

Ottawa County Jr. Fair King & Queen Contest

Monday July 14th, 2025

A royal court consisting of a King, Queen, and 1st/2nd Runners-Up will represent the 2024 Ottawa County Jr. Fair during the week of fair and throughout the year at various activities and events, including Ohio fairs, festivals, and parades.

Eligibility:

1. Anyone **ages 16-18** as of January 1st, 2025 who is a participant in the Ottawa County Jr. Fair Program through 4-H, FFA, DECA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, or Boy Scouts and believes their community involvement and leadership endeavors warrant recognition as a model Jr. Fair participant.
2. Applicants must not be, nor have been married or pregnant, nor have fathered a child.
3. Applicants must be free of past or present use of illegal substances, including alcohol.
4. Applicants must never have been convicted of a criminal offense nor have criminal charges pending.
5. Previous title holders of Fair King or Queen are ineligible to compete again in the future.

Judging Rules and Criteria:

1. Applicants must submit a **photo, cover letter, résumé (with reference page), and essay** via email to the King & Queen Superintendent (Sara Soltis: SaraSoltis77@gmail.com) by July 1, 2025 at midnight. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Contestants will receive email confirmation of application submission within 24 hours (if confirmation has not been received within 24 hours, please call Sara at (419) 707-2113). Contestants can expect an email with detailed information covering next steps from Sara within one week of the application deadline.
3. Judges will interview contestants the evening of Wednesday July 9th.
4. The new court will be crowned Monday July 14th in the Genoa Bank Pavilion.
5. Members of the new court are expected to maintain the dress and poise of the title at all times during their reign. Failure to comply with the guidelines provided to contestants and their parent/guardian prior to the contest will result in the forfeit of the title and all awards (including crown/sash).
6. All decisions of the judges will be final.



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Judges scoring will be based on the following criteria for a total of 100 points:

Criteria	Components	Point Value
Submitted Application	Cover Letter: <i>Neatness, Grammar, Appeal</i>	5
	Resume: <i>1-page with focus on Jr. Fair and other leadership activities</i>	20
	Reference Page: <i>List 3 References (include phone number of 1 teacher and 2 influential adults – no relatives).</i>	15
	Essay: <i>1-page, double-spaced essay that answers: "I should be chosen to represent the Ottawa County Fair as King or Queen because..."</i>	10
Interview	Personal Interview	25
	Public Interview/On Stage Presence	25

Ottawa Co. Jr. Fair Coordinator and King & Queen Superintendent reserves the right to interpret these rules
All interpretations by these authorities are final.