

The Denver Fair Queen Program | 2025

The purpose of Miss Denver Fair is to promote the Denver Fair, including its history and community impact, while educating the public about the local agricultural industry and strengthening the relationships among youth and adults in both rural and urban settings.

CONTEST DATE:
Wednesday September 16, 2026

FAIR DATES:
Tuesday September 15 to Saturday September 19 2026
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Please mail/email COMPLETE application to Contest Chairperson by **Thursday July 10 2026**

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A. COMPETITION STRUCTURE:

Female residents of Cocalico School District and Ephrata School District: age 16 but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the contest may participate in the competition.

The purpose of the competition is to select the new Miss Denver Fair who will represent the Denver Fair for one (1) year. The Denver Fair Queen will receive a \$1000 scholarship

1st Runner up will receive a \$500 scholarship and will take the place of winner if she does not complete and follow her duties set forth by the Denver Fair Board and Denver Fair Queen Committees.

2nd Runner up will receive a \$250 scholarship

After competition, the new Miss Denver Fair will serve in the following capacities:

1. Attend and participate in **ALL** of the fair and events/activities associated with the Denver Fair and Denver Community.
2. Represent the Denver Fair at all sanctioned events and appearances.
3. Promote greater public understanding, awareness and interest in Pennsylvania agriculture.

B. RULES:

Below are the Official Denver Fair Queen Program rules. The same rules are used for the State Competition. All contestants must comply with the rules to be eligible for competition.

Each Fair Queen Contestant must:

- Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident in Cocalico School District or Ephrata School District.
- Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the year entering the Denver Fair Queen contest.
- Be certified as the winner by the local where fair she is crowned
- Have not been a former Miss Denver fair winner nor a former State Fair Queen Contestant
- Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign
- Have her parent(s) or guardian (s) consent to enter the competition
- Be single have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child and must remain so during her reign
- Act in accordance with the PA fair queen behavior policy see below

C. FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:

The contest's governing Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Queen or Contestants may continue to participate in the program, if the Board determines that any statement or representation is not true and accurate, or that any action is inconsistent with the rules, standards and dignity of the Program.

The following will be considered violations of the Policy and will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future Queen competitions:

1. Any infractions of Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, partisan, unethical, indecent or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations of the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter/X).
4. Use of any illegal/controlled dangerous substances or abuse of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen contest, its winners and contestants, or the Denver Fair, the PA Fair Queen Program or their Directors and Committee members, whether it be oral or written. This includes postings on the Internet.

6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Any unsolicited appearances or representations of the Queen Program in crown and banner.

D. FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community and the Fair. Therefore professional appearance is expected while in crown or sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip-flops or boots.
3. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
4. No outfit that is too low cut, too short or revealing.
5. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen program.

E. APPLICATION:

The complete, signed original Application must be postmarked or emailed by **July 10, 2026** to Taylor Nolt Contest Coordinator. A “Complete Application” is defined as one in which all of the items listed on the Application Item Checklist have been received by the Coordinator, in one complete package, by the postmark deadline. Application packet must be completed using the official forms. Handwritten or re-formatted applications are not accepted. If not received on time, or if found to be incomplete, the Fair Queen Coordinator will be notified and the contestant will not be eligible to compete in the contest.

F. COMPETITION JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Written Essay on the topic “What The Denver Fair Means to My Community” (300 words or less, essays will be AI checked and judged accordingly) Judging Criteria: Content, Grammar, and Spelling [15 points]
2. Personal Interview – each contestant will meet with the panel of 3 judges.
Judging Criteria: Conversational ability, The answers to the questions, appearance/poise, activities, and knowledge of the fair industry. [35 points]
3. Speech Presentation on the topic “Why You Should Come to The Denver Fair” (3-5 minute timed event). Persuasive Speech appropriate for an audience of adults. The audience is the panel of 3 judges along with any other parents, fair members, or guests who wish to view the presentations. Props that enhance this speech for this

targeted audience are permitted, but not required. Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills; not “entertainment”. Overhead projectors or PowerPoint presentations are not permitted. (Judging Criteria: Speech format, conveying a message, public speaking ability, and poise/presence. [30 points].

4. Business Wear/Introduction – conducted in front of the 3 judges. Each contestant makes a personal introduction to the audience, similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a Fair or other public event. The Contestant has approximately 15 seconds to make this introduction. Judging Criteria: Content, stage presence and appearance [20 points]

G. DUTIES OF THE MISS DENVER FAIR:

The winner will reign for one year, and she must:

1. Be available to attend **ALL** of the various functions during the 2026 Denver Fair, as deemed necessary by the Denver Fair officials.
2. Attend and participate in other civic activities and functions throughout her reign, as deemed necessary by the Denver Fair officials.
3. Attend and participate in the PA State Fair Queen Contest to be held in Hershey, PA in January 2027, at the expense of the Denver Fair. (The Fair Association will supply a chaperone).
4. Attend the crowning of the 2027 Miss Denver Fair.
5. Create a scrapbook of her activities during her reign to be displayed at the following year’s banquet and fair.

If duties above are not completed to the standards of the Denver Fair Queen Program and Denver Fair board the Queen forfeits some or all her scholarship and crown/title.

H. CONTEST:

The phases of competition to be held on Wednesday September 16, 2026 include:

- Personal Interview
- Introduction
- Speech Presentation

The dress policy (see section D) **will be enforced.**

Schedule and Contestant packet/ information will be emailed out before contest

I. AWARDS:

The winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship to be paid directly to her school of higher education upon meeting all of the obligations.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
2026 Miss Denver Fair

APPLICATION ITEM CHECKLIST

- _____ 1. **Application Form** with original signatures
- _____ 2. **Biography Sheet**
- _____ 3. **One (1) Digital Wallet-Sized Photo**
- _____ 4. **Essay** (Type and submit)

Submit all originals by postal mail or scanned/emailed to Taylor.

Application Packet must be submitted/received by July 10 2026

Questions concerning Application:

Contest Chair: Taylor Nolt, 484-357-0182, t.pool27@yahoo.com

APPLICATION FORM
OFFICIAL 2026 MISS DENVER FAIR APPLICATION

Name of Contestant: _____

Age: (as of 6/1/2026) _____ Birthdate _____

Contestant's Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

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Contestant's Phone: (cell if available) _____

Contestant's Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone: (please specify if cell or home) _____

Contestant Consent:

*"I hereby acknowledge that the personal information provided on this Application is truthful and correct. I have received, read, understood and agree to abide by the **Denver Fair Queen Program Official Rules and Regulations** pertaining to the competition as listed in this Application Packet. I understand the time, manner and method of conducting the Miss Denver Fair Contest is solely within the discretion of the Denver Fair Queen Contest Coordinators and their Board of Directors, and that the decision of the Judges is final."*

Fair Queen Contestant's Signature

Date

Parental/Guardian Consent:

*"I have read the **Denver Fair Queen Program Official Rules**. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the contestant listed above, and I hereby grant permission for the above named to be a contestant in the 2026 Denver Fair Queen Program."*

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Public Release of Likeness Form

Please read the following Public Release of Likeness Statement and provide the appropriate information and signatures below.

I, _____, hereby authorize The Denver Fair to photograph or film me and consent to the use of my likeness and image in any and all

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publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, and World Wide Web materials including social media.

I understand and agree that such materials, including all negatives, positives, digital images, and prints shall become and remain the sole property of The Denver Fair and I shall have no right or title to such items. I agree that The Denver Fair does not owe me any compensation for the acts that I have consented to in this agreement.

I further understand and agree that these materials may be kept on file and used by The Denver Fair for potential future purposes and further agree to release The Denver Fair from any and all liability arising from or in connection with the taking, use, publication, or dissemination of such materials.

Fair Queen Contestant's Signature

Date

Parental/Guardian Consent:

*"I have read the Denver **Fair Public Release of Likeness Form**. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the contestant listed above, and I hereby give consent for the public release of likeness for the above named contestant in the 2026 Denver Fair Queen Program.*

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Biography Information

Please print or type neatly. This form will be used for the commentator, press releases and individual interviews. Please feel free to add pages as necessary.

Contestant's Name: _____ Age on 6/1/2026 _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

College (if applicable): _____

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Major: _____ Year (circle): FR SO JR SR

What have been your primary Scholastic Achievements? _____

What Honors/Awards have you received? _____

What Extra-Curricular or Community Activities have you been involved in? _____

What are your career goals? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What employment experience do you have? _____

Describe your participation in The Denver Fair _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know? _____

I'd like to be Miss Denver Fair because: _____

Please return this application and your essay to:
Taylor Nolt, 17 N Ramona Rd Myerstown, PA 17067
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION PACKET IS JULY 10, 2026