

## **DEPARTMENT: COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY CONTEST**

**Superintendents:** Junior Fair Coordinator, Katie Meade and the Royalty Contest Committee

### **Candidate Qualifications and Expectations:**

1. Open to all Delaware County Fair Exhibitors.
  - a. King & Queen candidates must be 16-18 years old as of January 1st.
  - b. Prince & Princess candidates must be 13-15 years old as of January 1st.
2. Must participate in the 2026 Delaware County Junior Fair.
3. Should uphold an exceptional standard of responsibility, trustworthiness, and respect.
4. Must be able to meet the time commitments outlined in the Royalty Checklist. The checklist will be distributed with the application instructions and related Royalty Court Correspondence.
5. Previously crowned Delaware County Junior Fair Princes and Princesses are allowed to compete in the same age division the following year.
6. Previously crowned Delaware County Junior Fair Kings and Queens are not eligible to compete.
7. Due to the nature of the contest, candidates who advance past the application round must be available to attend the scheduled interview and coronation dates in-person. No make-up interviews will be given.
8. The committee has the right to adjust contest design (rules & requirements), dates, and times. If changes are made, candidates will be notified prior to any affected events or appearances.
9. Committee membership is filled by volunteers following the processes outlined in the Royalty Contest Committee By-Laws. Members may not be the parents, grandparents, and/or legal guardians of candidates.

### **How to Apply:**

Instructions for nomination, application, and related Royalty Court correspondence will be distributed to Organizational Advisors prior to May 1st.

### **The Contest:**

The Royalty Contest will consist of no more than three parts: an application, an interview, and an in-person speaking portion. Candidates must be invited to compete in the next round of the contest after the initial application review. Scores will accumulate each round. Under no circumstances will rubrics or score sheets be distributed or discussed outside of the Committee and the team of judges.