

**Carbon County Fair  
(Including Carbon County and West Penn Township)  
Fair Queen Contestant Information**

**Welcome**

We are very excited to announce that participation in the 2010 Carbon County Fair Queen Pageant is open to all who apply by meeting the eligibility requirements listed below.

**Mission/Vision**

The purpose of the Fair Queen Competition is to encourage the promotion of agriculture and to improve relations between youth and adults in rural and urban settings.

**General Information**

Participation in the Carbon County Fair Queen Contest is a major commitment. There are mandatory meetings that will require her time and attention. The Fair Queen will also include additional duties beyond Fair Week. The Fair Queen will appear in local parades and functions throughout her reign. To assist with coordinating her time, we have included the following calendar of events for review. Any date listed below with an asterisk (\*) in the description column is, a **required** event for each contestant. Out of fairness to everyone, unable **to make exceptions**.

<b>2010 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
May 29	N/A	N/A	*Application deadline. All applications must be postmarked by this date. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS.</b>
June 13	2:00 PM  6:30 PM	Dance with Kim Studio 248 S 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Leighton, Pa.	*Personal Interview/Speech Presentation. Due to limited space, we ask that only the contestant and if preferred one parent may attend.
June 30	N/A	N/A	Semi-finalist results mailed to participants
August 11	5:00 PM	3285 Little Gap Road Palmerton, PA	*Attend opening Ceremony of the fair.
August 11-15	To be determined	Same as above	*Attend events at the Carbon County Fair to be determined.

**Disclaimer**

In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the Pageant committee may change the dates and times as noted above. It is the responsibility of the contestant to provide the committee with at least two telephone numbers and/or email at which they can be reached. It is the responsibility of

the contestant to remain in contact with the Pageant Director and/or the Committee to obtain any changes in locations, times, and rules.

## **RULES AND CORRESPONDING INFORMATION**

Please read all of the following rules and information prior to submitting an application:

### **Registration**

All of the required forms and information for contestants can be obtained through the Fair office by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

CCLLFA  
PO Box 633  
Lehighton PA 18235-0633

Or, by emailing the Fair at [cellfa@ptd.net](mailto:cellfa@ptd.net),

Or, by accessing the Fair's website at [www.carboncountyfair.com](http://www.carboncountyfair.com)

All forms and non-refundable entry fee of \$25.00 (money order or checks accepted) must be postmarked by May 29, 2010. No exceptions. Sponsorships to defray this cost are permitted.

Contestants will be contacted via telephone to arrange a date and time for personal interview and speech presentation, according to schedule.

### **Competition Rules**

- Must be a resident of Carbon County or West Penn Township (of Schuylkill County);
- Be a female at least 16 years of age, but not over 20 years of age by June 1, 2010;
- Have parent or guardian's consent to participate, if under 18 years of age;
- Provide a non-returnable photograph (Size: wallet size or 4"x6") for identification purposes only. Please label back of photograph with your full name, age and grade;
- Be single, never married, have had no children and must not marry, nor get pregnant during her reign;
- Not be a former Carbon County Fair Queen;
- Attend all mandatory appearances;
- Present at interview, a brief presentation on "What would be your role as the Fair Queen?"
- Agree to follow the rules of participation set forth by the Carbon County Fair Queen Committee;
- Be able to listen and take direction from pageant committee members. Failure to do so will result in being asked to not compete or if selected, asked to relinquish your crown;
- Not pursue another Pageant title during reign as Carbon County Fair Queen, if it interferes with ability to perform duties as Fair Queen;
- Will not partake of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or underage smoking during competition or your reign;
- Will not be arrested or engage in activities giving the appearance of impropriety, during the pre-pageant activities, or after election;

- Will not swear during any pre-pageant activity or fair event, or otherwise conduct self not in the keeping with the standing of that of a Fair Queen;
- Provide radio and/or television interviews guided by a representative of the Carbon County Fair Board and/or Pageant Director.
- Not make derogatory remarks regarding the fair or pageant director/board;
- Be available & present for at least 3 hours per day during each day of the Fair (August 11-15, 2010) to participate in various events as designated by the Fair board. It is preferred that the Fair Queen be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian.
- Only wear the Carbon County Fair Queen crown and sash when at functions approved by the Carbon County Fair Board and/or Pageant Director. Should be appropriately attired, no jeans, sneakers, shorts or inappropriate piercings permitted;
- Make appearances, including meeting and greeting visitors and local officials while participating in the Fair, as well as area parade, dinner, and regional festival while wearing the crown, sash, etc. received as Carbon County Fair Queen. This is to be accomplished under the direction of the Pageant Director;
- Attend the 2011 Opening Ceremony of the Carbon County Fair to pass the reign to the newly selected Fair Queen;

### **Judging Criteria**

- Essay

To be submitted with application form: **“What do you envision the fair will be in the future”?**

**Essay** (175-200 words). This will be judged on grammar, content and spelling.  
30 points

- Personal Interview

Each contestant will have an individual meeting with the four judges. Results of the interview will be based on the contestant’s conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance, poise, activities, and knowledge of the Fair industry.

Please note: the contestant should be appropriately attired for this interview. The answers should not display talent, such as singing, or dancing, and should be brief. There will be only a few minutes to make an impression on the judges. Be polished and positive.

30 points

- Speech Presentation

**“What would be your role as the Fair Queen”**, during this brief presentation, the contestant will be judged on poise/presence and speaking ability as well as the speech content and message (remember – agriculture). The speech may not contain political or controversial overtones. Since the majority of the Queen’s responsibility is to promote the Fair and agriculture, how a contestant speaks and relates to the public and media is very important.

40 points

Please note that a runway competition will not be included as part of the judging criteria. Interview and Speech Presentation will last approximately 15-20 minutes.

### **Scoring Guidelines**

Scores will be computed by the judge's panel based on the above three categories. The contestants with the three highest scores will be chosen as finalists. The judges are looking for the candidate who they feel can best represent the Carbon County Fair by communicating effectively. All judges are instructed to evaluate according to the capability of the contestants according to age. While this is not a beauty or talent contest, appearance, presentation, conduct and attire are of utmost importance and will be considered in the judge's decision. All judges' decisions are final and will NOT be up for review. They will be the sole arbitrators of such matters. Scoring will be based on the point system outlined above.

### **Prizes**

At the completion of her reign, the Fair Queen will be awarded a monetary award in the amount of \$250.00. At the opening ceremony, she will receive a crown, trophy and Carbon County Fair sash. Alternates will receive a trophy and a \$100.00 (1<sup>st</sup> runner up) monetary award or a \$50.00 (second runner up) monetary award. All contestants will receive a VIP fair pass, as well as a pass for all arena events.

### **Winners**

Winner will be announced and presented at the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Carbon County Fair, August 11, 2010. Winners will not be eligible to participate in the Pennsylvania State Fair Association Queen Contest.

### **Expectations**

The Fair Queen will attend various functions at the 2010 Carbon County Fair. She will promote the mission, vision and principals of the Carbon County Fair at all times. If for any reason the Queen is unable to fulfill the expressed duties, violates any rule set forth, or conducts herself in a manner unbecoming of a queen and representative of the Carbon County Fair, she must immediately relinquish her title, crown, sash and all prizes. This will be done under the direction of the Carbon County Fair Pageant Director.

### **Additional Information**

Any questions can be directed to the Carbon County Fair at [ccllfa@ptd.net](mailto:ccllfa@ptd.net) and noting Queen Contest in Subject line or by calling 570/325-8685.