



Description and Purpose

- The Farm Queen court was created to provide an opportunity for young ladies ages 5 - 15 to participate in activities related to the Garrett County Fair for the purpose of promoting the Fair and Garrett County Agriculture, both during fair week and throughout the year at various community events.

Farm Queen Court Membership

- Generally, 4 princesses and escorts will be selected each year from among candidates who submit an application. **Please note** that more or less princesses/escorts may be selected in any given year, at the discretion of the Fair Board, based on qualifications and ages of applicants applying in any given year.
- The Farm Queen will be selected on the opening Sunday of the Garrett County Fair through the traditional program from among qualified applicants ages 16-19 years of age. (Specific information related to the Farm Queen Program, including eligibility and expectations is posted on the Fair's website @ www.garrettcountyfair.org)

Princess Qualifications and Expectations

- The candidate must be a full time resident of Garrett County
- The candidate's immediate family must be involved in an agricultural enterprise
- Candidates should demonstrate involvement in the Garrett County Fair as an exhibitor or participant
- Candidates should be members in related activities like 4-H and/or FFA as appropriate for their age.
- Individuals selected to serve in the court must be available to participate in selected activities during the week of the fair, including attendance at a reasonable number of events and competitions to assist in presentation of ribbons and awards and participation in the Fair parade.
- Court members will also be expected participate in the court and candidate dinner in July prior to the Garrett County Fair, the Autumn Glory Parade and the Fair's annual membership/appreciation dinner in the fall. Participation in other parades, banquets, meetings, etc. are encouraged, but will be optional based on the court member's availability.
- Members of the Farm Queen Court are expected to behave in a manner that is a positive reflection on themselves and the Garrett County Fair. Appropriate, modest attire is required when participating in official events. (See Farm Queen Expectations for more specific information related to the Code of Conduct.) Court members who exhibit behavior that is not consistent with these expectations may be asked to relinquish their position. Decisions of this nature will be made at the discretion of the Fair Board and are not subject to appeal.

Selection Process

- Individuals interested in being considered for selection as a Farm Queen Court member must submit a written application by the identified deadline.
- Princess candidates will meet with a committee of individuals who are familiar with agriculture in general and the Garrett County Fair.
- Involvement with the Garrett County Fair, involvement with agriculture, community and school activities will be considered in the selection of court members.
- Court members will typically be identified by June 30th of each year. Princesses will be crowned as part of the Farm Queen program on Sunday of the Garrett County Fair.

Farm Queen Court Dress Code

- Farm Princesses will be expected to wear a party/prom style dress appropriate for their age for the Farm Queen Program.
- Dress code for other required or optional events will be determined based on the nature of the event.
- Dress for all events should be modest and create a positive reflection on the participants and the Fair.

Deadlines

- Applications for court membership must be received by the deadline established each calendar year. The current year's deadline is reflected on the application and is included in all announcements regarding the program.
- Interview of candidates for Farm Princesses will be conducted as soon as possible after the application deadline. Every effort will be made to accommodate individual schedules in the scheduling of interviews.
- Members of the court will typically be announced in late June/early July of each year.

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