

2025 Union County Junior Fair King and Queen

- Application Due - Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, to Union County OSU Extension Office
- Candidate Meeting and Interviews - Saturday, July 19th, 2025, at Union County OSU Extension Office.
- Crowning - Sunday, July 20th, 2025, at 4:30 pm, in the Livestock Show Arena

General Candidate Eligibility:

- This contest will involve active members of 4-H or FFA clubs/chapters.
- Must be 16-18 years of age (as of January 1st of the current year).
- Be enrolled and an ACTIVE MEMBER in their respective organization for at least 2 years.
- Must complete all Application Requirements and prepare a 3 – 5-minute presentation.
- All former Union County Junior Fair Kings and Queens are ineligible to compete.
- **IMPORTANT** - see "Union County Junior Fair Court Rules and Responsibilities", page #2.

Application:

1. Application – clearly complete all areas and answer the three essay questions thoughtfully.
2. A Letter of Recommendation must be submitted with the Application from a current Advisor/Club Adult Leader (if advisor/leader is related to candidate, another adult should be chosen for the recommendation).
3. Royalty Contract must be signed by BOTH the candidate and their parents/guardian acknowledging their understanding and agreed participation in all rules, regulations, and responsibilities set forth by both the Union County Fair Board and Ohio Fair Managers Association.
4. 5x7 PHOTO must be submitted with application. This photo should be an appropriate "head shot" for the use at the Union County Fair and will not be returned.
5. All Application materials must be submitted no later than June 25th, 2025.
NO LATE APPLICATION MATERIALS will be accepted.

Royalty Court – The Union County Junior Fair Court will consist of the following:

- Union County Junior Fair Queen
- Union County Junior Fair King

Scholarship:

- A \$500 book scholarship will be awarded to both the Union County Fair King and the Union County Fair Queen once the fair has completed. If the Fair Court is not full with both a King and a Queen – only \$500 will be provided to the reigning King/Queen.

Scholarship provided by the Union County Senior Fair Board.

Judging:

- Candidates will be contacted with their exact interview time.
- All judges will be knowledgeable about Junior Fair programming.
- The panel of judges will review each fully completed candidate application, will interview each eligible candidate individually, and will judge the candidate's 3–5-minute presentation after the interview (see explanation on page #2).

Scoring System

- Interview 50%
- Application 25%
- Prepared Presentation 25%

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'Rules and Responsibilities'

- **Mandatory Candidate meeting** will be held prior to interviews on **Saturday, July 19th**. This meeting will be held at the 4-H Extension Office with candidates, parents, and representatives from the Junior Fair Board and the Senior Fair Board. The Contract signed by both the candidates and their parent will be reviewed. Personal conduct and appropriate clothing expectations will be defined. Events for the Fair week will be reviewed and discussed.
- **A 3–5-minute prepared Presentation** for the judges will take place after each individual interview. The presentation shall focus on how they would be a positive influence on the Union County Fair. This should include a specific, personal 'platform' stating an area/issue to promote and/or improve the Fair, including how this would be presented to fairgoers and the community. This will be judged as 25% of total score.
- The King and Queen will reign from the announcement until the crowning ceremony the following year.
- No illegal behavior will be tolerated and will be cause for removal from the Royalty Court by the Senior Fair Board. Candidates/Reigning Court may not be married, not have been married, not expecting a child, not have borne a child, or not have fathered a child.
- In the event that the King or Queen lose their eligibility or cannot fulfill their duties, the Union County Senior Fair Board reserves the right to replace them from either within or without the current Royalty Court.
- The Queen is encouraged to participate in the 2026 Ohio Fair's Queen Contest to be held in early January 2026, to represent Union County. The Queen must follow the rules and regulations for Ohio Fair's Queen as set forth by the Ohio Fair Managers Association (information can be located at www.ohiofairs.org).
- The Union County Junior and Senior Fair Boards are not responsible or liable for any injury or harm while on fair grounds or other fair royalty events, parades, etc.

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King and Queen Contract

I, _____ (name of candidate) have thoroughly READ the above rules, regulations, and responsibilities of the Union County Junior Fair Royalty Court and AGREE to follow these rules, regulations, and responsibilities as stated. In addition, I understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by The Ohio Fair Managers Association, who is directly responsible for The Ohio Fair's Queen Contest. In order to participate in their event, I must abide by their rules and regulations. I also give The Union County Fair Board permission to use photos taken during the crowning, fair, and other royalty appearances for use of advertising or publicity reasons. I understand and agree that the Union County Junior and Senior Fair Boards are not responsible or liable for any injury or harm to me while on fairgrounds or other fair royalty events, parades, etc.

Signature of candidate

Date

Cell Phone #

I, _____ (name of parent/legal guardian) have thoroughly read the above rules, regulations, and responsibilities of the Union County Junior Fair Royalty Court and agree with these rules, regulations, and responsibilities as stated. In addition, I understand and agree to the rules and regulations set forth by The Ohio Fair Managers Association, who is directly responsible for The Ohio Fair's Queen Contest. I also give The Union County Fair Board permission to use photos taken of my child during the crowning, fair, and other royalty appearances for use of advertising or publicity reasons. I understand and agree that the Union County Junior and Senior Fair Boards are not responsible or liable for any injury or harm to my child while on fair grounds or other fair royalty events, parades, etc.

Signature of candidate's parent

Date

Cell Phone #

Union County Junior Fair King & Queen Application
(Please type or print in black ink)

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone numbers** _____

email _____

Name of Junior Fair Organizations of which you are currently a member _____
_____ **Years Active** _____

School/University _____ **Grade** _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Names _____

Current Year's Project(s) _____

Prior Years Project Areas/Participation in Fair _____

Participation in Non-Fair Related Activities _____

Achievements in Fair and Non-Fair Related Activities _____

*** Application Essay Questions ***

What has been your most challenging life experience and what have you learned from it?

How does your involvement in your club/organization make you qualified to represent Union County as Junior Fair King or Queen in regard to leadership, communication skills, knowledge, etc.?

If you could pick the “theme” for the 2025 Union County Fair, what would it be and why?

*** Additional pages may be added ***