

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. Through this program young women will have opportunities to speak publicly, learn and grow knowledge of the agriculture industry, and learn and grow networking skills.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: Saturday 8/2/25 (No Exceptions)

Fair Week: Sunday 8/17/25 - Saturday 8/23/25

Interview Date: Saturday 8/9/25 **Time:** TBA

*Please email the **COMPLETED** Application form, Consent form, and Essay to:*

westendfairqueen@gmail.com

Or

Mail: West End Fair

Attn: Fair Queen Committee

PO Box 115

Gilbert, Pa 18331

CONTEST RULES

Contest Rules- Each West End Fair Queen contestant must:

1. Be born a female, who is a 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 local contest.
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, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
7. Act in accordance with the West End Fair "Behavior Policy" -
(Behavioral Policy on Page 4 of application packet)
8. Meet all time commitments, obligations, and "Dress Code" as set forth by the West End Fair (Dress Code on Page 3 of application packet)

Compliance with the rules is mandatory. Any violations of the rules will be investigated and a decision made by the Fair Queen Committee. The Fair Queen Committee has sole discretion to make these decisions. May result in disqualification.

Applicant Name & Date: _____

Applicant Signature of Acceptance of the Rules: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature of Acceptance of the Rules: _____

FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE

Dress Code:

1. Attire must be appropriate for formal and business casual events as outlined by the Fair Queen Program.
2. All clothing must be pre-approved by the West End Fair Queen Coordinator for suitability.
3. Closed-toe shoes should be worn in livestock areas for safety.
4. **No visible** piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. Outfits must not show **cleavage** or 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 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 responsible, appropriate, and professional appearance is expected while the Queen / Princess is wearing her crown and/or sash:

Compliance with the Dress Code is mandatory. Any violations of the Dress Code will be investigated and a decision made by the Fair Queen Committee. The Fair Queen Committee has sole discretion to make these decisions. May result in disqualification.

Applicant Name & Date: _____

Applicant Signature of Acceptance of the Dress Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature of Acceptance of the Dress Code: _____

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY

Behavior Policy:

1. Any infraction of the West End Fair 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 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, 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 West End fair Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, Directors and Committee members, and the West End Fair 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 an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. All appearances must be approved by the West End Fair Queen Committee and she must be accompanied by a West End Fair authorized representative. If another chaperone is needed they must be approved prior to the event and must be 21 or older.
8. Failure to participate in required events.

Compliance with the Behavior Policy is mandatory. Any violations of the behavioral policy will be investigated and a decision made by the Fair Queen Committee. If any violations are found it may result in disqualification. The Fair Queen Committee has sole discretion to make these decisions. May result in disqualification.

Applicant Name & Date: _____

Applicant Signature of Acceptance of the Behavior Policy: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature of Acceptance of the Behavior Policy: _____

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPECTATIONS

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. Always opening day of the West End Fair. The exact date & time will be on thewestendfair.com website. Reach out to the Fair Queen Committee for help if needed. This is where the winner of the competition is announced. There is no prior notice of the winner until announced on stage.
2. **The West End Fair** - Plan to be available the entire week of the West End Fair as most obligations will be fulfilled this week by helping with fair events, etc.
3. **Civic 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, and some community based.
4. **Opening Ceremony** to pass the title. As your reign ends you will be crowning the new winner for the next year at the opening ceremony. This is where you will also have an opportunity to share with the fair goers your farewell speech.

Applicant Name & Date: _____

Applicant Signature of Acceptance of the Expectations: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature of Acceptance of the Expectations: _____

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

West End Fair Queen Scholarship:

- Fair Queen will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship Check from the West End Fair at the **completion** of her reign.
- Fair Queen Crown - At opening ceremony
- Fair Queen Sash - At opening ceremony
- Flowers - At opening ceremony
- Thank you Gift - At opening ceremony

West End Fair Princess Scholarship:

- Fair Princess will receive a \$500 Scholarship Check from the West End Fair at the **completion** of her reign.
- Fair Princess Crown - At opening ceremony
- Fair Princess Sash - At opening ceremony
- Flowers - At opening ceremony
- Thank you Gift - At opening ceremony

Contestants that do not place:

- Any contestant that does not place is honored with a thank you gift bag.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & STEPS

There is No Entry Fee(s)

1. **300-600 Word Essay** on “What the West End Fair Means to the Community” **(30 pts)**

- a. Must be typed

- b. Must be between 300-600 word count
- c. Essay MUST be sent in with the Application
- d. Essay is judged on 3 items:
 - i. **Content-** The meaning and feeling of the essay. Passion is more important than facts.
 - ii. **Grammar**
 - iii. **Spelling**
- e. This is worth 30 points to your overall score. Spend some time on what you want to say. This is the first impression you leave on the judges.

2. Interview Process is 3 Steps

One by one each contestant will go into the room with a panel of judges.

Below are the steps of the Interview Process in order for preparation.

1. Professional/Introduction (20 pts)

- a. You have approximately 15 seconds to walk in, approach the judges, and introduce yourself.
- b. This part of the interview is based on 3 Categories:

- i. **Appearance-** Wear what you would wear to a job interview.
“Business Attire”

- ii. **Content**

- 1. Standard Introduction Example: “Hello, my name is Sarah. I am 15 years old. I attend Pleasant Valley Middle School. I grew up in Brodheadsville and currently plan to go into the veterinary field when I am done with school.”
 - 2. **Be unique and be you!** While we have shared some tips and tricks listed above you can always put your own style on it.

- iii. **Presence-** The best trick for this is to be prepared. Think about what you want to say before the day of the interview, memorize it, Keep it simple so it’s easier to remember. Shake hands with the judges if you feel comfortable. Smile.

2. Personal Interview (20 pts)

- a. This is approximately 10 minutes where the contestant and the judges get to ask questions and talk about things that are important to the fair and agricultural industries.
- b. Judging Criteria based on a few different categories:
 - i. Conversational Ability**
 - ii. Answers to Questions -**
 - iii. Appearance/Poise/Presence**
 - iv. Interview Conduct**
 - v. Activities**
 - vi. Knowledge of the Fair -**
 - 1. 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 and promotes a healthy community is just as valuable. Honesty and Passion go a long way.

3. Speech Presentation (30 pts)

- a. This is approximately a 3-5 minute speech (yes it's timed) right after the interview.
- b. Topic - *"Why You Should Come to the West End Fair"***
- c. 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.
- d. Judging Criteria:
 - i. Speech content (to include agriculture/community)**
 - ii. Speech format**
 - iii. Conveys the importance of The West End Fair/PA fairs**
 - iv. Public Speaking Ability**
 - v. Poise/Presence**
- e. Submit a Copy of your Speech day of the interview

3. Complete Application

5. Send in Completed Packet

- 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 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
- The Queen and Princess will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, and public discussions.
- 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 Princess will become the West End Fair Queen.
- Queen and Princess must be an active participant in the required number of events listed to receive a 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 Queen committee does not have to provide or disclose any scoring information as directed by the PA State Fair Queen program.

Name		
<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Age as of 6/1/25</u>	<u>Birth date</u>
<u>Town, Zip code</u>	<u>Email</u>	

<u>Telephone number</u>	<u>Alternate telephone number</u>
<u>Name of parent(s)/Guardian</u>	
<u>School/College attending</u>	<u>Current grade or education level</u>
<u>Please indicate your plans for the future, such as college or trade school. What you want to be when you get older.</u>	
<u>Why have you chosen these plans?</u>	
<u>Please list any honors, rewards, or recognition (within the last 3 years) and when you have received them.</u>	

Name

Current Community Service Project(s)

Current School Activities

Current Club Affiliations

Hobbies/Interests

By signing below, I certify that the above information and that on any attachments is accurate/truthful.

Applicant's Signature and Date _____

PARENT AGREEMENT

As a parent you will play a crucial role in this program that has been set in place to help your child grow and learn. As such there are guidelines for behavior and expectations that must be

followed. Failure to do so will result in the loss of scholarships & future opportunities.

Parent behavior and expectations:

1. **Conduct-** Whether your child wins or not, the expectation is that all parents behave in a positive manner. Poor behavior, or quiet bullying will not be acceptable. Any verbal or written negative comments will result in disqualification. Any and all negative comments made will be addressed by the Fair Queen Committee who has sole discretion on the actions that will be taken.
 - a. These are all young girls. They do not deserve to be bullied by anyone, but especially not adults. Our goal is to strengthen girls' self esteem by positive reinforcement.
2. **Support Program Values-** I will support the values and expectations of the West End Fair Queen Program regarding conduct, dress code, and behavior policies.
3. **Participation-** I will attend events with my daughter and recognize our joint participation is essential. Unless she is 18 or older.
4. **Communication-** Communication works both ways. We will communicate respectfully, although final decisions will rest with Fair Queen Committee members.
5. **Understanding Consequences-** : I understand that I am an advocate for my child. If I violate this agreement it may lead to disqualification of my child from the competition.

I have read and agree to this Parent Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

Photography Consent Form

I will allow photographs to be taken of my daughter that have the potential to be used

in West End Fair exhibits, published in local newspapers & TV, and in West End Fair publications, or published on West End Fair Websites or other digital/social media.

I will **not** allow photographs of my daughter to be taken for use by the West End Fair.

Signature and date of Parent/Guardian_____

Agreement by Contestant to Participate

I have reviewed the necessary criteria with my parents/guardian and agree to follow the criteria during the pageant activities. If selected as the 2025 West End Fair Queen/Princess, I will also follow the criteria during the required appearances. I understand that failure to follow competition rules will result in immediate removal as the West End Fair Queen/Princess and forfeiture of the title, crown, sash, and check scholarship.

Signature and date of Contestant_____

Please make sure to have completed all the steps and paperwork when submitting the application.

1. COMPLETED Application Form
2. COMPLETED forms
3. COMPLETED ESSAY— all contestants must submit a typed essay (600 words or less) on "What the West End Fair Means to My Community". This essay is part of the judging criteria. Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar, and Spelling.
- 4. Provide a photo for social media usage and local news with a short Bio.**