

Eligibility and rules for Hocking County fair Royalty Contest

1. Each contestant must be a resident of Ohio and a member of an Hocking County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Boy Scout Troop, or Girl Scout Troop. Applicant must be an active member in good standing with the member's organization.
2. Each contestant must be between the ages listed for each category of age as of **January 1st** of the same year in which the contestant enters the contest.
3. Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, nor have borne a child, nor fathered a child and/or be with child.
4. Candidates cannot be a current reigning royalty or court member of another fair or festival at the time of application and cannot try out for any other royalty position with the exception of your school's homecoming king or queen.
5. A current photo must be attached to the contestant's application, or the application will be void. Photo must be a reproducible quality photo;
6. Contest interviews will take place on the Hocking County Fairgrounds on a date to be publicized by the committee well in advance of the interviews. 2024 interviews will take place **Saturday, August 24th 2024**. Times will be provided at time of submission of application.
7. Applicants must be on time or they will be disqualified from the competition. **NO INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE ANY DAY OTHER THAN THE SCHEDULED INTERVIEW DAY OR LOCATION. An applicant on vacation, attending another function, or working, will not be accepted.**
8. There will be a social time during the interviews and each candidate is expected to socialize with his or her fellow candidates and the judges, As these age categories vote for Congeniality.
9. Dress for contestant is business attire (dress or dress pants with a nice blouse or top for female contestants) and either dress pants or slacks, dress shirt, for male contestants) for the interview. Your appearance is important and part of your overall score. Try to look your best.
10. Winners will be announced on the evening of **Sunday, September 8th starting at 7PM, in the Show arena**. We ask all contestants to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to crowning.
11. The Female winners will receive a crown and sash. The Male winners will receive a Shirt and a hat.

12. The 2024 King/Queen, are expected to ride in the Hocking County Christmas parade. And will be required to provide own transportation and may choose to ride together. All other attendants are encouraged, however, not are expected to ride in the Christmas parade.
13. King/ Queen during the week of the fair except when showing livestock, is expected to make appearances and assist with shows and help hand out awards, **especially sale night**. Royalty will remain highly visible the week of the fair. This means that you should dress properly at all times while wearing your royalty attire. **No bare midriffs or low-cut tops, no spaghetti straps, no ragged or ripped and torn clothing and no clothing with alcoholic beverage logos or foul language. No flip flops or sandals as you may go into a show ring to hand out awards.**
14. Royalty attendants are also encouraged to be present during week of the fair and encouraged to present to different shows and activities held week of the fair wearing your crown/sash or hat helping assist with shows/ hand out awards.
15. Royalty at no time is permitted to use tobacco products or alcohol. This is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Any royalty attending an event and representing the fair and wearing their crown/hat and sash seen using tobacco products or alcohol will be removed from their position. We do not condone profanity and any royalty using profanity while representing the Athens County Fair may be removed from their position.
16. The Hocking Co Fair Board expects courteous and orderly conduct by applicants and their families. Harassment, profanity or questionable conduct towards fair officials, judges, coordinators or others WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
17. Queen is **required** to compete at the Ohio's Fairs queen contest that takes place in January, more details on that will be provided at a later date and time.