Jr. Miss is permitted to wear semi-formal tee-length dresses. No full-length gowns. Dresses must pass the dollar bill rule. Princess, Jr. Princess, & Tiny Princess is permitted to wear cotton dresses only. Nothing semi-formal, lacy, satin or tooling.*



## **PA Fair Queen Program 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, Instagram, Tik Tok, 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 social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

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Figure 1: shoe boots no higher than ankle height



Figure 2: livestock exhibitor attire

### FOOTWEAR RULES

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Figure 3: boots permitted in livestock barns and show ring if worn with pants and the pant legs are worn out over the boots

### LIVESTOCK BARN & SHOW RING ATTIRE

1. If the fair queen is a visitor in the livestock barns or show rings:
  - a. follow the General Appearance Attire and Footwear Rules (slacks, dresses, skirts)
  - b. Crown and Banner
  - c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.
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  - b. NO Crown. NO Banner
  - c. Closed-toe shoes for safety reasons.
  - d. If the fair queen is also presenting ribbons or awards during her time as an exhibitor, then she may only wear her crown and banner for presentation segment; but not while showing livestock.
3. Boots may be permitted in livestock barns and/or show ring if worn with pants (see 2.a. above) and the pant legs are worn out over the boots (see Figure 3)