

Eligibility and rules for Open Hocking County Fair Royalty Contest

1. Each contestant must be a resident of Hocking County.
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. As this is an Open contest for these age categories, child is not permitted to be enrolled in one of the organizations represented by the Junior fair board.
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.
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. NO PAGENT DRESSES.
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 royalty are encouraged to ride in the Hocking County Christmas parade. And will be required to provide own transportation and may choose to ride together.

13. Royalty winners are 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.
14. 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.