

# **QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP**

*The purpose of the West End Fair Queen Scholarship Program is to offer an opportunity for young women to prepare for their educational future. This is a scholarship program with values rooted in community, agriculture, and tourism. In this program, young women will have opportunities to speak publicly, learn, and grow knowledge of the agriculture industry and networking skills.*

## **Important Dates:**

**Application Deadline: Sunday 7/5/26 (No exceptions)**

**Fair Week: Sunday 8/23/26- Saturday 8/29/26**

**Interview Date: Sunday 7/26/26 Time: TBA**

Please **Complete and Submit** the Google Form Application  
And **upload** your Essay

If you have any questions, please contact the West End Fair Committee at  
[fairqueenwefa@ptd.net](mailto:fairqueenwefa@ptd.net)

**Below is the Google Form link:**

[Fair Queen Application - Google Form](#)

**West End Fairgrounds | 570 Fairground Road, Gilbert, PA 18331 | (610) 681-429**

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION & STEPS**

1. 300-600 Word Essay on “What the West End Fair means to the community” (30 pts)
  - a. Must be typed
  - b. Essay must be sent in with the application
  - c. Essay is judged on 3 categories:
    - i. Content
    - ii. Grammar
    - iii. Spelling
2. Interview Process
  - a. Professionalism/Introduction (20 pts)
    - i. Appearance- Business Attire, dress as if you are going to a job interview
      - Examples: Dress pants, dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dress shoes
    - ii. Content- Standard Introduction
      - Example: “Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am 15 years old and I attend Pleasant Valley High School. I grew up in Brodheadsville and currently plan to attend a veterinary program when I graduate.”
    - iii. Presence- Think about what you want to say before the day of your interview, memorize it, keep it simple! The best trick is to be prepared.
3. Personal Interview (20 pts)
  - a. This is approximately 10 minutes. The judges can ask questions and discuss topics that are important to the fair and agricultural industries.
  - b. Judging Criteria

- i. Conversational ability/ answers to questions
- ii. Appearance/poise/presence
- iii. Interview conduct
- iv. Activities
- v. Knowledge of the fair
  - You do not have to be an expert on agriculture or be in 4H to join this competition. Passion for tourism and how it helps agriculture is just as valuable.

4. Speech Presentation (30 pts)

- a. 3-5 minute speech, after the interview
  - i. Topic: “Why you should come to the West End Fair”
- b. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Contestants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills. Overhead projectors or powerpoints presentations are not permitted.
- c. Judging Criteria:
  - i. Speech content- (to include agriculture/community)
  - ii. Speech format
  - iii. Conveys the importance of the West End Fair
  - iv. Public Speaking Ability
  - v. Poise/ Presence

5. Turn in Google Form Application and upload your Essay

**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.
- The Queen and Queen Alternate will be required to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussion.
- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the West End Fair committee may change the dates and times as noted above.
- In the event that the West End Fair Queen cannot fulfill her duties; the queen alternate will become West End Fair Queen.
- Transportation must be provided by parents/guardians.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** accounts cannot be created using the West End Fair’s name or logo without authorization. The queen may send photos to the coordinator for review.
- 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.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RULES**

Each West End Fair Queen contestant must:

1. Born a female, U. S. Citizen and a resident of Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1st of the year entering the program.
3. Have not been a former West End Fair Queen.
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 the competition.
6. Be single, never married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
7. Act in accordance with the West End Fair “Behavior Policy.”

8. Meet all time commitments, obligations and “Dress Code Policy” as set forth by the West End Fair Queen committee.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Fair Queen Scholarship winner will receive:

- A \$1,000 Scholarship Check from the West End Fair at the completion of her reign.
- Fair Queen Crown and Sash - at opening ceremony.

Fair Queen Alternate winner will receive:

- A \$500 Scholarship Check from the West End Fair at the completion of her reign.
- Fair Queen Alternate Crown and Sash - at opening ceremony.

### **FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE**

1. Attire must be appropriate for formal and business casual event as outlined by the PA Fair Queen Program
  - Examples: Dress pants, dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dress shoes.
2. All clothing **must be pre-approved** by the West End Fair committee for compliance with the program dress code.
3. Closed-toe shoes should be worn in livestock areas for safety- NO BOOTS.
4. No visible tattoos or piercings (other than earrings).
5. Outfits must not show cleavage, bra straps, be overly tight or revealing.
6. Dresses or skirts **must extend to at least the top of the kneecap.**
7. No clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or disrespect to the Queen Program’s dignity.

***Wearing the Fair Queen crown 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!***

### **QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY**

The Fair Queen Committee will have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgement, the Queen or Queen Alternate may continue to participate in the program, in the event that the committee determines that any statement or representation is not true or 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 West End Fair Queen Scholarship 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 West End Fair Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, unethical, indecent, and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Tiktok, and VSCO, etc.)
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the West End Fair Queen Scholarship, its winner and contestants, directors, committee members, and the West End Fair Queen 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 the crown and sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. The Queen must be accompanied by a West End Fair authorized chaperone 21 or older.

## **DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

Scholarship winner will bear the title for One year:

During that time the winner will have duties that include attendance at multiple functions throughout the year. Failure to attend most planned events may result in disqualification.

- 1. Opening Ceremony For the West End Fair:** Is always opening day of the fair (Sunday 23, 2026). The exact time will be on the [westendfair.com](http://westendfair.com) website. Please reach out to the West End Fair Queen committee if needed. This is where the winner of the scholarship is announced. There is no prior notice of the winner until it is announced on stage.
- 2. The West End Fair:** Plan to be available during the week of the West End Fair, as many obligations will take place throughout that time by helping with fair events, etc. Attendance at every single event is not required, provided by the fair queen committee is notified in advance and excuses of any conflicts due to any commitments.
- 3. Community Events:** Plan on one event a month. Not all months will have an event, and some invites may come 2 weeks before an event has invited us to attend. Some will be agricultural events and some will be community based.
- 4. Opening Ceremony to Pass the Title:** As your reign ends, you will be crowning the new scholarship winner for the next year at the opening ceremony. This is where you will also have an opportunity to share with the fair-goers for farewell speech.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, & AUDIO RECORDING CONSENT FORM**

The West End Fair may take photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings of contestants and participants during events, interviews, exhibits, and activities. These materials may be used for promotional, educational, archival, or publicity purposes, including but not limited to West End Fair exhibits and displays, local newspapers and television, West End Fair publications and programs, the West End Fair website, social media platforms, and other digital or print media. Because applicants may be minors, permission is required before any photographs, video, or audio recordings may be used. For this reason, the application includes a consent section that must be signed by both the contestant/applicant and a parent or legal guardian. These signatures acknowledge that the parent/guardian and applicant understand how media from the event may be used and provide or decline permission accordingly. No compensation will be provided for the use of these materials.

## **SIGNATURE & AGREEMENT**

Participation in the West End Fair Queen Scholarship Program requires acknowledgment that all information provided in the application has been read and understood. The application outlines important details including eligibility requirements, application procedures, important dates, judging criteria, scholarship information, dress code, behavior expectations, duties, responsibilities, and all rules and regulations established by the West End Fair Queen Committee. Because the program includes expectations for conduct and participation, both the contestant/applicant and a parent or legal guardian are required to sign the application. These signatures confirm that all guidelines and policies have been reviewed, that participation in the program is understood to be a privilege, and that the contestant agrees to follow all rules and decisions made by the Committee. Signing the application also confirms that the information submitted is accurate and truthful to the best of the applicant's and parent/guardian's knowledge, and acknowledges that failure to follow the program's expectations may result in disqualification or dismissal from the program.



**2025-2026 FAIR QUEEN  
Abigail Smith**