

# Ottawa County Jr. Fair King & Queen Contest

**Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A royal court consisting of a King, Queen, and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-Up will represent the 2024 Ottawa County Jr. Fair during the week of fair and throughout the year at various activities and events, including Ohio fairs, festivals, and parades.

**Eligibility:**

1. Anyone **ages 16-18** as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 who is a participant in the Ottawa County Jr. Fair Program through 4-H, FFA, DECA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, or Boy Scouts and believes their community involvement and leadership endeavors warrant recognition as a model Jr. Fair participant.
2. Applicants must not be, nor have been married or pregnant, nor have fathered a child.
3. Applicants must be free of past or present use of illegal substances, including alcohol.
4. Applicants must never have been convicted of a criminal offense nor have criminal charges pending.
5. Previous title holders of Fair King or Queen are ineligible to compete again in the future.

**Judging Rules and Criteria:**

1. Applicants must submit a **photo, cover letter, résumé (with reference page), and essay** via email to the King & Queen Superintendent (Sara Soltis: [SaraSoltis77@gmail.com](mailto:SaraSoltis77@gmail.com)) by July 1, 2024 at midnight. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Contestants will receive email confirmation of application submission within 24 hours (if confirmation has not been received within 24 hours, please call Sara at (419) 707-2113). Contestants can expect an email with detailed information covering next steps from Sara within one week of the application deadline.
3. Contestants and a parent/guardian are required to attend a mandatory information meeting with two offerings: Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (online) or Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> (at the fairgrounds prior to interviews – time TBD). This meeting will cover important contest information and what to expect if selected as a member of the 2024 Ottawa County Jr. Fair Royalty (including review of royalty guidelines and signature indicating agreement).
4. Judges will interview contestants the evening of Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. The new court will be crowned Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Genoa Bank Pavilion.
6. Members of the new court are expected to maintain the dress and poise of the title at all times during their reign. Failure to comply with the guidelines provided to contestants and their parent/guardian during the mandatory informational meeting will result in the forfeit of the title and all awards (including crown/sash).
7. All decisions of the judges will be final.
8. Judges scoring will be based on the following criteria for a total of 100 points:



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Criteria	Components	Point Value
<b>Submitted Application</b>		
	<b>Cover Letter:</b> <i>Neatness, Grammar, Appeal</i>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Resume:</b> <i>1-page with focus on Jr. Fair and other leadership activities</i>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Reference Page:</b> <i>List 3 References (include phone number of 1 teacher and 2 influential adults – no relatives).</i>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Essay:</b> <i>1-page, double-spaced essay that answers: "I should be chosen to represent the Ottawa County Fair as King or Queen because..."</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>Interview</b>		
	<b>Personal Interview</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>Public Interview/On Stage Presence</b>	<b>25</b>

\*Ottawa Co. Jr. Fair Coordinator and King & Queen Superintendent reserves the right to interpret these rules\*  
***All interpretations by these authorities are final.***