

TO: Applicants for 2023 Jr. Fair King & Queen Contest

Dear Applicant,

Attached are the application forms for this year's Jr. Fair King and Queen Contest. Please note the following:

- ☺ The application forms are due in the **Ashland Co. Sr. Fair Secretary's Office** on **Friday, August 18, by 4:30 p.m.** No late entries will be accepted. The office will be open that day.
- ☺ The contest is open to all 2023 Ashland County Junior Fair Exhibitors. You must be 15-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2023 **OR** a sophomore, junior or senior in high school for the 2023-24 school year and of single status with no children. Students entering college during the 2023-24 school year are NOT eligible to apply.
- ☺ **Important!!** Each applicant must have *One recommendation form* completed and returned. The form is attached to the application and **must be returned to the Ashland Co. Sr. Fair Secretary's Office by Friday, August 18, by 4:30p.m.** Make sure you fill in your name on the top of the form.
- ☺ Please be sure to include a **current photo (head shot)** of yourself that could be used in the newspaper if you are selected as one of the five finalists. **Make this a nice picture, not a blurry, fuzzy picture.** We need this for the newspaper and it must be turned in **with** the application.
- ☺ Please type or print your answers to the questions on a separate page(s).
- ☺ **Be sure your application is signed!**
- ☺ **Your application must include an essay** stating why you would like to be the Junior Fair King or Queen. This is often forgotten when directions aren't fully read so make sure your application is complete.
- ☺ **Interviews for the contest will be held on Monday August 28, 2023**, from approximately 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Ashland County Fair Secretary's Office, 2042 Claremont Ave, Ashland. (You must attend on this date - there are no make-up times. Those that cannot attend may make a 5 minute or less video presentation about why they would like to be chosen and submit it to the office by August 9. The top five finalists in each contest will be selected and will be notified by letter or email as to their selection following the interviews. **Note:** To be selected as a finalist, you must meet a score of at least 75% during the interview. Any spots unable to be filled by qualifying candidates (ex: King/Prince) will be left vacant or other court members may be added at the discretion of the Royalty advisor and the judges. The final judging will be at the fair during the King/Queen Coronation Ceremony on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Cheyenne Spidel Memorial Pavilion. Contestants will be introduced and participate in an on-stage question/answer as in past years.
- ☺ If you have further questions, please call me at 419-651-5548 and leave a message.

Good luck to each of you!!

Sincerely,

Stacy Koch
Junior Fair King and Queen Contest Coordinator