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## West End Fair Queen

### CRITERIA:

1. Written Essay on the topic “What My Fair Means To My Community”. (300 words or less) Judging Criteria: Content, Grammar, and Spelling.
2. Personal Interview - each contestant will meet alone with the panel of 3 judges. Judging Criteria: Conversational ability, the answers to the questions, appearance/poise/presence, activities, interview conduct, and knowledge of the fair industry.
3. Speech Presentation on the topic “Why You Should Come To My Fair” (3-5 minutes; timed event). Persuasive speech appropriate for an audience of adults.

### Rules:

#### EACH FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT MUST:

1. BE A FEMALE WHO IS A U.S. CITIZEN AND A RESIDENT OF MONROE COUNTY.
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 THE COMPETITION.
7. BE SINGLE, HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED, HAVE NOT BEEN PREGNANT NOR GIVEN BIRTH TO A CHILD.
8. ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PA FAIR QUEEN “BEHAVIOR POLICY”
9. MEET ALL TIME COMMITMENTS, QUEEN OBLIGATIONS AND “DRESS CODE” AS SET FORTH BY THE PA FAIR QUEEN PROGRAM.

**BEHAVIOR POLICY:** 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 and MySpace).
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 the Internet.
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.