

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 2011 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. It can also affect the schedule of her entire family. 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 possibly will appear in local parades and functions throughout her reign. Always taking into consideration her scholastic schedule. 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, indeed, a **required** event for each contestant. Out of fairness to everyone, **we are not able to make exceptions.**

2011 Dates	Time	Location	Description
May 23 11 Monday	N/A	N/A	*Application deadline. All applications must be postmarked by this date. NO EXCEPTIONS.
June 12 11 Sunday	2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Dance with Kim Studio 248 S 4 th St. Lehighton, Pa.	*Personal Interview/Speech Presentation. Due to limited space, we ask that only the contestant and one parent attend.
Approximately 6/30/11	N/A	N/A	Semi-finalist result notification to participants Via email/phone
August 10 11 Wednesday	3:00 PM	3285 Little Gap Road Palmerton, PA	*Attend opening Ceremony of the fair.
August 10-14 11	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 ccllfa@ptd.net,

Or, by accessing the Fair's website at www.carboncountyfair.com

All forms and non-refundable entry fee of \$25.00 (money order only; no checks or cash accepted) must be postmarked by Monday, May 23, 2011 and payable to CCLLFA. No exceptions. Sponsorships to defray this cost are permitted.

Contestants will be contacted via email/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 as of June 1, 2011.
- Have parent or guardian's consent to participate;
- ****Provide a non-returnable photograph (Size: wallet size or 4"x6") for identification purposes only. Please label back of photograph with your full name. (mandatory)**
- 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 competition, a 3 to 5 minute speech on **"Why You Should Come To My Fair"**.

- Agree to follow the rules 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 her reign as Carbon County Fair Queen, if it interferes with her ability to perform your 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 your election;
- Will not swear during any pre-pageant activity or fair event, or otherwise conduct herself 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 10-14, 2011) 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 (provided by the Fair) when at functions approved by the Carbon County Fair Board and/or Pageant Director;
- Make appearances, including meeting & 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 and is not to interfere with academics;
- Attend the 2012 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 My Fair Means To My Community”**.
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 may wear the outfit of her choice for the
interview portion. Any contestant inappropriately attired for this presentation will
be

disqualified. 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

o Speech Presentation

“Why You Should Come To My Fair”. During this required 3 to 5 minute
rehearsed speech, 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 job is to
promote the Fair and agriculture, how a contestant speaks and relates to a crowd 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 3 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 U.S. Savings Bond 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 (1st runner up)
U.S. Savings Bond or a \$50.00 (second runner up) U.S. Savings Bond. All contestants
will receive a fair day pass. Following completion of the reign, U.S. Savings Bonds will
be mailed to the Queen and runner ups at their home address.

Winners

Winner will be announced and presented at the opening ceremonies of the 2011 Carbon
County Fair, August 10, 2011. 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 2011 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 and noting Queen Contest in Subject line or by calling 570/325-3912.