



## 2026 Clinton County Department Ambassador, Fair Queen & King Application

Applications due May 1st

**Please Type or use fillable PDF to complete.**

Please check the following department Ambassador, fair queen, or king you are applying for: (age requirement 14-18 unless otherwise stated)

- Beef    Canine    Dairy    Dairy Beef    FCS    Goat    Horse  
 Lamb & Fleece    Swine    Poultry    Rabbit    Shooting Sports  
 Small Animal
- Jr. Fair Queen (16-18yrs)    Jr. Fair King (16-18yrs)

### **Please type application or use fillable PDF to complete!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of 1-1 current year) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club/FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_



1) List the out-of-school organization and club involvement including offices held and the length of service:

2) List in-school organization and club involvement including offices held and the length of service:

3) Describe your involvement with the specific program area you're applying for. If you're applying for Junior Fair Queen or King, please list all information from any department you've been extremely active in. (ex. Horses, Goat, FCS):

4) List other 4-H and/or FFA projects completed:

5) Why do you want to be a department ambassador, fair queen or king?

6) What are characteristics of a good role model?

If selected as a Clinton County Queen or King, a member of the court, or Department Ambassador, I agree to abide by Junior Fair Queen/King Rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline is May 1st. Applications must include application, photo (wallet sized), and essay.**

Mail or drop off entries to: OSU Extension, 111 S. Nelson Avenue, Suite 2, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Rules:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Clinton County 4-H, FFA or other youth serving organization and be active in the Clinton County Junior Fair.
2. Contestants must have taken a project in the department for a minimum of two years in the Clinton County 4-H program and are currently enrolled and participating /active in the project this year.
3. Previous Queens/Ambassadors are ineligible unless running for a different department.
4. Contestants must be willing to serve as a positive role model and abide by the Standards of Behavior printed in the Jr. Fair Requirement Book and the County Code of Conduct.
5. Contestants will be evaluated based on personality, poise, essay, application, Project History Binder, speech, and responsiveness to questions during the interview and contest.

Contest:

The Contest will be May 19, 2026, interviews begin at 4:30 pm and the contest at 7 pm, at the Clinton County Office Annex Community Room. Please bring a Project History Binder showing growth through your 4-H, FFA or other youth organization. The Project History Binder can be a collection of project books, photos and club information placed in a three-ring binder. Include other service, school, or church activities.

Horse Ambassador Contest - TBA

Department Ambassadors will be announced at the end of the contest as well as Fair Queen/King and court on May 19, 2026.

Ambassador & Royalty Fair Preparation June 12, 2026 , OSU Extension, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 :30 p.m. Please bring at least two outfits you plan to wear during the fair.

All fair royalty will be recognized on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., in the Peterson Building.

Contest Appeal:

Queen/Ambassador Constants: Dresses, skirts, or pant suits. No strapless tops.

King/Ambassador Contestants: Dress slacks or khakis, dress shirt and tie.

Essay & Speech Requirements:

Each applicant must turn in an essay with their application. Essays must be 1-2 pages type and double spaced.

Essay Topic: As a junior fair member and ambassador applicant please explain current issues affecting your project area. If applying for junior fair king or queen, what issues are affecting our county fair and suggestions for resolution.

Applicants will also be given an impromptu speech during the contest.

## County Fair Dress Guidelines - Royalty - Ambassadors

- ❖ Queen: Nice summer dresses with sleeves or wide straps, khaki-type slacks, or long dress shorts or skirts.
- ❖ King: Polo, golf-type shirts, khaki or black slacks, dress and/or khaki shorts. No cargo pants or sleeveless shirts.
- ❖ Dress appropriately for each event that you assist with.
- ❖ Jeans or species show clothes are appropriate only when showing and performing queen/king duties at the same time or if appropriate for the department. (Ex: It is safest for the Beef Queen to wear outfits with boots or closed toe shoes for safety purposes.)
- ❖ Items not permitted: showing of tattoos, spaghetti straps, and strapless clothing or off the shoulder dresses or tops, tube tops, clothing that exposes the midriff area or cleavage, old or worn jeans, short dresses, or shorts.

### Ambassador Expectations:

- Please be present at: Skillathon, Weigh-Ins, Barn Meetings, Shows, Sales, Sweepstakes, and Queen Recognition Night at Fair or any other department related activity.
- Non-Livestock Ambassador: Judging, Awards Presentations and Royalty Recognition Night.
- Junior Fair Queen/King: Expected to present awards alongside the species ambassadors at all Junior Fair events and sales.
- Each Queen and/or King is encouraged to contact the State 4-H Office to make arrangements to volunteer at the State Fair.
- All Royalty is asked to have a typed bibliography with them at all events.
- Each species ambassador will prepare a "barn display" to post in their respected barns during fair.
- Jr. Fair Royalty are encouraged to help/attend the 4-H Open House, in March.
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### Additional Royalty Expectations:

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Blanchester (Adult volunteers will arrange for a vehicle or wagon for royalty to ride in during the parade. The 4-H Committee arranges for the float/vehicle.)
- Corn Festival Parade (September - First Saturday after Labor Day) (on your own, if you would like)
- Princess/Prince for a Day. Royalty/Ambassadors will be asked to accompany a Cloverbud Princess or Prince to Jr. Fair events where they will be having royalty duties. They can help hand out ribbons to the participants in the events. This will occur Saturday-Friday during the fair. There will be one selected for morning and one for the afternoon. There will be a parent accompanying them as well.