

**2026 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR
ROYALTY PAGEANT APPLICATION**

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Please return the application by Friday, April 24th, 2026, to:

Email: WayneCountyFairNY@gmail.com **US Mail:** Wayne County Fair, P.O. Box 85, Palmyra, NY 14522

CONTESTANT INFORMATION (Please print neatly)		<i>X</i> which age group	
Contestant's Full Name:		Age 12-15 Princess Court [] []	Age 16-18 Queen Court [] []
Contestant Name (as you wish to be listed in Pageant Program):			
Street Address:			
Town:		Zip:	
Birth Date:		Age as of April 1st, 2026:	
School Attending:		Current Grade in School:	
Email Address:			
Phone Number:			
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION			
Parent/Guardian Name(s):			
Email Address:			
Parent/Guardian Phone Number:			

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____
I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the tryouts for the 2026 Wayne County Fair Royalty. Should my child be selected as a member of the 2026 Wayne County Fair Royalty, I acknowledge and accept the responsibilities and expectations associated with this role, including required public appearances and events. I understand that parental involvement will be essential throughout my child's term as a member of the Royalty Court. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria and expectations with my child, and I am aware that failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in immediate dismissal from the Royalty Court. Furthermore, I authorize the release of the following information to the press: contestant and parent/guardian names, street address, town, school, age of contestant, and pageant photographs.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____
** May be signed at the first meeting if handed in electronically.

I, _____ I have reviewed the eligibility criteria and expectations with my parent/guardian and agree to fully comply with them throughout all pageant activities. If selected as a member of the 2026 Wayne County Fair Royalty, I understand that I am expected to uphold these standards during all required appearances and events. I acknowledge that failure to follow the established criteria may result in immediate removal from the Wayne County Fair Pageant and Royalty Court.

Signature of Contestant _____ **Date:** _____
** May be signed at the first meeting if handed in electronically.

**2026 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR
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- 1) **INTRODUCTION** **Friday, April 10th**
6:00 – 7:15 pm for Contestants
7:15 – 7:45 pm Parent Information *(An overview of the pageant will be given to parents/guardians.)*
Palmyra Community Center, 424 Stafford St, Palmyra, NY 14522
Parent/guardian encouraged to attend for the second half of the meeting.

Attire: Business casual
- 2) **SECOND MEETING/MOCK INTERVIEWS (Contestants only)** **Friday, April 24th**
Extra 5 points to the final score for attendance
6:00 – 7:15 pm for Contestants
Palmyra Community Center, 424 Stafford St, Palmyra, NY 14522

Attire: Business casual
- 3) **PAPERWORK DUE** **Friday, April 24th**
(Pageant commentary form can be emailed toWayneCountyFairNY@gmail.com or brought to the meeting)
NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN TO COMPETE IN THE PAGEANT!
- 4) **REHEARSAL/ JUDGES INTERVIEW/ 2026 WCF PAGEANT** **Friday, May 15th**
Floral Hall, 300 West Jackson Street, Palmyra,14522
5:00 PM- 5:30 PM- Rehearsal
5:30 PM- 6:45 PM- Judges Interviews
7:00 PM- 2026 Wayne County Fair Pageant

Attire: Formal – Come prepared to go on stage.

*Please note that meeting end times may vary and are subject to change. Parents/guardians are only required to attend the **Introduction Night**. All other meetings are designed to allow contestants to experience the pageant independently, build confidence, and form new friendships in a supportive environment.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY COURT

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If chosen to be a member of the Wayne County Fair Royalty Court, you will be asked to attend public appearances. All members of the court must attend the Opening Ceremonies, grandstand events, and the Wayne County Fair parade during the Wayne County Fair. A parent/guardian will be asked to supervise at least one (1) grandstand event during the Wayne County Fair.

- **PARADES** (*Additional parades may be added*)
A schedule to sign up for parades will be sent out

- **WAYNE COUNTY FAIR VIP DINNER** **TBD**
Royalty and immediate family are invited to attend (there is no fee)
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Jackson Street, Palmyra

- **WAYNE COUNTY FAIR** **August 10th-16th**
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Jackson Street, Palmyra
 1. **WAYNE COUNTY FAIR OPENING CEREMONIES** **1 pm Monday, August 10th**
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Jackson Street, Palmyra
Dress in formal attire.

 2. **WAYNE COUNTY FAIR PARADE** **4 pm Saturday, August 15th**
Dress in formal attire.

- **2027 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY PAGEANT** **TBD**

- Additional PR activities may be added with advance notification.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY PAGEANT COMMITTEE:

Pageant Director:

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WAYNE COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY PAGEANT CRITERIA

Eligibility

- Must live in Wayne County or be part of a Wayne County 4-H Club.
- Must be attending school (public or homeschool).

Participation Requirements

- Winners must attend the Opening Ceremonies, all Grandstand Events, and the Parade during the Fair.
- Other public appearances may be scheduled through November 1, 2026.
- Contestants must follow directions from the Pageant Committee or risk disqualification.

Behavior Expectations

- No alcohol, drugs, smoking/vaping, or swearing during any Fair or pageant events.
- Must behave respectfully and appropriately at all times.
- Arrests or inappropriate behavior may lead to removal from the Royalty Court.

Social Media Guidelines

- Be respectful online, no name-calling or negative posts.
- You must speak respectfully about the Wayne County Fair, the Contestants, and anyone else associated with the Wayne County Fair.
- Misuse of social media can lead to disqualification or loss of title.

Conflicts with Other Titles

- If you currently hold another title that conflicts with Fair duties, you cannot compete until that title ends.

Judging Criteria

- The royalty court is selected based on poise, personality, public speaking skills, interview performance, and formal attire.
- You must prepare a 1-minute speech on a topic that is uplifting and inspiring. (Avoid themes that may be emotional or cause tears)

Fees & Fundraising

- No entry fee!
- Fundraising is done at the Fair all week by selling candy, water, and 50/50 tickets at grandstand events and receiving donations.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Responsible for the child's attendance throughout fair week and at any other events that may take place.
- Must help with at least one grandstand event. (Sign-up sheets will be available)
- May be asked to assist with public appearances.

We kindly encourage parents to allow their children the space to explore, make new friends, and fully enjoy the pageant and fair experience independently. Rest assured, a Pageant Committee member will always be present to provide support and supervision.

Additional Info

- While attendance at all events is not mandatory, **participation in the Opening Ceremonies, the Wayne County Fair Parade, and all grandstand events is required.** A schedule of additional activities will be provided to the winners, and we strongly encourage Royalty members to take part in these opportunities to engage with the community and represent the Fair.
- The Pageant Directors are the final decision-makers for all matters related to the pageant, including rules and discipline.
- Any discrepancies/problems should be reported to the Wayne County Fair Royalty Directors IMMEDIATELY!