

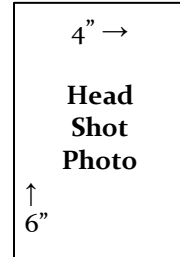
2026 Carbon County Fair Queen Contest

Phone: 570.657.7128 or 610.739.3558 Email: mburits@yahoo.com Web: www.carboncountyfair.com

The purpose of the Carbon County Fair Queen Program is to promote the education of young women through a scholarship program and to encourage the promotion of the Carbon County Fair (its history and community impact), educate the public on the agricultural industry, and foster a greater public understanding of the importance of each of these to our community.

FAIR DATES: Monday, August 3—Saturday, August 8, 2026

All entries must be POSTMARKED or EMAILED by:
June 30, 2026 (No Exceptions)
Please mail COMPLETED Application form, Consent form, Essay
and 4" x 6" head shot photo, to
Carbon County Fair
Attn: Fair Queen Committee
PO Box 633
Lehighton PA 18235-0633
Email: mburits@yahoo.com



CONTEST RULES

Each Fair Queen contestant must:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Carbon County or West Penn Township, Schuylkill County in the state of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
3. Be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former PA Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other State title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth.
8. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen and Carbon County Fair Queen "Behavior Policy" - see below
9. Meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and "Dress Code" as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program and Carbon County Fair Queen Program—see below

FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community and the Carbon County Fair. ***While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!*** Therefore, the following responsible, appropriate and professional appearance is expected while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops or boots. NO cowboy/western style boots, thigh-high or over-the-knee boots, muck boots, work boots. Shoe boots, with or without a heel, are permitted if the shoe boots are no higher than ankle height. Alterations may be made to this rule only if:
 - a. severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and
 - b. The Carbon County Fair Queen committee has approved the alteration consistent with the professional appearance expectation.
3. It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos. Nose rings/studs must be replaced with clear jewelry or removed.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage, tight fitting, or flaunting in nature.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the top of the kneecap to the bottom of the dress/skirt hem.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

2026 Carbon County Fair Queen Contest

Phone: 570.657.7128 or 610.739.3558 Email: mburits@yahoo.com Web: www.carboncountyfair.com

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Carbon County Fair Queen Contest's Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen, Alternate, or Contestants may continue to participate in the program. In the event that the Fair Queen Committee determines that any statement or representation is not true and accurate, or that any action is inconsistent with the rules, standards and dignity of the Program, the following will be considered violations of the Policy and will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future Queen Competitions:

1. Any infraction of the Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boy-friends while wearing crown/sash and/or representing the Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, and Tik Tok, etc).
4. Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, Directors and Committee members, and the Carbon County Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on social media.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or event board member. All appearances must be approved by Carbon County Fair Queen Committee and she must be accompanied by a Carbon County Fair authorized representative.
8. Failure to participate in required events.

DUTIES OF THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

The winner will reign for one year.

1. She must be available to attend various functions during the 2026 Carbon County Fair deemed necessary by the Carbon County Fair Queen committee.
2. She must attend and participate in other civic/agricultural activities and functions throughout her reign as deemed necessary by the Carbon County Fair Queen committee.
3. The Carbon County Fair Queen must attend and participate in the PA State Fair Queen Contest on January 21- 23, 2027 to be held in Hershey, PA, at the expense of the Carbon County Fair Association. (The Fair Association will supply a chaperone if needed).
4. She must attend the crowning of the 2027 Carbon County Fair Queen.
5. She must assist with fundraising sales events. This is what gets you, as the queen, to the state competition. If you're unwilling to participate in fundraising, then a monetary amount set and agreed on by the board will be your responsibility in an amount of up to \$1,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS

Carbon County Fair Queen

- At the Opening Ceremony, the queen will receive a crown and sash.
- At the conclusion of the fair week, she will receive a \$250 monetary scholarship.
- At the completion of her reign and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the queen will receive a \$250 monetary scholarship.

Carbon County Fair Alternate

- At the Opening Ceremony, the alternate will receive a sash.
- At the completion of her term and after meeting the agreed upon requirements, the alternate will receive a \$250 monetary scholarship.

All contestants

- At the Opening Ceremony, will receive a gift bag and a VIP Fair pass which includes all arena events.

2026 Carbon County Fair Queen Contest

Phone: 570.657.7128 or 610.739.3558 Email: mburits@yahoo.com Web: www.carboncountyfair.com

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1. There is NO ENTRY FEE.
2. All contestants must submit a typed essay (300 words or less) on “**What the Carbon County Fair Means to My Community**”. This essay MUST accompany the application form and will be considered part of the judging criteria. *Essays will be judged on Content, Grammar and Spelling. (30 points)*
3. The following phases of competition will be held on July 21, 2026 (Location details will be provided to all contestants):
 - **Professional/Introduction**—this segment is conducted in front of the judging panel. Each contestant makes a personal introduction to the audience, similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. The contestant has approximately 15 seconds to make this introduction. *Judging criteria will include content, stage presence and appearance. (10 points)*
 - **Personal Interview**—each contestant will have a private 10-minute interview with the judging panel utilizing bio-graphical information and other questions pertaining to the fair and agricultural industry. *Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise/presence, interview conduct, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry. (30 points)*
 - **Speech Presentation**—each contestant will present a speech to the judging panel on the topic “**Why You Should Come to the Carbon County Fair**”. The speech must be 3-5 minutes in length and will be timed. This should be a persuasive speech suitable for an adult audience. Contestants will be judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, not “entertainment”. Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations are not permitted. *Contestants will be judged on their speech content (to include agriculture), speech format, conveys the importance of Carbon County Fair/PA fairs, public speaking ability, and poise/ presence. (30 points)*

DISCLAIMER

- In the event of a natural disaster or other event, the fair queen 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 current telephone numbers and an email address. A prompt response is required within 24 hours.
- It is the responsibility of the fair queen committee to remain in contact with the contestants to relay any changes in locations and times.
- During fair week, **all contestants** are expected to participate in the fair’s week events and to help sell Fair Queen Program tickets.
- In the event, the Fair Queen cannot fulfill her duties; the Alternate will become the Fair Queen.
- At age 18, the Carbon County Fair Queen Committee will communicate directly with the Fair Queen.
- All contestants, Fair Queen, Alternate will be obligated to participate in scheduled events, activities, public discussions.
- Fair Queen and Alternate must be an active participant in required number of the events listed to receive scholarship.
- Mode of transportation for scheduled events will be determined by the fair queen committee with input from participants. Factors such as insurance will be considered when finalizing all decisions. In other words, the fair queen committee will make the final determination.
- There is only ONE official social media account for the Carbon County Fair Queen which will be run by the coordinator. The queen and her court may send pictures or ideas to the coordinator for review.

2026 Carbon County Fair Queen Contest

Phone: 570.657.7128 or 610.739.3558 Email: mburits@yahoo.com Web: www.carboncountyfair.com

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 and Alternate will also include additional duties beyond Fair Week. The Fair Queen and Alternate will appear in local parades and civic/agricultural 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 all applicants, we are unable to **make exceptions**.

2026 Dates	Time	Location	Description
June 30	N/A	N/A	*Application deadline. All applications must be postmarked or emailed by this date. NO EXCEPTIONS.
July 14	N/A	N/A	Applicants will be notified of time and details for their introduction, personal interview, and speech presentation.
July 21	5 - 9 pm	The Hofford Mill 500 Bridge St. Weissport, PA 18235	*Introduction / Personal Interview / Speech Presentation. Due to limited space, we ask that only the contestant and one parent/guardian attend. Dress is Business Casual.
July	TBA	TBA	*Dress Rehearsal, Review Behavior Policy, Dress Code, Duties, and Schedule.
August 3	4:30 pm	3285 Little Gap Road Palmerton, PA	*Attend opening Ceremony of the fair. Winner will be announced and presented at the Opening Ceremony.
August 3 - 8	TBA	Same as above	*Fair Queen and Alternate will attend designated events at the Carbon County Fair—minimum three (3) hours/day.
TBD	6 pm	Lehighon Boys & Girls Band Hall—see above	*Fair Queen Speech Presentation will be given to the Carbon County Fair Board of Directors at one Fair Board Meeting (held the 2nd Monday of the month).
September	1 pm	Chapel Field Pavilion Nor- mal Square, Lehighon	Volunteer Picnic
October 14	6 pm	Andreas Sporting Club	*Participate in Andreas Halloween Parade sponsored by West Penn Lions.
October	TBA	Palmerton	*Palmerton Halloween Parade
October 17	4 pm	Lehighon	Lehighon Halloween Parade. Raindate: 10/19/25 @ 2pm.
October 26	2 pm	Jim Thorpe	*Participate in Jim Thorpe Halloween Parade sponsored by Jim Thorpe Lions. Raindate: 10/26/25
October 30		N/A	*Application, Essay, State Fair Queen Contest paperwork is to be emailed to mburits@yahoo.com and ccllfa@ptd.net

2026 Carbon County Fair Queen Contest

Phone: 570.657.7128 or 610.739.3558 Email: mburits@yahoo.com Web: www.carboncountyfair.com

November	TBA	TBA	*Participate in Carbon County Veteran's Day Parade
December		TBA	*Attend Carbon County Fair Christmas Party
December		TBA	Attend Local Tree Lightings
January 21 - 23, 2027		Hershey	* It will be required that the Carbon County Fair Queen will participate in the Pennsylvania State Fair Association Queen Contest during PSACF CONVENTION.
March		TBA	Annual Carbon County Fair Consignment Sale
Spring & Summer 2026		TBA	Potential Community Events - the Fair Queen Committee can arrange based on interest and availability.