

Dear Draft Horse Royalty Candidate:

Being crowned 2023 Hancock 4-H Draft Horse Department Royalty is not only an honor but a true commitment. This letter will help you in preparing for all aspects of the competition.

1. **Fill out the application in pen neatly**, and include all activities you can think of that you are involved in. The interview judges will use this application to ask you questions, and so they can learn a little about you before you present yourself at the interview.
2. **The Showmanship Class** will be offered for royalty candidates at the June 10th PAS show. Your best score will be used if you attend. The judge will use the following criteria to score your showmanship pattern: Condition of draft horse 0-10 pts.; Grooming of draft horse 0-10 pts.; Trimming, braiding, or banding 0-10 pts.; Appearance of tack and exhibitor 0-10 pts.; and showing animal in ring 0-60 pts. You will need to sign up for this class, and there will not be a fee for it. This will be worth 25% of your total score.
3. **Letter of recommendation:** To fulfill the sportsmanship portion of the competition, each candidate will need to have one non-horse related people complete the form. You can use teachers, coaches, etc. The application is included in the royalty packet. Make sure you give it to them early so the scores can be included in the final tabulation. Scoring will be based upon attitude, leadership, character, dependability, and personality. This portion will be 25% of the total score.
4. **The Interview:** There will be a panel of three judges that will interview candidates on a scheduled date. Please come dressed as if you were interviewing for a job. Pay special attention to your hair, nails, and attire. Practice walking, sitting, and speaking in front of a mirror. Have family and friends help you practice. Judges may ask you draft horse-related questions, so do some studying. Know why you want to run for royalty etc... Scoring will be based upon appearance, presentation, knowledge, personality, and speaking ability. The interview will be 50% of total score.
5. **No Phones will be present during the interview process.**

Royalty will be announced in August.

The responsibilities of royalty include attending Junior Fair Night recognition on Tuesday evening at the fair. You will be expected to dress up for the occasion (Suits for the guys or at least dress pants and a nice shirt & tie. Girls normally wear long dresses). Your crown & sash should also be worn. You will be expected to help pass out ribbons & trophies for junior fair horse shows as well as the Open Draft Horse Show when you are not showing. Be in attendance during the fair to represent the horse department. There will be times during the fair that all Dept. royalties will be asked to participate in different events. There will be announcements to let you know when these will be. Prior to a yet to be determined evening fair event, each royalty member will ride and be introduced before the National Anthem. The Royalty is to carry the flag for the National Anthem, and if your draft horse does not carry a flag, let someone on the committee know and we will find you one. You are also asked to help the royalty committee obtain items from fair vendors for the auction on Monday at the fair.

Please review the personal standards for contestants and royalty! You may be asked at the interview to sign that you have read and agree to these standards.

Personal standards for contestants and royalty:

1. Contestants and royalty must portray the highest moral standards and set an example. Moral conduct will be scrutinized and evaluated at all times, including social media outlets. Inappropriate behavior or conduct will result in disqualification.
2. During your reign, each member of royalty will be expected to represent Hancock County to the best of their ability and will be a representative of the fair to the general public.
3. Contestants and members of royalty should portray excellent sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and should reflect careful humane treatment of animals. They should not use foul or abusive language to others, including family members or other club members.
4. Contestants and royalty should speak intelligently, with dignity and sincere interest in the Hancock County Fair.
5. Each member of royalty agrees not to use drugs or alcohol during the year of reigning.
6. Each member of royalty agrees that they have not engaged and will not engage in criminal activity.
7. Royalty is expected to wear proper attire during the fair and especially when wearing their crowns, hats and sashes. Members should NOT wear: short shorts, miniskirts, and halter tops, low cut tops, midriff exposing tops, tank tops or spaghetti straps, torn, ragged or patched jeans, cutoff shorts, or shirts with the sleeves cut out. Royalty should not wear shirts with offensive logos and/or language. Undergarments should not be exposed. No open-toed shoes, or flip flops should be worn when working shows during the fair.

It is an honor to be crowned HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H DRAFT HORSE DEPT ROYALTY!

Help promote the department. If you have questions at any time, feel free to call Mandi Ball at (419) 721-1459.

2023 HANCOCK CO. DRAFT HORSE ROYALTY APPLICATION
Due no later JUNE 30, 2023

(Please notify Mandi Ball if you plan to run for Royalty this year)

A special *Royalty Showmanship Class* will be held, with a PAS score given for each exhibitor. No fee will be charged for this class.

Name: _____ 4-H Age (as of 1/1/2023) _____

Actual Birth date __/__/__

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' Names: _____ E-mail: _____

I would like to apply for: (Circle one) Queen Princess King Prince
Ages: (14-18) (9-13) (14-18) (9-13)

Have you served as the circled title in the past? Yes No

School you attend: _____

Year in school you completed in June 2023: _____

4-H Club: _____

Activities: _____

Interests/Volunteer: _____

2023 Hancock County 4-H Draft Horse Royalty Recommendation

One Sportsmanship recommendation is needed to fulfill the scoring for 2023 royalty. This form is to be completed by persons who are non-horse related.