

Hancock County Poultry Royalty Application (King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Duke, and Duchess)

Name _____ Club/Chapter _____
Address _____ # Years as Member _____
Email _____ Grade in School _____
Cell Phone _____ Age (as of Jan. 1) _____

Please read the following rules and expectations carefully.

The Poultry Department Royalty serves as an ambassador/representative for all species in the Poultry Department, the Junior Fair Youth, and the Hancock County Fair. Poultry Royalty are expected to serve as positive role models, display good sportsmanship and always be respectful of others.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Poultry royalty shall be considered and selected from completed Hancock County Poultry Royalty Applications submitted to the Junior Fair Office by July 26th at 5:00 PM and Poultry royalty interviews conducted on Monday, August 12th in the evening.
2. Each applicant must be a member of a Hancock County Junior Fair organization (4-H, FFA, etc.).
3. Candidates must have completed a minimum of one year participation in a poultry species project and must be currently participating in a poultry species project.
4. Candidates must have participated in the current year's Hancock County 4-H Livestock Interview or the Hancock County 4-H Make-Up Livestock Interview.
5. Candidates must have completed Quality Assurance for the current year by the deadline set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
6. Candidates must have submitted all necessary Health Certificates for their current poultry project by the July 31st deadline.
7. Candidates must have submitted their Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Department Guidelines Form by the July 31st deadline.
8. King and Queen candidates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
9. Prince and Princess candidates must be 12 to 18 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
10. Duke and Duchess candidates must be 10 to 11 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
11. Royalty candidates may serve a maximum of 2 one-year terms (2 years total) in the same royalty position but cannot hold the same royalty title for 2 consecutive years (starting with the 2024 Hancock County Fair). Candidates must reapply and interview each year.

ROYALTY RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Attend, participate and/or work the entirety of the following events. Any applicant unable to fulfill the responsibilities of one or more of the events listed below, must receive a written exception from the poultry superintendent prior to the event.
 - Barn Setup (Thursday, August 22nd)
 - Opening Ceremony (Monday, August 26th)
 - Jr Fair Poultry Department Check-In and Weigh-In (Monday, August 26th)
 - Jr Fair Poultry Judging (Tuesday, August 27th)
 - Jr Fair Poultry Showmanship (Wednesday, August 28th)
 - Showman of Showman Contest (Sunday, September 1st)
 - Livestock Sale (Monday, September 1st)
 - Barn Teardown (Monday, September 1st)
2. Follow all Hancock County Fair, Junior Fair and Poultry Department rules and regulations.
3. Respect all individuals regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, or ability.

4. Respect the decisions of judges, superintendents, Hancock County Fair employees, Senior Fair Board members and their authority.
5. Resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence or using social media platforms to degrade/slander individuals, groups, the Poultry Department, or the Hancock County Fair.
6. Assist all Poultry Department members with questions, handling of birds, resolving issues, providing poultry information and knowledge.
7. Help superintendents oversee the cleanliness of the barn and cages/pens.
8. Dress appropriately since your appearance is the first impression others receive. Modesty should be the precedence. Therefore:
 - Undergarments should NOT be exposed.
 - No attire with alcohol or illegal substance reference, offensive logos, language, or gestures.
 - No clothing that exposes any part of the midriff or cleavage.
 - No revealing shorts, skirts, pants, etc.
 - No torn, ragged, or patched jeans, cutoff shirts or shirts with sleeves cut out.
 - No open-toed shoes, or flip flops should be worn when working shows during the fair.
9. Royalty attire or items indicating royalty (i.e., crown, hat, sash, pin) cannot be worn while exhibiting an animal or participating in Showmanship.
10. No foul language or gestures.
11. No possession, use or consumption of alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping, or illegal controlled substances.
12. No possession of weapons or firearms.
13. No inappropriate public displays of affection while wearing royalty attire.
14. No cheating, lying or attempts to influence/harass interviewers/judges to secure a royalty position, a livestock award placement or showmanship award placement.
15. Negative comments, inappropriate pictures or items are prohibited from being posted on any social media platform or other forum.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Failure to abide by the above royalty rules and expectations can result in a warning, meeting with parents/guardian or removal from the royalty title, recognition, crown/hat, sash, and responsibilities. The decision is at the discretion of the Poultry Department Barn Director and Superintendents.

A Junior Fair exhibitor removed from a royalty title or found to violate the royalty rules and regulations in any department is prohibited from holding a royalty title in the Poultry Department for a period of 2 years starting with the next fair after the infraction.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Attach one 4" x 6" color picture of the applicant. This picture will be displayed in the Youth Building if selected to serve as royalty.
2. Two letters of recommendations from adults who are NOT immediate family members.
3. Attach an essay of approximately 150 words explaining how you personally have or will promote the Poultry Industry to the people of Hancock County. Please include dates and specific details where applicable.
4. Complete the included List of Major Activities and Responsibilities

LIST OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Poultry Dept. - # of Years & Activity Involvement

4-H/FFA Project Work

Church/Community

County, State & Exhibition Show Participation

Honors/Awards within Poultry Department

Leadership within Organization

I personally have:

- Reviewed the Eligibility Rules, Royalty Rules and Expectations, Disciplinary Policy, and Application Requirements. I agree to uphold and follow all royalty rules and expectations listed within this application and any additional rules provided to me in writing.
- Attached is one color 4" x 6" photo of myself.
- Attached are 2 letters of recommendation.
- Attached is the requested essay.
- Completed the List of Major Activities and Responsibilities.
- Verified the completed application accurately reflects my work and achievements.
- Will submit the completed application to the Junior or Senior Fair Office by 5:00 PM on July 29th.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

I verify that the above applicant has been a member of our organization, and all provided information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Advisor Signature _____ **Date** _____

Organization _____