

**2024 Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty
Contest**

Application Packet



Please return the application packet, 2 copies of your resume, 2 copies of your biography, and 3 headshot photographs (photos will not be returned) to the fair office by noon on June 7th. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Applicants Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ **Grade in High School:** _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Address (if different): _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____

Club or Chapter Advisor's Information

Organization you are representing: _____

Advisor's Name:

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

2024 Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty Contest Information

You may add up to 1(one) extra page if you need more space.

Please mark N/A if an item does not apply.

Applicants Name: _____

Age as of January 1, 2024_____ **Years in 4-H/FFA**_____

4-H Club Name(s) (if applicable)

Please list all 4-H projects and years taken. *Example: Market Steers (2020-2022), Miscellaneous Projects (2020-2022), etc.*

Please list all 4-H activities (field trips, workshops, camps, leadership, community service) and years participated. *Example: Camp Counselor (2021), Junior Fair Board (2020-2023), etc.*

FFA Chapter Name (if applicable)

Please list all FFA projects and years taken. *Example: Market Sheep (2019-2022), Market Chickens (2019-2020), etc.*

Please list all FFA activities (field trips, workshops, camps, leadership, community service) and years participated. *Example: Creed Speaking CDE (2021), Farm Tour (2022), etc.*

Please list the name and number of years of involvement in any other Jr. Fair youth organization in which you have participated. *Example: Scouting or Farm Bureau*

List any other school/community activities you may be a part of and years.
Example: Church Youth Group

I want to be part of The Wood County Fair Royalty Court because:

Wood County Royalty Contestant Contract

Contestant Name: _____

Section 1: Introduction

1.1 The Wood County Agricultural Society operates a program offering opportunities for the youth within Wood County. In doing so, The Wood County Agricultural Society has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the program. These elements include but are not limited to; (1) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young men and women of Wood County Jr Fair who enter the competition (the "Contestants"); and (2) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other Jr. Fair participants with similar goals and personal characteristics.

1.2 The winners of the competition shall be designated "2024 Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty" and shall be entitled to that title until their successors are named at the competition in July/August 2025. During this period (the "Year of Service"), "2024 Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty" shall be required to engage in travel and participate in personal appearances throughout the County and State.

1.3 In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to their activities during their Year of Service if they are selected as Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty.

1.4 Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to Wood County Agricultural Society King and Queen Committee for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of The Wood County Agricultural Society described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and (4) The Wood County Agricultural Society shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Wood County Fair Royalty Program, in the event that The Wood County Agricultural Society determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility

2.2 Age. I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must (1) have been at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time I was select by my club/organization, and (2) be no older than nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

2.3 Residence. I understand that I must live in Wood County or be representing a club that is based out of Wood County in order to compete in the Royalty Contest.

2.4. Citizenship. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

2.6 Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty Contest, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.61 Gender. I have always been and am currently my assigned gender at birth.

2.62 Marital Status. I am not now and I have never been married.

2.63 Parental Status. I have never fathered or mothered a child, naturally or adapted. I am not pregnant.

2.64 Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.

2.65 Criminal Record. Other than minor or petty offenses, I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

2.66 Prior Conduct. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.

2.67 Substance Abuse. I do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

Section 3: Participation in the Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty Program

3.1 Participation in Competition. I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty. These events shall commence and be scheduled on dates to be determined by the Wood County Agricultural Society. My participation in the competition shall include all public appearances required of me by Wood County Agricultural Society including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition and royalty duties.

3.2 Conduct of the Competition. I understand and agree that The Wood County Agricultural Society shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that The Wood County Agricultural Society shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the giving of awards is at its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by Wood County Agricultural Society to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

3.3 Permanent License of Publication Rights. I hereby authorize the Wood County Agricultural Society and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the Wood County Agricultural Society to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Wood County Agricultural Society, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.

3.4 The Wood County Agricultural Society Ownership of Rights. I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Wood County Agricultural Society.

3.5 Selection as Runner-Up. If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty Program, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that the Wood County Agricultural Society appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Wood County Fair King, Queen or as another runner-up.

3.6 Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, criminal background or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Wood County Agricultural Society shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

Section 4: Commitments for Service as "Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty"

4.1 If I am selected as "Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty" at the competition, I will serve the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will

dedicate my time, efforts and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations.

4.2 During the fair, **All** Royalty are required to attend at least 1 show each day to pass out ribbons/awards, attend the Princess Tea/Royal Racing event on the final day of the fair, and attend various grandstand entertainment events. All royalty must make themselves available to take shifts giving tours to visiting royalty as they arrive. They must be acceptably dressed at all of these events and wear their crown/hat or tiara and sash.

4.3 After the fair, All Royalty are required to attend other fairs/festivals to represent Wood County Fair as well as make appearances at other social engagements as deemed necessary by the King and Queen Committee.

4.4 Appearances after Year of Service. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown of Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty, nor appear as such for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Wood County Agricultural Society.

4.5 If at any time these obligations are not being met, the King and Queen Committee may meet and recommend to the full Wood County Fair Board that royalty status be revoked.

I have read all of the requirements and expectations of Wood County Jr. Fair Royalty Program and certify that I meet all of the requirements of this position if I am selected. I understand that if at any time I am not living up to my responsibilities or am found to not be in compliance with these standards that after a vote from the King and Queen Committee, I will be removed from my position on the court and an alternate can be put in my place.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Preparing for The Wood County Fair Royalty Contest

A. Requirements to Participate

- Must be at least 16 years old & no older than 19 as of January 1st of previous year
- Must be in High School or have graduated from High School or completed GED
- Not now or ever have been married
- Not now, or ever have been pregnant or adoptive parent of a child
- Do not use or consume illegal controlled substances or alcohol
- Never have been convicted of criminal offense or have criminal charges pending

B. What members of the Royalty Court Should Expect To Do During Their Time Serving as Court Member

- Promote our fair (think about the image you want to promote)
- Find something unique to share about the fair
- Host visiting royalty & dignitaries at the fair
- Attend Livestock shows to pass out ribbons as assigned
- Attend other Jr./Sr. fair events
- Be knowledgeable about your Fair (schedules, activities) and be able to communicate that to the public
- Visit other fairs and remember to promote your Fair
- Make sure you're receiving invitations to attend other fairs and royalty gatherings and you are inviting other royalty to our fair
- Participate in community service of some sort as a Court
- Work with the rest of the court to determine a theme for your year of service and promote that theme
- Be available for a photo shoot directly after the parade and later in the fall for official court photos
- Assist in preparing the parade script
- Prepare a reception for visiting royalty on parade day
- Present a workshop for potential 2025 court members
- Assist with the 2025 Wood County Fair Jr. Fair Royalty interview process as directed by the Sr. Fair Committee
- Work with the Wood County Extension Office to create a display for the Jr. Fair Building, highlighting your year of service
- Prepare and present brief remarks about your year of service during the 2025 Wood County Jr. Fair Parade
- Attend the 2025 Wood County Jr. Fair Parade to Pass the Crown

C. Expectations of the Royalty Court Members

- Wear appropriate wardrobe and shoes while at the fair and all other official functions
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Be a role model for Jr. Fair members

- Be courteous and available to fair goers and the community
- Work with the Sr. Fair Committee and Jr. Fair Board office to schedule Ribbon/Award presentation times and on call times for visiting royalty.
- Attend all required functions (shows, parades, events, CLAP raffle, other fairs, Ohio Fair Managers Convention, etc.)
- Be professional on all forms of media including, but not limited to, print, newscasts and social media
- Promote the Wood County Fair and agriculture in our community in a positive light
- Communicate with Fair Board members regularly in regards to court business
- Include all royalty court members in activities

D. Wood County Fair Royalty Contest Application

- Be thorough and honest
- Make sure to submit all required documents
 - Application (pages 2-10)
 - Resume (2 copies)
 - Bio - 50 words (2 copies)
 - Photo- head shot (3 copies)
- Put information in the appropriate place on the application
- Check spelling and grammar
- Make a copy of your application for yourself to review
- Send application in by deadline

E. Wood County Fair Royalty Contest Interview

- Arrive to your interview at least 15 minutes early to get checked in and keep the schedule running smoothly
- Wear business professional wardrobe
- Shake judges' hands at the beginning and end of the interview
- Thank the judges
- Scrapbooks, resumes, etc. are not allowed. Only your application you submitted ahead of time.
- Show your true personality
- Be familiar with what you put on your application
- Be sincere and honest
- The interview is 7 minutes in length
- This contest should not be a financial burden on the contestant or the contestant's family. There is no obligation to go out and buy a new wardrobe just for this event.

F. Wood County Fair Parade

- This is a formal event. Girls are expected to be in long, modest, prom like gowns. Boys are expected to be in Prom/Homecoming type wardrobe. All wardrobe choices should

be modest and tasteful. Please consider your ability to get in and out of our transportation choice when selecting your wardrobe.

- Contestants are required to furnish their own vehicle for the event. Candidates should ride with other candidates from their club/organization.
- If a candidate is nominated by themselves they will have the option to pair up with another candidate of their choice or they will be assigned a parade buddy by the committee. Those pairing will be made at interview time.
- Candidates must furnish 2 signs for their cars indicating their name and club represented.
- Hats of any kind are prohibited unless they have been authorized for a medical condition. Please make those arrangements with the committee prior to the parade.
- Use professional manors as parading through the grounds and awaiting the ceremony.
- All candidates must be in the parade to be in the running for Royalty
- Passing out candy or other items during the parade is prohibited
- There are to be no political/commercial signs of any kind displayed while participating in the parade

G. Visiting County Other Fairs

- Attend as many fairs/events as possible during the year, keeping in mind quality vs quantity.
- Dress appropriately
- Wear sash and crown
- Use appropriate language while representing Wood County Fair and be sure to thank them for their hospitality
- Be sure to have someone go with you to visit fairs- this is for your safety. Try to go as a royalty group.
- Take lots of pictures- post the pictures' on the Wood County Royalty Court's Facebook page to inform everyone of all the fairs visited, and what the court is doing throughout the year.

H. Resume

- 2 page limit
- typed in 12 pt. Font
- 2 Copies Required – (portfolios/folders not accepted & references shouldn't be included)
- Items to include on your resume:
 - Name,
 - Jr. Fair Age,
 - Club or Chapter representing
 - Years of membership.

* Areas to include on resume but are not limited to only these*

- Participation in Jr. Fair Organizations

- School Activities
- Leadership Activities
- Community Activities
- Honors/Awards
- Special Projects Completed
- Work Place Experience

I. Bio

- Please write a 50 word written narrative to be used for the newspaper, social media and the parade
- Your Bio should be written in 3rd person. *Example: Joe Smith is a 7th year member of the Dog and Pony Club, where he has served as activities director and president. Joe is the son of Mike and Sally Smith.*
- The Bio should include the following items
 - Your Name
 - Your Parents Name
 - What school you attend
 - What organization you are representing
 - Your major awards and accomplishments with that organization
 - Other groups/activities you are a part of
 - Your future plans

J. Photo

- Submit (3) 2"x3" photos or larger
- Printed on different sheets of paper if printed on computer paper
- Color Head Shots of good quality
- Put your name on the back of the pictures and name of the organization you're representing.
- These pictures will not be returned.