

January 18, 2025

Dear 4-H and FFA Leaders:

This year, the Leon County Youth Livestock Show will be hosting a Queen Competition. Any eligible female in 4-H or FFA who qualifies may enter the competition. **The deadline for a candidate to submit their entry and \$100 registration fee is January 31, 2025.** Attached you will find a copy of the entry form as well as the Queen's Contest Rules.

It is an honor to be a candidate and participate in the LCYLS Queen Contest. There are many responsibilities that go along with that, as is outlined in this packet. Each candidate will be required to attend a breakfast/luncheon interview with the contest judges, be present in many of the show rings during our county fair, help with the buyer's dinner, help at the auction, and help with clean up days. In addition, there will be meetings (not required, but will count toward their overall score) and an essay required.

I am looking forward to another great year of young ladies in the county being able to be their best and to serve as county representatives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lund, Superintendent

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2024-2025

Leon County Youth Livestock Show

Queen Contest

The LCYLS Queen Committee

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TBD

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Important Dates

Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 5pm at TBD

Meet each other, go over rules, answer any questions, take individual and group pictures for promotional material for the contest and fair. You will want to dress nicely for these photos.

TBD March 2025 at 4pm at FUMC Centerville

Workshop for public speaking and etiquette AND sign up for show ring duties. *Fair Experience, Essay, and Pictures are due on this day. **NO EXCEPTIONS.***

Saturday, April 5, 2025 Fair Set Up at 8AM at The Leon County Expo Center

Saturday, April 5, 2025—at TBA

Tea Party and Interviews

Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 6PM at The Leon County Expo Center

Queen Coronation

Friday, April 11, 2025 at TBA at The Leon County Expo Center

Buyer Dinner and Auction

Saturday, April 12, 2025 Fair Clean Up at 8AM at The Leon County Expo Center

2024-2025 LCYLS Queen Candidates Requirements and Responsibilities

1. **Your fair participation sheet, pictures, and essay are due at the time of our final fair queen meeting.**
 - A. **Essay-** You will need to turn-in 4 copies of the essay by the due date listed above. (This will be provided in each judge's packet prior to the interviews)
 - B. **Pictures-** You will need to turn-in (3) 4x6 (This will be judged for Miss Photogenic and go on the front of your folders for the judges) and (1) 8x10 (This will be displayed at the Queen's Coronation and the duration of the Fair) color portrait. Please keep the picture the same across all four copies. These are due by the date listed above. These pictures need to be in **portrait orientation** (vertical). *These pictures are to be unaltered in any way (no photoshop, filters, etc.).* Your photo should be one that best displays your personality.
 - C. **Fair participation sheet-** see attached sheet. This needs to be completed in full and submitted by the due date listed above.
2. You will be provided with a sash to wear during the interviews, the night of the coronation, during the fair and/or designated functions. You may NOT wear the sash in the show ring while you are showing your project or selling your animal at the auction.
3. While meetings are highly encouraged to attend, you can miss meetings and still run for Fair Queen.
4. You will be required to work a minimum of two showrings. Sign-ups for those duties will happen at the final meeting.
5. You will be required to work at the Buyers Dinner and Auction. If you have a project that is being auctioned, you will be allowed time to prepare for the sale of your project. After the sale of your project, you will be required to continue working the auction. All cell phones should be put away during the buyer's dinner and auction.
6. We ask that each candidate conduct themselves in a lady-like fashion at all times while representing The Leon County Youth Livestock Show. Please remember you are looked up to by your peers and members of the community. You will be required to follow the dress code set forth by the queen committee. See attached dress code policy.

7. If you do not participate in the fair set up day, your time in the show ring, the auction, and/or fair clean up day, you will be ineligible to compete in the Queen's Contest the following year.

LCYLS Queen Contest Rules

1. The Leon County Youth Livestock Show (LCYLS), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. **Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.** The LCYLS, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or there from or any cause whatsoever!
2. Contestant must be a single high school girl living in Leon County or enrolled in a Leon County high school, be a representative of a local organization, and academically qualified according to House Bill "72". Fair Queen Candidates may never have been married or have had children or be pregnant at the time of the coronation. If the Fair Queen becomes pregnant or is married during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title, crown, sash, and belt buckle.
3. Fair Queen Candidates and the Fair Queen must not have been charged with or convicted of any criminal offense. This includes but is not limited to misdemeanors (such as minor-in-possession, driving under the influence, criminal mischief, destruction of property, etc.; apart from minor traffic violations). Additionally, there must be no adjudications presently pending against the candidate.
4. Any girl, other than a previous Fair Queen, is eligible to participate as a candidate provided she meets the other qualifications.
5. Each contestant must participate in the LCYLS by having an entry in at least one division of the fair (this includes Ag Mechanics). All entry fees and /or late fees must be paid by the deadline set forth by the LCYLS or the contestant will be disqualified from the Queen's contest.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of FFA or 4H prior to January 1, 2025.
7. All contestants must attend a Tea Party on the day of the pageant. Interviews will be done immediately following. Contestants will be judged in appearance, poise, personality, and general knowledge and involvement in the LCYLS.
8. Each applicant's official entry form and the \$100 entry fee, must be received by the Superintendent of the Queen Committee OR Cassie Ferguson (not mailed) no later than 5pm on

January 31, 2025. Applications must be complete. **No late applications will be accepted.** All rules will apply as of entry due date.

9. The Fair Queen will receive a sash, crown, belt buckle, and a cash prize.

10. Fair Queen Candidates must agree to be personally interviewed by judges and understand that the decision of the judging panel is final. Judges' scoresheets will remain confidential and become property of the LCYLS Queen Committee.

11. Fair Queen Candidates must be of good moral character. If any candidate or Fair Queen is deemed to participate in inappropriate comments, immoral or indecent acts or behavior in any way, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct in the ring, disrespectful interactions with the LCYLS Board of Directors and/or Superintendents (including before, during, or after the 2025 LCYLS), and social media (Facebook, Twitter, and the like) that candidate will be ineligible for the contest. If any Fair Queen Candidate is found to have engaged in any immoral or indecent acts, the Fair Queen Candidates may be found ineligible.

12. All decisions by the Queen contest judges, the Queen's committee, and the LCYLS Board of Directors are final.

LCYLS Queen Candidate Dress Code

As a participant in the LCYLS Queen Contest, you are looked upon by both children and adults in your community. We ask that you maintain a sense of respect of yourselves. A general rule of thumb to follow is to not wear anything that you wouldn't wear showing your animal in the show ring. We have developed a written dress code that you will be required to follow at all times when you are at the Leon County Expo Center. This dress code is also to be followed at any other events and/or locations where you are representing the LCYLS.

*No spaghetti strap, strapless, or off-the-shoulder tops

*No low-cut, provocative tops

*No backless tops

*No tops that do not completely cover your mid-section

*No shorts

*No jeans with complete rips and/or tears that expose skin

LCYLS Queen Contest Entry Form

Deadline for entry is **January 31, 2025 by 5pm**. Return form and non-refundable \$100 entry fee to:

Patricia Lund, Superintendent LCYLS Queen Committee OR Cassie Ferguson

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LCYLS!

Name of candidate _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email address _____ Do you check email regularly? _____

Name of Club/Organization that you will represent _____

Contact Name for your Organization _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

High school _____ Grade/Class _____

High school principal _____ Phone _____

Newspaper Printing and Coronation Introduction

Name of Candidate: _____

Parent(s) Listed:

Short Bio:

Leon County Youth Livestock Show Queen Contest

2024-2025 Social Media Contract

Due January 31, 2025

While I _____ am a representative of the Leon County Youth Livestock Show Queen Contest, I will maintain a positive role model image on all social media but not limited to the following: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, snapchat, texting, and any other form of social networking. I understand that as a Queen candidate, I am an ambassador of the LCYLS, and I will publicly speak positively at all times about LCYLS, its board of directors, superintendents, and any others associated with the organization.

With my permission, I understand that the Queen's Committee will be periodically checking my social networking pages. If there is something deemed inappropriate the queen's committee will have the right to take further action, which could ultimately result in me being removed as a Queen candidate.

Candidate

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

2025 Queen Contestant Essay

Include the following at the top of your essay in this format:

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Sponsor: _____

Classification: _____

Parents: _____

Age: _____

Write an essay including the following information. Do not exceed 3 pages.

Fair project(s) and years involved in the Leon County Youth Livestock Show, including offices held either in your 4H group and/or FFA

Extra-curricular activities

Future plans and goals

Describe the Leon County Youth Livestock Show, what it stands for in the community, and what it means to you

Fair Participation

A portion of your score is based on your involvement in fair projects (**animal projects and ag mechanics projects only**). Please complete the chart below.

	Project (s)	Location of non-Leon County Fair and/or Major Livestock Show	Leon County Fair Participation
3rd			
4th			
5th			
6th			
7th			
8th			
9th			
10th			
11th			
12th			

LCYLS Fair Queen 2025 Evaluation Sheet

Contestant: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Participation	10	
Poise and Appearance	15	
Essay	15	
Fair Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 point for each <i>year</i> showing an animal or ag mech project in a fair/livestock show• 2 points for each <i>year</i> showing an animal or ag mech project at LCYLS• <i>No more than 2 points per year will be awarded</i>	20	
Interview	20	
Impromptu Question	20	
TOTAL	100	

LCYLS Fair Queen 2024 Evaluation Sheet

Contestant: _____

	Points Possible	Below Average	Average	Excellent/Above Average	Points Awarded
Participation in Meetings	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Poise and Appearance	15	--Not wearing appropriate clothing --Holes in clothes --Hair messy/in face --Slouchy	--Wears appropriate clothing --No holes in clothes --Hair is up or out of the face --Maintains a confident stature	--Direct eye contact --Smiles --Confident appearance	
		(0-5 points)	(6-10 points)	(11-15 points)	
Essay	15	--Lots of typos/grammatical errors --No obvious flow --Does not have her own, unique voice present	--Few typos/grammatical errors --Easy to read/easy flow --After reading the essay, you feel as though you know her	--No grammatical errors or typos --Excellent essay structure	
		(0-5 points)	(6-10 points)	(11-15 points)	
Fair Experience	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Interview	20	--Fidgets --Does not have any eye contact --Does not answer the questions --Lots of filler words or phrases	--Shakes hands --Maintains eye contact most of the time --May come off as a little nervous, but still is able to answer the questions --An average amount of filler words or phrases	--Immediately shakes hands/introduces herself --Maintains eye contact and good posture --Articulates her answers --Few filler words or phrases	
		(0-5)	(6-14)	(15-20)	
Impromptu Question	20	--Does not answer the question --Uses a lot of filler words or phrases --Looks down/not at audience or judges	--Answers the question --Uses an average amount of filler words or phrases --Mostly looks out at audience or judges --Keeps a smile on her face	--Maintains a smile --Uses no filler words or phrases --Has a confident voice and posture --Powerfully and confidently answers the question	
		(0-10)	(11-15)	(16-20)	
TOTAL	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	