

DEPARTMENT 22

CONTESTS

Pre-register by July 23

Entering Saturday, August 16, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Maximum of 20 entries per exhibitor per department and one entry per class.

Judging Sunday 9:00 A.M. – Superintendent **Tonya Weiss** – 610-681-4293

Section 1

PSACF Special Contest

America 250 PA Apron Contest

Celebrating 250 Years of American

Exhibitor must be a resident of Pennsylvania - One entry per person.

Apron Details: Colors — combinations of red, white and blue only

Entries will be judged on workmanship, worth of article, appropriateness of mater and design based on the following point system:

Overall appearance	25 points
Creativity	25 points
Workmanship/Suitability	30 points
Design/Color	20 points



Premiums	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00
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Class	200 - Bib Apron	300 - Printed apron
100 - Half Apron		

First place winner from each local fair will be eligible to enter their apron in the 2026 PA State Farm Show contest.

Prizes for 2026 PA State Farm Show

1st Place - \$250	2nd Place - \$150	3rd Place - \$100	4th Place - Rosette	5th Place - Rosette
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Section 2

Recycled Junk Art Contest

1. August 1, 2, or 3rd, pick up you 5 gallon bucket that has been filled with assorted recycle material t the West End Fairground Main Stage. All 12 buckets have the same items in them. Not all items need to be used but no extra parts can be added. Bucket and any items not used must be returned on entry day.
2. The project may not exceed 14" length x 14" width x 2' high and must be self-standing. (base material may be added if needed)
3. Recycled materials that are given can be welded, bolted, glued, wired, sanded, cut apart, painted, or attached with an type of fastener. Recycled material must be clean and free of odors.
4. Include an explanation on an index card or photo.
5. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, overall finished appearance.
6. Entries will be brought to main exhibit building on entry day

Premiums	\$250.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
100 - Recycled Junk Art Contest			

Section 3

SCARECROW CONTEST

Premiums	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
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*Entry must be made in the current year.

*All scarecrows shall be constructed to be freestanding or sitting (no background)

*Scarecrows should ne be taller than 6' or shorter than 3'.

*Overall display size not larger than 4' x 4'.

*Scarecrows should have a plain or happy face.

*Props should not take away from actual scarecrow. Scarecrow is what is judged. Prop to help convey theme.

*Scarecrows will be judged on:

Originality	30 points
Conveys theme	30 points
Workmanship	20 points
General appearance	20 points

005 - Theme of Fair Book Scarecrow Contest	015 - It's Party Time
010 - Holiday	020 - Summertime Splash

ADULT ARTIFICIAL DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST

Premiums	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
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*Decorated pumpkin only — carved pumpkin will not be accepted for entry.

*Pumpkin will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.

100 - Holiday	110 - Original
105 - Summer	115 - Pattern on a pumpkin

YOUTH ARTIFICIAL DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST

Premiums	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
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*Decorated pumpkin only — carved pumpkin will not be accepted for entry.

*Pumpkin will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.

200 - Holiday	210 - Original
205 - Summer	215 - Pattern on a pumpkin

ADULT DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST

Premiums \$20.00 \$15.00 \$10.00 \$5.00

- *Decorated pumpkin only — carved pumpkin will not be accepted for entry.
- *Pumpkin will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.
- *Pumpkin does not have to be grown by exhibitor.

300 - Animal 310 - Original 320 - In the garage
305 - In the kitchen 315 - Holiday

YOUTH DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST

Premiums \$15.00 \$10.00 \$8.00 \$5.00

- *Decorated pumpkin only — carved pumpkin will not be accepted for entry.
- *Pumpkin will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.
- *Pumpkin does not have to be grown by exhibitor.

400 - Animal 410 - Sports 420 - Seasonal
405 - Original 415 - Pattern on a pumpkin 425 - At school

ADULT DECORATED WATERMELON CONTEST

Premiums \$20.00 \$15.00 \$10.00 \$5.00

- *Decorated watermelons only — carved watermelons will not be accepted for entry.
- *Watermelons will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.
- *Watermelon does not have to be grown by exhibitor.

500 - Holiday 510 - Original
505 - Summer 515 - In the attic

YOUTH DECORATED WATERMELON CONTEST

Premiums \$15.00 \$10.00 \$8.00 \$5.00

- *Decorated watermelons only — carved watermelons will not be accepted for entry.
- *Watermelons will be judged on originality, workmanship, and general appearance.
- *Watermelon does not have to be grown by exhibitor.

600 - Holiday 610 - Fall
605 - Summer 6154 - Pattern on a watermelon

DECORATED CHRISTMAS WREATH

Premiums \$11.00 \$9.00 \$8.00 \$6.00

- Wreath can be handmade or artificial
- Can use both handmade and purchased decorations
- Wreath will be judged on originality, workmanship & general appearance
- Maximum care will be taken with trees and accessories until reclaimed by exhibitors; however, the fair cannot be responsible for any damage or loss
- No power will be provided
- Decoration and appearance should convey the themes entered
- No feathers

700 - Color of the year ... Pink 705 - Original Holiday

DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST

Premiums \$40.00 \$30.00 \$20.00 \$10.00

- Tree must be an artificial size between 3 ft and 8ft.
- Can use both handmade and purchased decorations
- Trees will be judged on originality, workmanship & general appearance
- Maximum care will be taken with trees and accessories until reclaimed by exhibitors; however, the fair cannot be responsible for any damage or loss
- No power will be provided
- Decoration and appearance should convey the themes entered
- Must be decorated on all sides
- No feathers

800 - Color of the year ... Silver 820 - Wooden
805 - Collections 825 - Prom
810 - Holiday - NOT Christmas or July 4th 830 - Graduation
815 - How you decorate it for Christmas

MINI CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST

Premiums \$20.00 \$15.00 \$10.00 \$5.00

- Tree must be an artificial size up to 2 ft.
- Can use both handmade and purchased decorations
- Trees will be judged on originality, workmanship & general appearance
- Maximum care will be taken with trees and accessories until reclaimed by exhibitors; however, the fair cannot be responsible for any damage or loss
- No power will be provided
- Decoration and appearance should convey the themes entered
- Must be decorated on all sides
- No feathers

900 - Color of the year ... Silver 915 - Animal
905 - Holiday (not Christmas or July 4th) 920 - Patriotic
910 - Seasons 925 - Wooden

Section 4
West End Fair Queen

100 - Fair Queen

The purpose of the West End Fair Queen Program is to promote the education of young women through a scholarship program and to encourage the promotion of the West End Fair (its history and community impact), educate the public on the agricultural industry and foster a greater public understanding of the importance of each of these to our community.

FAIR DATES: Sunday, August 17- Saturday, August 22, 2025 All entries must be entered by August 2, 2025 (No Exceptions)

Personal Interview Date :August 9, 2025

Please email COMPLETED Application form, Consent form, and Essay, to westendfairqueen@gmail.com Or mail to:
West End Fair Attn: Fair Queen Committee PO Box 115 Gilbert, PA 18331

CONTEST RULES

Each Fair Queen contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Monroe County in the state 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 competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth.
8. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen and West End Fair Queen "Behavior Policy" - see below
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program and West End Fair Queen Program—see below

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 the West End Fair. While fashion styles may change, good taste does not! Therefore, the following responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected

while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. The West End Fair Queen coordinator will approve of the desired clothing for all events.
3. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage, tight fitting, or flaunting in nature.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the top of the kneecap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY

The West End Fair Queen Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Princess, or Contestants may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Fair Queen Committee 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 the Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown/sash and/or representing the Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, nonpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, and 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, Directors and Committee members, and West Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program, 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 sash at any event without official invitation from an authorized event coordinator. All appearances must be approved by the West End Fair Queen Coordinator, and she must be accompanied by a West End Fair authorized representative and/or approved chaperone who is 21+ and is approved by the West End Fair Queen committee.
8. Failure to participate in required events.

DUTIES OF THE WEST END FAIR QUEEN

The winner will reign for one year.

1. She must be available to attend various functions during the 2025 West End Fair deemed necessary by the West End Fair Queen committee.
2. She must attend and participate in other civic/agricultural activities and functions throughout her reign as deemed necessary by the West End Fair Queen committee.
3. The nominated Fair Queen may participate in the PA State Fair Queen Contest in January, 2026 that is held in Hershey, PA, at the expense of the West End Fair Association. (The Head Coordinator will attend this event with the current queen, Most of the expenses are covered thru the fair but not all).
4. She must attend the crowning of the following year's Fair Queen unless otherwise approved by the Fair Queen committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS and Thank You Gifts

West End Fair Queen

- At the Opening Ceremony, the queen will receive a crown, sash, and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her reign and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the queen will receive a \$1,000 check scholarship.

West End Fair Princess

- At the Opening Ceremony, the princess will receive a tiara, sash, and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her term and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the princess will receive a \$500 check scholarship.

All contestants

- At the Opening Ceremony, will receive a gift bag.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. All contestants must submit a typed essay (300 words or less) on **"What the West End Fair Means to My Community"**. This essay MUST accompany the application form and will be considered part of the judging criteria. Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar and Spelling. **(30 points)**
2. The following phases of competition will be held in August:
 - Professional/Introduction—this segment is conducted in front of the judging panel. Each contestant makes a personal introduction to the audience, similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. The contestant has approximately 15 seconds to make this introduction. Judging criteria will include content, stage presence and appearance. **(10 points)**
 - Personal Interview—each contestant will have a private 10-minute interview with the judging panel utilizing biographical information and other questions

pertaining to the fair and agricultural industry. Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise/presence, interview conduct, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry. (30 points)

3.

- Speech Presentation—each contestant will present a speech to the judging panel on the topic “Why You Should Come to the West End Fair”. The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and will be timed. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Props that enhance this speech are permitted but not required. Contestants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, **not** “entertainment”. Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations are **not** permitted. Contestants will be judged on their speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveying the importance of West End Fair/PA fairs, public speaking ability, and poise/ presence. (30 points) **You must submit a hard copy of this speech.**

DISCLAIMER

- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the fair queen committee may change the dates and times as noted above.
- It is the responsibility of the contestant to provide the committee with at least two current telephone numbers and an email address. A prompt response is required within **24 hours**.
- It is the responsibility of the fair queen committee to remain in contact with the contestants to relay any changes in locations and times.
- During fair week, the Queen and Princess are expected to participate in the fairs week events including to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets, promote the program, etc.
- In the event, the Fair Queen cannot fulfill her duties; the Princess will become the Fair Queen.
- At age 18, the West End Fair Queen Committee will communicate directly with the Fair Queen/Princess.
- The Queen and Princess will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussions.
- The Queen and Princess must be an active participant in the required number of the events to be determined by the Fair Queen committee to receive scholarship unless approved otherwise by the Fair Queen committee.

The West End Fair Queen committee does not have to provide or disclose any scoring information as directed by the PA State Fair Queen Program.



2024-2025 FAIR QUEEN
Giovanna Giovanni



West End Fair Junior Miss Contest

200 - Fair Junior Miss

The purpose of the West End Fair Junior Miss Program is to promote the education of young women through a scholarship program that encourages; the promotion of the West End Fair; its history, the impact of the fair in the community, and the ongoing education of the public on the agricultural industry and its importance.

FAIR DATES: Sunday, August 17- Saturday, August 22, 2025 All entries must be entered by August 2, 2025 (No Exceptions)

Personal Interview Date: August 9, 2025

Please email COMPLETED Application form, Consent form, and Essay, to westendfairqueen@gmail.com Or mail to:
West End Fair Attn: Fair Queen Committee PO Box 115 Gilbert, PA 18331

CONTEST RULES

Each Junior Miss contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 14, but no older than 15 years of age as of **June 1st** of the year entering the local contest.
3. Have not been a former West End Fair Junior Miss Queen winner.
4. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
5. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter competition.
6. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
7. Act in accordance with the West End Fair Junior Miss "Behavior Policy" - see below 8. Meet all time commitments, Junior Miss obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the West End Fair—see below

WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS DRESS CODE



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Wearing of the Junior Miss 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 the West End Fair. While fashion styles may change, good taste does not! Therefore, the following responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Junior Miss / Runner-Up is wearing her crown and/or sash:  
Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.) No torn or ripped jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops. NO cowboy/western style boots, thigh-high or over-the-knee boots, muck boots, work boots. Shoe boots, with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height. Alterations may be made to this rule only if: severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and The West End Fair Junior Miss Coordinator has approved the alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas for safety reasons. **No visible piercings** (other than earrings) or tattoos. **No outfit that shows cleavage**, tight fitting, or flaunting in nature. Dresses/skirts must be **no shorter than the top of the kneecap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem**. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Junior Miss Program.

#### WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS BEHAVIOR POLICY

The West End Fair Junior Miss Contest's Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Junior Miss, Runner Up, or Contestants may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Junior Miss Committee 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 Junior Miss Competitions:

1. Any infraction of the Junior Miss Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown/sash and/or representing the Junior Miss 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, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, and 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 Junior Miss Contest, its winners and contestants, Directors and Committee members, and the West End Fair Junior Miss Program, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet and social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. All appearances must be approved by West End Fair Junior Miss Committee and she must be accompanied by a West End Fair authorized representative.
8. Failure to participate in required events.

#### DUTIES OF THE WEST END FAIR JUNIOR MISS

The winner will reign for **one year**:

1. She must be available to attend various functions during the 2025 West End Fair deemed necessary by the West End Fair Junior Miss committee.
2. She must attend and participate in other civic/agricultural activities and functions throughout her reign as deemed necessary by the West End Fair Junior Miss committee.
3. She must attend the crowning of the 2026 West End Fair Junior Miss.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS and THANK YOU GIFTS

West End Fair Junior Miss

- At the Opening Ceremony, the Junior Miss will receive a crown, sash, and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her reign and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the Junior Miss will receive a \$100 check scholarship.

West End Fair Junior Miss Runner Up

- At the Opening Ceremony, the runner up will receive a crown, sash and thank you gift.
- At the completion of her term and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the runner up will receive a \$50 Check Scholarship.
- All other contestants
- At the Opening Ceremony, will receive a thank you gift bag.

#### COMPETITION STRUCTURE- Dress attire should be as if you're going to a job interview

1. There is **NO ENTRY FEE**.
2. **All contestants must submit a typed essay (200 – 250 words) on "What the West End Fair Means to the Community"**. This essay **MUST** accompany the application form and will be considered part of the judging criteria. Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar and Spelling. **(30 points)**
3. **Professional/Introduction**—this segment is conducted in front of the judging panel. Each contestant makes a personal introduction to the audience, similar to that which a Junior Miss would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. The contestant has approximately 15 seconds to make this introduction. Judging criteria will include content, stage presence and appearance. **(20 points)**
4. **Personal Interview**—each contestant will have a private 10-minute interview with the judging panel utilizing bio-graphical information and other questions pertaining to the fair and agricultural industry. Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise/presence, interview conduct, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry. **(20 points)**
5. **Speech Presentation**—each contestant will present a speech to the judging panel on the topic **"Why Agriculture is important in Pennsylvania"**. The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and will be timed. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Contestants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, not "entertainment". Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations **are not permitted**. Contestants will be judged on their speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveys the importance of The West End Fair/PA fairs, public speaking ability, and poise/ presence. **(30 points)** **Please Submit a copy of this speech as well.**

#### DISCLAIMER

- It is the responsibility of the contestant to provide the committee with at least **two** current telephone numbers and an email address. A prompt response is required **within 24 hours**.
- During fair week, **all contestants** are expected to participate in the fair's week events and to help sell Fair Queen Program 50/50 tickets. **(at least 2 days for all contestants that do not place)** **Failure to do so will impact running for the following year**
- **All contestants**, Junior Miss, Runner Up will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussions.
- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the fair Junior Miss committee may change the dates and times as noted above.
- In the event, the West End Fair Junior Miss cannot fulfill her duties; the Runner Up will become the West End Fair Junior Miss.
- Junior Miss, Runner Up must be an active participant in required number of the events listed to receive scholarship.
- Mode of transportation for scheduled events will be determined by the fair queen committee with input from participants. Factors such as insurance will be considered when finalizing all decisions. In other words, the **fair queen committee will make the final determination**.
- It is the responsibility of the Junior Miss committee to remain in contact with the contestants to relay any changes in locations and times.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** accounts cannot be created without authorization using the West End Fair's name and/or logo. The queen and her court may send pictures or ideas to the coordinator for review before posts are made.

The West End Fair Junior Miss committee does not have to provide or disclose any scoring information as directed by the PA State Fair Queen Program.

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