Pennsylvania Fair Queen Program

2019 PA Fair Queen Competition

CONTESTANT HANDBOOK

Special Hostess: 2018 PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight

January 24-26

2019

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TO: **2019 Contestants**
cc: Fair Queen Contest Coordinators

FROM: Karen Dobson and Shelly Shaffer, Contest Coordinators

We congratulate you on being selected as the **2018 Fair Queen**, and welcome you as a finalist for the ***2018 PA Fair Queen competition*** in January.

We are pleased to have **59** contestants in the competition. You are going to be part of a tremendous experience as you compete with these young women for the coveted title of ***PA Fair Queen***. The contestant who is selected as the ***2019 PA Fair Queen*** will earn a $2,500 scholarship and spend the remainder of the year representing our PA State Association of County Fairs and the PA Department of Agriculture to promote Pennsylvania's top industries of agriculture and tourism.

This **Handbook** is designed to give you a detailed look at the Contest's schedule, judging processes, requirements and expectations. Bring it with you to the contest!
A separate packet is also included with important information including your ***Individual Contestant Schedule***, a ***Packing Checklist***, ***Scoring Criteria***, ***Driving Directions***, ***Hershey Lodge map***, ***Commemorative Item Order Form***, and a ***Medical Release Form***.

Planning and organization are critical to keeping our competition on track. **So please review the enclosed information carefully** with your Coordinator as you prepare for the ***2019 PA Fair Queen competition***.

We consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you as Contest Coordinators. Our wish is that each Contestant leaves this experience with a sense of pride, accomplishment and camaraderie. We look forward to meeting you in Hershey on Thursday, January 24, 2019. However, should you have any questions about the competition before then, feel free to contact us.

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GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

DATES:

The competition will be a three-day event commencing **Thursday, January 24** and culminating with the Coronation ceremony on **Saturday, January 26, 2019**.
The PA Fair Queen competition is held in conjunction with the ***PA State Association of County Fairs***' (PSACF) and ***PA State Showmen's Association*** (PSSA) Annual Convention.

LOCATION:

All PA Fair Queen competition events will be held at the

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
325 University Drive,
Hershey, PA 17033 *(visit www.hersheylodge.com for more information)*
Phone: 717-533-3311

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Thursday, January 24

- Noon – 4:00 pm Fundraising Table (*benefits Queen Program)*
- 2:45 pm Orientation Check-in opens
- 3:15 pm Contestant Orientation begins
- **6:15 pm <u>Judging</u>**: Evening Gown and Introduction
  (before the PSACF Annual Banquet; line up <u>before</u> 6 pm)
- Group Photo *(immediately after the PSACF Banquet)*

Friday, January 25

- **7:00 am – 5:00 pm <u>Judging</u>**: Personal Interviews
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Raffle Table *(benefits Queen Program)*
- 11:00 am or 2:15 pm - Leadership Seminar *(optional)*
- 5:30 pm - Judges' Reception with Contestants
- 7:00 pm - Contestant Pizza Party with 2018 PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight

Saturday, January 26

- **7:45 am – 3:00 pm <u>Judging</u>**: Speech Presentations
- 9:00 am – 12:45 pm – Raffle Table *(benefits Queen Program)*
- 9:00 am – 1:45 pm - Hair Styling Appointments (*optional)*
- 4:30 pm - Coronation Rehearsal for Contestants
- 6:00 pm - Coronation Banquet
- 7:30 pm - Crowning Ceremony

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

All Contestants, parents, chaperones and fair members are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. A block of rooms has been made available at the **Hershey Lodge and Convention Center** for the Queens. After December 23, the Lodge can release any unused rooms in the block to general Convention attendees.

Reservation Procedures:

NOTE: **Only one (1) reservation per Contestant can be made in the QUEENS room block.** (All other Hotel rooms must be reserved through the PSACF ATTENDEE room block.)

A block of rooms was set aside for the Queen Contestants. **Contestant Room Reservations were already made directly with the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center using the two-page Application Item #9 (*Hotel Form and Credit Card Authorization*) that was included in the State Contest Application**. These forms were due **by November 1.**

The room will not be guaranteed without the proper form.
The room costs are NOT included in the $120 Contestant Fee.
The PA Fair Queen Program is not responsible for reservations or payment for any hotel accommodations.

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Phone: 717-534-8696
Email: mamaxwell@hersheypa.com
Fax: 717-534-8668
Check-in time: 4:00 pm
Check-out time: 11:00 am
Occupancy cannot be guaranteed before 4:00 pm (check-in time).

CONVENTION & BANQUET REGISTRATION:

Everyone who attends Convention events must pay a Badge Registration Fee.
Everyone who attends a Convention Banquet must purchase a Ticket.
The following items are already included in the Contestant's $120 Application fee:

- one (1) Convention Badge Registration[1]
- one (1) ticket to the PSACF Annual Banquet[2], and
- one (1) ticket to the Queen Coronation Banquet[3]

Contestants and their guests have been registered based on Application Item #8 form that was submitted with payment to PSACF. This form was due **by November 1.**

[1] Allows admission to the PSACF/PSSA Convention's Trade Show, Talent Showcase, Table Topics, Seminars, Queen Speeches, and open Receptions and Meetings. Contestant receives a Convention Badge and a Convention Schedule Booklet. Additional Registrations can be ordered through the Fair.

[2] Required of all Contestants as part of the judging for the "Evening Gown and Introduction" competition.

[3] Additional Banquet Tickets were to be ordered on Application Item #8 form by November 1 (ex: family, friends)

CHAPERONES:

It is important that Contestants are supported and supervised during the competition events. Most Contestants have never been to the Convention before, and are not familiar with the schedule or the facility. Therefore each Fair with a Queen Contestant **must** have an adult chaperone for their Contestant at all times during the Convention and PA Fair Queen competition (*unless otherwise noted in this Handbook*). This chaperone must be approved by the Fair and may be a parent/guardian or a Fair delegate.

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 Fair.

While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!

Therefore 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.) *Refer to Handbook for specifics for each Activity*
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops or boots. *Exception: Contestants' Pizza Party*
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that shows cleavage.
5. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
6. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

BEHAVIOR:

The Contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate or Contestants may continue to participate in the Program, in the event that the Board 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 infractions of any Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen 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, Twitter, Instagram, 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, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their Directors and Committee members, 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 banner at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member.

DAILY COMPETITION INFORMATION

The PA Fair Queen Program shall determine the time, manner and method of conducting the competition. Each Contestant must arrange her personal schedule as she is expected to attend all mandatory competition activities.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

STEP ONE: Hotel Room Check-In

Date: On or before Thursday, January 24

Location: Report to the Lodge's Front Desk Lobby
(near University Drive entrance)

Time: Hotel rooms may not be available until 4:00 pm

You Get: Hotel Room Number* and Key

STEP TWO: Convention Registration Check-In

Date: On or before Thursday, January 24

Location: Report to the Convention Center Registration Desk
Chocolate Lobby (Hershey Lodge & Convention Center Entrance off Rt. 322)

Time: Registration Desk is open from Wednesday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
and Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

You Get: Badge, Convention Schedule Booklet, and
all pre-ordered/pre-paid Banquet Ticket(s).

ORIENTATION:

Date: Thursday, January 24

Location: Crystal A
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Mandatory** for All **Queen Contestants and Chaperones**
Limit: no more than Contestant, Chaperone & (1) other attendee

Times:

Check-In Table opens	2:45 pm
Orientation Program	3:15 – 4:00 pm

You Get: *Contestant Number*
A *Contestant Bag* with T-Shirt and other goodies

You Bring: Hotel Room Number
Medical Release Form *(see Form in enclosed packet)*

T-Shirt Sponsor:
SwikaS Amusements LLC

2018 PA Fair Queen
Event Brochure Sponsor:
Lebanon Fair

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for a Meeting)
(dress slacks, corduroys, khakis; sweaters, button-down shirts, etc.)
Must wear Convention Name Badge *(obtained at Convention Registration Desk)*
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

This is a very important Session. You will receive your Contestant number that will be needed for that evening's competition. We will also give updates on the remainder of the Contest schedule, and we will answer any questions about the procedures, judging process, and our expectations.

"Q-TIP" *We recommend that Queen Contestants have their gown, shoes, makeup, etc. that they will need for their Evening Gown/Intro Competition ready in their hotel room before coming to Orientation.*

EVENING GOWN & INTRODUCTION COMPETITION: *JUDGED EVENT*

Date: Thursday, January 24

Location: PSACF Annual Banquet
Chocolate Lobby Hallway (line up)
Chocolate Ballroom Main Stage (presentation)

Time: **6:15 pm** *Be in the Ballroom hallway no later than **6:00 pm** to line up by Contestant Number

NOTE: **Memorize your Banquet Ticket Table Number.**
Make sure someone at your Table has your Banquet Ticket.

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

Judging: *See Scoring Criteria in enclosed packet*
35 points

This segment of the Competition is conducted in front of the Convention delegates and the Queen Contest Judges. There will be approximately 1,000 people in attendance.

Each Contestant will present on stage and introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should be similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. **This will the Judge Panel's first impression of the Contestants**.

The Contestant will have **15 seconds** to make this introduction. **Practice** and be prepared!

Introductions should include, at a minimum, the following information:
Contestant's Name, Name of Fair, and Home Town

After all contestants are introduced, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned banquet table as noted on their Banquet Ticket. **Dinner begins at 6:45 pm.**

"Q-TIP" *We recommend that Queen Contestants practice walking in the dress/shoes they will be wearing prior to coming to the Competition as there will be no rehearsal for this event. There will be steps up and down for the stage introduction.*

CONTESTANTS' PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Sponsor:
Tons of Fun Shows

Date: Thursday, January 24

Location: Cocoa Terrace - Cocoa Suite 1

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: Immediately following PSACF Banquet;
Contestants will be dismissed by announcement.

Attire: **Evening Gown**
Contestant Number – we will ask contestants to remove the numbers for the actual photo
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

CONTESTANT GROUP PHOTO: *Sponsor: Tons of Fun Shows*
A professional photographer, Tim McGowan Studio, will take the official Group Photo. Only the Contestants and Contest Committee will be permitted in the room during this time. Group Photos will be available for purchase (*see Commemorative Items Order Form in enclosed packet*).

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY:
The professional photographer will also be available after the Group Photo to take portraits of Contestants. He will have a backdrop set up near the Queen Program's Basket/Raffle Table that night as well as during the remainder of the convention. Contestants may invite their family members and/or friends for group portraits. All photo proofs will be available at the convention for viewing and optional purchase, as well as on the photographer's website after the event. *Purchase of any photography is strictly optional.*
All proceeds benefit the PA Fair Queen Program.

CONTESTANT AUCTION ITEM DONATION:

Date: Thursday, January 24

Location: **Drop off at PA Fair Queen Program's Basket/Raffle Fundraising Table in the Great Lobby**

Attendees: Contestants

Time: Drop off between 12:00 Noon to 4 pm

Help us collect Restaurant Gift Cards!
We will be putting together two (2) ***"Dining Out" Gift Card Packages*** to raise money for the PA State Fair Queen Program. The gift cards will be auctioned off at the Saturday Coronation banquet!

Each contestant is to bring <u>one</u> $25.00 chain restaurant gift card to help create our auction prize packages.

Please donate a gift card to a restaurant chain that is available across Pennsylvania so that the auction winners will be able to use all the cards in their prize.
Examples: Applebee's, Chili's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, Panera, Red Lobster, Ruby Tuesday's, TGI Friday's, Texas Roadhouse

NOTE: *The contestant's gift card is separate from any other raffle prize donations the Fair may choose to make to the PA Fair Queen Program's basket raffle table.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

INTERVIEW: *JUDGED EVENT*

Date: Friday, January 25

Location: Tower Suite #4
Tower Level, 1st floor above the Front Desk Lobby, near the Elevators

Your Time: *See individual Schedule Summary in enclosed packet*
(maximum 6-minute interview)
(Report to Waiting Area – Tower Suite #1 at least 15 minutes before your Interview)

Attire: **Business Dress**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc. similar to what one would wear to a job interview)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear local Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

Judging: *See attached Score Criteria in enclosed packet*
90 points

Our panel of three (3) judges will conduct a personal six (6) minute interview with each Contestant. **Only the Judges and the Contestant are permitted in the Interview room**. Coordinators/Fairs/Family may wait in the Registration Area (Tower Suite #1)

The Interview Schedule will be posted inside the Waiting Room and at the Convention Registration Desk (Chocolate Lobby).

Promptness is necessary and expected! Please be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by being quiet while in the vicinity of the Interview Room.

SEMINAR:

"Young Women's Leadership Hour" *OPTIONAL ACTIVITY*

Date: Friday, January 25

Location: Cocoa Terrace

Time: 11:00 am and 2:15 pm sessions
Contestant's Recommended Session:
See individual Schedule Summary in enclosed packet

Attire: Business Casual (appropriate for a Meeting)
(slacks, corduroys, khakis; sweaters, button-down shirts, etc.)
Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

Presenter: Denise (Sustrik) Leigh, 1990 PA State Fair Queen.

Sponsor: Washington County Ag Fair

This is Denise's 12th year in presenting this special session for our Contestants. Come for an hour of women empowerment! Participate in the discussion of our role in society, our significance, and our future. This seminar gets rave reviews from Contestants every year! All Fair Queens who attend will receive a "goodie bag". Join in on the fun! **NOTE:** *If recommended time does not fit with Contestant's schedule, she may attend the other session.*

JUDGES' RECEPTION:

Sponsor: Huntingdon County Fair

Date: Friday, January 25

Location: Confections Hall Level, Empire C & D
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Contestants Only**
2019 Judges
PA State Fair Queen Program Board of Directors
Invited PSACF Directors and Sponsors

Time: 5:30 pm

Attire: Business (appropriate for a Meet and Greet)
(slacks, sweaters, blouses, etc.)

Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear your Fair's Queen Sash

Note: <u>NO</u> crowns!

This event is for the Contestants, Judges, and special invited guests only. The Reception is <u>not</u> a formal judged event; but it is an opportunity for the Judges to see the Contestants interacting in a social setting.

<u>QUEEN CONTESTANTS' PIZZA PARTY:</u>

Sponsor: Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association

Date: Friday, January 25

Location: Confection Hall – Wild Rose A & B
(Lower Level of Convention Center)

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: 7:00 pm

Attire: Contest T-Shirts
Everyday Casual/Comfortable, but still appropriate
(corduroys/slacks/jeans/sneakers/boots <u>are</u> permitted for this event; all other Dress Code rules apply!)
Must wear Convention Name Badge

Note: <u>NO</u> crowns!
<u>NO</u> sash!

The judging is almost done! But for now it's time to have fun, relax and get to know each other better! **2018 PA Fair Queen Elizabeth Voight** will be hosting this party. This invitation is for <u>Contestants only</u>!

NOTE: The State Contest Coordinators will be chaperoning the entire event.

Contestants will get to spend time together in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy a buffet of pizza (including gluten-free), salad, chips and pretzels.

This Party is a great opportunity to be with all the other contestants one last time as a group to help make the "***Miss Congeniality***" voting decision on Saturday!

Miss Congeniality is defined as the Contestant who is the most inclined to . . .
- seek out others and enjoy their companionship,
- have a disposition that is sincere, friendly, pleasant, and maintains a great outlook
- naturally create a pleasant social atmosphere

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

SPEECH COMPETITION: *JUDGED EVENT*

Date: Saturday, January 26

Location: Tower Suite #1 (Tower Level, 1st Floor above the Front Desk Lobby, near the Elevators)

Attendees: Must have a Convention badge ($30 if pre-registered by Dec. 15; otherwise $50).
A Contestant may only watch any speech after her speech is given.

Time: *See individual Schedule Summary in enclosed packet* (maximum 5 minutes)
* Check-in at Tower Suite #3 at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time
All other attendees must have a Convention Badge. Be on location at least 10 minutes before a Contestant's scheduled time; sometimes speeches run slightly ahead of schedule!

Attire: **Business Dress**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc…similar to what one would wear to a job interview or presentation)
Must wear Contestant number on right hip **Must wear Fair's Queen Sash**

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

Judging: *See attached Scoring Criteria*
80 points There will be an official timekeeper.
Contestants will be given a 1-minute warning when 4 minutes have expired.
Contestants will be stopped if speech is still going after 5 minutes.
Over/under times will be considered by the Judges in a tiebreaker situation.

Each contestant will present a **3-5 minute speech** to our panel of three (3) judges on the topic **"Why You Should Come To My Fair".** It is to be presented as a **persuasive speech** appropriate for an audience of adults.

Props that enhance this speech for this audience are permitted but not required. **Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not on "entertainment".** Review the judging criteria carefully when planning this presentation.

Laptops/Powerpoint or Props that require extensive setup are not permitted. Contestants must be ready to go with any props when they enter the room. Helpers may assist to carry in any props. An easel and a podium will be available in the room for Contestants' optional use. There is no microphone.

Promptness is necessary and expected! Entering and exiting the speech room is only permitted between Speeches. Cell phones must be Muted or Off. Be respectful of the Judges and Contestants by waiting in Tower Suite #3 and being quiet outside the Speech Room.

QUEEN CONTESTANT ACTIVITIES:

Date: Friday, January 25 & Saturday, January 26

Location: **BASKETS** - Queen Program's Basket Raffle Table
(Table in the Great Lobby outside the Great American Hall Trade Show)
or
TRADE SHOW – Greeters/Communication Competition Displays Assistants
(Trade Show Room – Great American Hall)

Time: Contestant's Shift:
See individual Schedule Summary in enclosed packet

Attire: **Business Dress**
(suit, dress pants, skirts, blouse, blazer, dress, etc…similar to what one would wear to a job interview or presentation)
Must wear Convention Name Badge
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

Part of every Fair Queen's role is to promote Fairs and the Queen Program. To that end we are assigning all Contestants to help with one of the following activities:

1. **BASKET RAFFLE**
   This has proven to be a very popular Fundraiser at Convention! All proceeds will promote the PA State Fair Queen Program that has benefited so many young ladies across our state over the past 32 years. Having the Queen Contestants assist at the fundraising table is a big part of the fundraiser's success. Marketing is important, and our Tables gain more attention when there are Contestants visibly present. *(Contacts: John Berne, PA Fair Queen Program Chairman and Judy Kmetz,, Fundraising Committee)*

2. **TRADE SHOW/COMMUNICATION COMPETITION DISPLAYS**
   We will also be assigning Contestants to be present at the entrance to the Trade Show and Communication Competition Display Area to greet convention delegates and assist where needed.
   (Contacts: Martha Ebersole)

   So come out and help to "meet-and-greet" and thank those who stop by to patronize our fundraiser and the exhibits.

NOTE: *If the recommended time does not fit with Contestant's schedule, she should make arrangements with another Contestant to trade shifts.*

HAIR STYLING APPOINTMENTS: *OPTIONAL ACTIVITY*

Date: Saturday, January 26

Location: Tower Suite #2
(Tower Level, 2nd Floor near the Elevators)

Time: _____
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! See below on how to sign up!

Attire: Everyday Casual/Comfortable

The Queen Program will make arrangements to have stylists* available at Hershey Lodge for contestants who are interested in having their hair done "up" for the Coronation Banquet.

Up-Do's = $10.00 per person **Make-Up = $5.00 per person**

The Beauty School is providing this benefit at their cost;
therefore we highly recommend giving a tip to the stylist.

YOU MUST HAVE A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT time.
Contact **Shelly Shaffer at 570-676-3305** to arrange an appointment.
Appointments assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Deadline: January 15.

"Q-TIP" *Button-down shirt is recommended so that changing clothes later will not interfere with the new up-do!*

* *Senior students from a nearby Beauty School who are competent and experienced with "up-do's"; supervised by instructors from the Beauty School.*

CORONATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL

Date: Saturday, January 26

Location: Chocolate Ballroom

Attendees: **Contestants Only**

Time: 4:15 pm - line up in Contestant Number order in the side hallway
4:30 pm Rehearsal starts promptly

You Bring: Completed "**Miss Congeniality**" Voting Form
Coronation Ticket for your assigned table

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

This is a closed rehearsal session. We will be practicing for the Coronation crowning ceremony that will take place immediately after the 6:00 pm Banquet. We will rehearse the entrances, stage positioning and procedures for the "top 5" final question and the Queen crowning.

Following the Rehearsal, the Contestants will take their places at their assigned Tables. (*Table assignment is written on your Banquet ticket included in your Convention packet*).

Ballroom doors will then be opened **at 5:30 pm** for seating of all other paid Coronation Ticket holders (Family, Fairs, and other guests).

CORONATION BANQUET:

Date: Saturday, January 26

Location: Chocolate Ballroom near Chocolate Lobby

Time: 6:00 pm (doors open to paid ticket holders at 5:30 pm)

Sponsor: AMP Global Strategies

Attire: **Evening Gown** of your choice
Must wear Contestant number on right hip
Must wear Fair's Queen Sash

Note: NO crowns!

NO name badges!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Afterwards all Contestants will be excused from the Ballroom to the side hallway to line up (approximately 7:15 pm)

Contestants will then be introduced by the Emcee and will walk to the stage. All Contestants will remain onstage for the entire ceremony. Chairs will be provided.

Miss Congeniality will be announced and presented with her gift.

The top five (5) contestants will be announced. Those finalists will then be taken to a sound proof area, and brought out one at a time to answer the same Final Question.
All finalists will then remain on stage with the entire group of contestants while the 2018 PA Fair Queen gives her farewell speech and the Judges make their final decision.

We will then announce the **2019 PA Fair Queen's Alternate** followed by the new **2019 PA Fair Queen**. Both winners will receive a new sash and a crown.

The 2019 Queen, the four finalists, and Miss Congeniality must remain on stage after the crowning for photos. The Queen Program's Official Photo session will take place first, and then an open photo session made available for friends, family and Fairs as time permits.

The new Queen will attend a debriefing meeting with her family, fair coordinator and the Queen Program's Events Coordinator to review the remainder of her obligations during the Convention as well as her scheduled appearances and obligations for 2019.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Question: **Can a person purchase only a Coronation Banquet Ticket for Saturday?**
Answer: Yes, but that means the person will not be able to attend any Convention seminars, table topics, Trade Show and/or Queen speeches. Banquet tickets are $39 per person and must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Convention registration fees are separate.

Question: **Are Coronation Banquet Tickets available on the day of the event?**
Answer: We have to give the hotel a meal count. You need to pre-order and pre-pay through PSACF.

Question: **How is the seating assigned for the Thursday PSACF Banquet and the Saturday Coronation Banquet?**
Answer: PSACF assigns seating based on who was listed and paid for on the Convention registration forms.

Question: **Are convention or banquet fees refundable?**
Answer: No. If someone has to cancel, just have the convention badge reassigned at the Convention Desk. You can give/sell their banquet ticket to another guest of your choice.

SUMMARY:

The PA Fair Queen Program's mission is to provide educational opportunities for young women in Pennsylvania through our scholarship program for the selected Queen and Alternate, and to also provide a representative who can promote greater public understanding, awareness and interest in Pennsylvania's top industries – agriculture and tourism.

The State Competition allows us to select that representative from a group of young women who are already "winners" from their own Fairs. We have seen those who serve as Fair Queens become confident and well-rounded individuals, gaining many life skills and knowledge that guide them throughout their education and careers.

We are very excited to host our contest during the PA State Association of County Fairs' 106th Annual Convention! This is a wonderful opportunity for you, and we hope you will take full advantage of every moment of this occasion.

This experience will make memories that last a lifetime!