

## DEPARTMENT 22-OPEN CLASS CONTESTS

### DEPARTMENT 22-SECTION B-PUMPKIN EXTRAVAGANZA

- **ATTENTION: Mothers, Fathers, Grandmas, Grandpas and Teachers.... Gather up your fine young artists and encourage them to participate!!**
- Pre-school thru Grade 3 children are invited to participate.
- The class entered should correspond with the student's grade in school as of May 1 of the current year.

*\*Two \$25 Best of Shows will be awarded, sponsored by Lou and Paula Scekeres  
\* Best of Show (limited to classes 1 thru 10) Rosette*

**CLASS**      1<sup>st</sup>/\$5, 2<sup>nd</sup>/\$4.50, 3<sup>rd</sup>/\$4, 4<sup>th</sup>/\$3.50, 5<sup>th</sup>/\$3

**Contest 1: Pumpkin Face Painting and Decorating (no carving)**

1. Pre-School
2. Kindergarten
3. First Grade
4. Second Grade
5. Third Grade

**Contest 2: All Other Squash Painting and Decorating (no carving)**

6. Pre-School
7. Kindergarten
8. First Grade
9. Second Grade
10. Third Grade

**Contest 3: Team Painting on Squash or Pumpkin**

11. Adult & Student Partnership Pumpkin or Squash Painting (no carving)

### DEPARTMENT 22-SECTION C-OPEN YOUTH BICYCLE RODEO

**Entry FEE \$2.00**

1. Contest open to any youth ages 4-16
  2. The bike must be two wheeled with no riding aids or training wheels.
  3. Contestants will be expected to demonstrate safety procedures and control as they ride through a series of obstacles and patterns.
  4. Bicycle helmets are required, and the superintendent has the authority to stop a contestant and/or disqualify any bike that is deemed unsafe.
  5. **Helmets and bikes are to be provided by the participants.**
- Pre-entry is required on an inside entry form. Must be received by August 1, 2023,

		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CLASS</b>		<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>\$3</b>
1.	Ages 4-7 years old					
2	Ages 8-12 years of age					

## **DEPARTMENT 22- SECTION F -OPEN YOUTH TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST**

**Registration: 9:00 AM Thursday- Front of the Fair Office**  
**Pre-entry is required by entry deadline August 1<sup>st</sup>. Entry Fee \$2.00**

- Contestants must have reached their 14th birthday and not have passed their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by opening fair day.
- The contest will be divided into three parts: a written examination of 50 questions covering general maintenance and safety practice of a farm tractor; a parts identification consisting of up to 20 parts to be identified; and a tractor driving and equipment handling course.
- Tractor driving contest rules approved by Pennsylvania State University will be followed.

### **CLASS**

**1<sup>st</sup> /\$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> /\$12, 3<sup>rd</sup> /\$10, 4<sup>th</sup> \$7, 5<sup>th</sup> /\$5**

1. Junior Division (ages 14-16, With adult supervision)
  2. Senior Division (ages 17 – 21)
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## **DEPARTMENT 22-SECTION E-CLASS 1**

### **2024 Youth Fair Poster Contest**

#### **Theme: Connecting Our Communities**

- The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will once again conduct a statewide poster contest at the agricultural fairs. Westmoreland Fair will hold their own contest, then submit each first-place poster from each age group to send to state level for additional judging and cash prizes.
- There will be three age groups at the state competition: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1 of the current fair season to qualify.
- The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level.
- This year's theme is "Connecting Our Communities" Contestants will be asked to submit artwork that showcases the pride and hard work of farmers from across the state, connecting people from all walks of life for a celebration of the importance of agriculture in our communities.
- Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified.
- Please write your name, age, phone, and address only on the back of the poster.
- Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance, and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age. Ribbons will be awarded at your local fair.

- **State level winners will be awarded 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50. These checks will be presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to the top three individuals. Winners will be notified in advance and invited to attend an awards presentation. Participants are required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements from the PA Department of Agriculture.**
- **All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified. Posters will not be returned via mail. Contestants may arrange to have their entries returned following the PA Farm Show through their individual fairs and make arrangements to pick them up.**

## **DEPARTMENT 22-SECTION D -CLASS 1-QUEEN CONTEST**

**Entry deadline August 1, 2024**

**Event Date Friday August 16, 2024, 7:00 PM**

- **Application forms are available from the fair office - 724-423-5005, ext.100**
  - Mail applications to Westmoreland Fair, C/O Sarah-Queen Contest, PO Box 501, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676
  - APPLICATIONS MUST BE DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE FAIR OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE
- Contact Eleanor Lash with any questions at 724-872-8967
- **NOTICE: Prior authorization from the office IS REQUIRED for queens from other fairs to participate in Westmoreland Fair festivities, such as presenting awards, etc.**

### **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE:**

#### **PA STATE FAIR QUEEN REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a biological female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
- Must be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the local contest.
- Must be certified as the winner by the local fair where she was crowned.
- Must not have been a former fair queen winner at another fair, nor a former State Fair Queen contestant.
- May not hold any other state title for any other commodity, group, or pageant during her reign.
- Must have Parental or Guardian consent to enter the competition.
- Must be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant or given birth to a child and must not marry nor get pregnant during her reign.
- Must act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen “Behavior Policy”. (*Signature required*)
- Must meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and Dress Code as set forth by the PA Fair Queen Program. (*Signature required*)

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **Contestant need not be a Westmoreland County resident but required to have participated in a Westmoreland County agricultural club and the Westmoreland Fair for at least three years, as well as this year.**
- Must be a **current member** of the organization representing or affiliated with.
- Not limited to one entrant per 4-H, FFA Club or organized agricultural organization.

### **FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

The Contest's Governing Board 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 Board 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:

- Any infractions of any Queen Contest rule.
- Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen Program.
- 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 (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and SnapChat).
- Use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet.
- Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
- Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearances or representations of the Queen Program in crown and banner.

### **FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE**

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and a privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family her community and Fair. Therefore professional appearance is expected while in crown and sash:

- ❖ Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e., business, casual, formal, etc.)
- ❖ No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
- ❖ No outfit that is too low cut, too short or too revealing.
- ❖ No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

### **The following are required to be submitted with the queen application:**

- A written essay on "What My Fair Means to My Community" (300 words or less)
- A letter of recommendation from a leader or officer of the sponsoring organization.
- A completed introduction (150 words) to be used for the Fair Queen Pageant. Include contestant's name at the top of the paper, use size 12 font and double space.

### **EACH ELIGIBLE CONTESTANT WILL:**

- Give a short speech (one minute) the night of the contest on “Why You Should Come to My Fair”.
- Attire for the Queen pageant – evening gown
- Must be able to attend the interview and pageant as scheduled.
- Attend as many fair week events and dress appropriately if chosen as Fair Queen.
- The young woman who is selected as Westmoreland Fair Queen will assist with award presentations during fair week and will represent the fair at certain functions during the year.
- The Fair Queen will be the certified contestant for the State Fair Queen pageant and be eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship.
- The contestants will be judged on Fair involvement, essay, character, personality, poise, appearance, speaking ability and knowledge of the fair industry.
- The Westmoreland Fair Association pays the queen’s expenses for her to attend the state fair queen competition in January at Hershey.

<b>QUEEN CONTESTANT</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>
Queen	<b>\$500</b>
Princess	<b>\$150</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	<b>\$75</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	<b>\$50</b>