

Knox County Junior Fair Royalty

Criteria and Application Packet

Judging will occur the week of June 13-17, 2022

Award presentation will be Saturday, June 18, 2022

Both events will be held at the Ramser 4-H Activity Center

Applications are due on ***June 1, 2022 by 5 p.m.***

<https://go.osu.edu/2022juniorfairroyalty>

****Late applications will not be accepted!**



Species Requirements:

The following requirements are for Beef, Canine, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine.

Senior Ambassador

1. Age: 15-19 years of age as of January 1, 2022
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in the species project you are applying to be the ambassador of.
4. Have completed at least one year of the species project you are apply to be the ambassador of.
5. Show your project species at the 2022 Knox County Junior Fair.
6. 250 word essay stating why you would like to be the Knox County Junior Fair species ambassador and your plans to promote the industry.

****Essays need to be brought and presented at your interview.**

Junior Ambassador

1. Age: 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2022
2. Member of a Knox County 4-H or FFA program.
3. Enrolled in the species project you are applying to be the ambassador of.
4. Have completed at least one year of the species project you are apply to be the ambassador of.
5. Show your project species at the 2022 Knox County Junior Fair.
6. 250 word essay stating why you would like to be the Knox County Junior Fair species ambassador and your plans to promote the industry.

****Essays need to be brought and presented at your interview.**

Horse

To be eligible for the Horse Royalty participants must be:

1. Age: 14 years old or older as of January 1, 2021, for Senior King or Queen.
 - a. 13 years old or younger as of January 1, 2021, for Junior Prince or Princess.
2. Candidates showing a Draft Horse in 2021 will be eligible to compete for Draft Horse Ambassador.
3. Youth may be a Junior, Senior or Draft Horse Ambassador only once.
4. Enrolled in an equine project.
5. Show your equine project at the 2021 Knox County Junior Fair
6. The candidates must present themselves appropriately in attire (including hats), attitude and demeanor.
7. **Bring to your interview:** In 250 words or less state why you would like to be the Knox County Senior or Junior Horse Ambassador. You will also be required to take a test during the competition.

Knox County King and Queen Requirements

Eligibility:

Any male or female, aged 16-18 as of January 1st of the year of the competition is eligible to compete. Participants must be a member of 4-H, FFA, Jr. Grange, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or FCCLA who believe that their involvement in the Jr. Fair program, community, and leadership endeavors warrants recognition as a model Jr. Fair participant. Applicants must be currently involved in the Jr. Fair Program, be unmarried and not have parented any children.

Selection Procedures:

Participants must take part in an interview, provide a letter of recommendation, give a 3-5 minute speech on their Jr. Fair Activities and answer a question at the judging. This question will be selected at the time of judging and will be different for each contestant. Contestants are evaluated by a panel of community representatives, and placed as 2nd and 1st runners up, or as the new King or Queen.

Duties of the Knox County Jr. Fair King and Queen:

The newly selected King and Queen must be available to attend the production livestock show's and sales, make public appearances at all Senior Fair Board activities during fair week, maintain a public presence at various parades and festivals throughout the year. Setting an exemplary image of Junior Fair conduct for the community is expected. The King and Queen are expected to make public appearances together, as well as individually.

Behavioral Expectations:

The Junior Fair King and Queen are to act in a manner that best portrays the ideal image of the Junior fair for the public. Appropriate dress, appearance, behavior, and sportsmanship are requirements for this position. Public display of affection (PDA), rude conduct, poor sportsmanship, and participation in activities which are destructive to the Junior Fair image inside or outside the Knox County Fair week are all acts that warrant revoking of royal placement.

If such circumstances arise the crown will be passed to the 1st runner up. If he/she is unable to fulfill the Junior Fair King or Queen duties the crown will be passed to the 2nd runner up. It is an honor to represent your organization at the Knox County Fair.

Children, young teens and adults will be looking to you as a role model. Please act accordingly.

Additional Application Items to Submit By: June 10, 2022 to the Knox County OSU Extension Office- 160 Columbus Road, Mount Vernon.

1. Letter of Recommendation
2. Essay Question- 100 words or less type written on an additional paper please answer the following question.
 - What does respect, and kindness mean to you and why are they important character qualities to strive for?

Preparation for Junes Judging Speech (3-5 Minutes) - In a three to five-minute speech to be given at the interview session as well as the final session, address the following questions. Points will be deducted for any material under three minutes or over five minutes.

- Why do you want to be the Knox County Jr. Fair King or Queen?
- How has your participation in Jr. Fair Activities influenced your life and why are you highly qualified for this role?

General Ambassador Responsibilities

1. Contestants and chosen ambassadors must strive to set positive leadership examples during 4-H events and in the community.
2. All candidates must demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times.
3. Chosen ambassadors will need to be present wearing proper attire, including sash, to pass out awards at the Knox County Junior Fair respective shows.
4. Be present during the sale of champions.
5. Assist with the Buyers Luncheon during the sale at the fair.
6. Ambassadors should represent the 4-H Ambassador Program by attending parades. Area parades to choose from; but not limited to:
 - a. Mount Vernon Memorial Day Parade (May)
 - b. Utica Ice Cream Festival (May)
 - c. Danville Turkey Festival (June)
 - d. Gambier 4th of July Parade (July 4th)
 - e. Centerburg Old Time Farming Festival (Sept.)
 - f. Fredericktown Tomato Festival (Saturday after Labor Day)
 - g. Utica Homecoming (Sept. or Oct.)
 - h. Mount Vernon Christmas Parade (Saturday after Thanksgiving)
 - i. Bladensburg Christmas Parade (Middle of December)

Judging of the Candidate:

Each species contestant is required to participate in skillathon, an interview and answer an essay question or take a test identified in the requirements. Judging will occur the week of June 13-17, 2022 at the Ramser 4-H Activity Center -700 Perimeter Drive, Mount Vernon. Each applicant will be contacted with an interview time. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes before your interview time for registration and directions.

Judging Rubric:

Skillathon 50 points

Interview 25 points

Essay/ Statement/ Test 25 points

The candidate with the most points will be each species ambassador. If a tie breaker is needed the first criteria will be the highest skillathon score.