2027 Preble County Pork Festival Royalty Contest

Official Application & Guidelines

Application Due by email April 10, 2027
Sunday, April 24, 2027
5:00 PM
Bruner Arena
Preble County Fairgrounds
Eaton, OH 45320

Eligibility:

1. This contest will involve any interested Preble County Resident, ages 16-24. (4-H, FFA, or other agriculture affiliation, is NOT required).

2. Must be 16-24 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year).

3. Must complete all Application Requirements.

4. Follow the Preble County Pork Festival Rules & Responsibilities. Candidates and parents of candidates under the age of 18 must sign the agreement.

Application Requirements:

1. Application – Must type or write clearly and complete all areas.

2. A Letter of Recommendation must be submitted with the Application from a current Mentor/Advisor/Teacher/Club Adult Leader (must be completed by a non-relative).

3. A PHOTO should be submitted with the application. This photo should be an appropriate "headshot" for use by the Preble County Pork Festival, and will not be returned.

4. All Application materials must be submitted, and received, no later than **April 10, 2027.** NO LATE APPLICATION MATERIALS will be accepted. Mentor evaluations due **April 14, 2027 Email to: porkfesttreasurer@gmail.com**

Judging:

1. Candidates will be given their exact interview time by a scheduled phone call.

2. The panel of judges will review each fully completed candidate application, will interview each eligible candidate individually, and will judge the candidate during the contest event.

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Rules & Regulations

1. Age eligibility – Candidates must be at least 16 years old on April 24, 2027 and no older than 24 years old as of January 1, 2027.

2. All Contestants as well as contestants chosen as Queen/King or Prince/Princess, must comply with all provisions and rules as stated in this document. Any violation of the rules will result in automatic elimination/ disqualification from the competition and/or the relinquishing of any title. All awards received will be returned to the Preble County Pork Festival upon request.

3. The contestant may not be married, not have been married, not have borne a child, and not be pregnant when competing in the contest or during time of reign.

4. Each contestant must be a resident of Preble County or attend a Preble County School. Each contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America.

5. Must be in high school or graduated or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency or be in the process of obtaining such a degree or certificate.

6. Each contestant must never have held the title of Preble County Pork Festival Queen/King.

7. Each contestant may not incur any offense including, but not limited to, any alcohol offense, unruly behavior, or disorderly conduct.

8. The winner must be able to fulfill the Royal Court duties which include but are not limited to: acting as an ambassador to the festival at all times, participating in Festival activities, and participating in various community events.

9. Additional requirements including, but not limited to: Community Activities opportunities, will be detailed in a call from the royalty committee chair. Failure to reasonably comply with any requirement or schedule will result in the candidate forfeiting the opportunity to receive the title of 2026 Preble County Pork Festival Queen/King, Prince/Princess. Candidates are responsible to familiarize themselves with all regulations.

a. Candidates must be able to attend judging interviews and participate in the Contest.

b. Candidates must participate in two (2) community activities as detailed in the application packet. If a candidate is unable to make any of the given dates, candidates may complete other community activities as long as they are pre-approved by the Royalty Contest Committee and completed during the months of June and July.

I, _____, agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined herein regarding the Preble County Pork Festival Royalty Contest. I understand that as a winner or candidate of the contest, I am a representative of the festival and will conduct myself in a positive and professional manner at all times.