2025 TIOGA COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

JUDGING: Main Building Saturday, August 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

CROWNING: Saturday, August 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Courtney Smith 1-570-439-2240

Applications should be emailed to: Courtney.worden@yahoo.com

Rules set by the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program

Each Fair Queen contestant must:

- 1. Be a female who is a U.S citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
- 2. Be at least 16 years old, but not over 20 years old 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 State Fair Queen contestant.
- 5. Not hold any other 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. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy". (See behavior policy listed below.)
- 9. Meet all time commitments, Queen Obligations and Dress Code as set forth by PA Fair Queen Program.

Rules set by The Tioga County Fair

Each Fair Queen contestant must:

- 1. All applications should be emailed to: <u>Courtney.worden@yahoo.com</u> by July 18th, 2025.
- 2. Write a brief autobiography (for MC's use only) on a 3" x 5" card.
- 3. Enclose a recent photograph with her application.
- 4. Be willing to donate 2 hours of volunteer service to the fair.

- 5. Be available to reign at the Tioga County Fair -- Aug. 4–9, 2025.
- 6. Be available and willing to promote the Tioga County Fair at suitable events throughout her reigning year.
- 7. Be available to attend the State Fair Queen Contest in Hershey in January 2026.
- 8. Contestants reside in or attend a school in Tioga County, PA.

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The 2025 Tioga County Fair Queen will receive a \$250.00 gift card from Dunham's Department Store in Wellsboro, PA to purchase gowns or business attire for the Pennsylvania State Fair competition held in January 2026. Sponsored by Dunham's Department Store

Rules set by Tioga County Fair:

Fair Queen Behavior Policy as set by the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event 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 infraction of any Queen Contest Rules.
- 2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public display 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 representation on the internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat)

- 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. Appearing in crown and banner at any event without an official invitation From an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

The 2024 Tioga County Fair Queen will be eligible to represent Tioga County at the State Fair Queen Contest in Hershey in January 2026.

Winner of the State Contest will receive a Scholarship of \$2500 and reign as the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen.

Judging will be based on:

- 1. Written essay on "What My Fair Means to My Community" in 300 words or less.
- 2. A 3-5 minute speech "why You Should Come to My Fair"
- Answer to a random question which candidate will draw and answer during the stage/interview portion of the pageant. This will allow the judge's to see the candidates ability to answer impromptu questions. Questions could be on fair, agriculture, recent news, or candidate's integrity.
- 4. Personal Interview
 - A. Poise
 - B. Neatness and cleanliness
 - C. Appearance
 - D. Ability to communicate (speaking ability and knowledge of fairs)