

Unionville Community Fair
Princess Pageant
2023

Contestant Packet
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Fair Queen/Princess Advisor

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTESTANTS

- 1. Thank you for your interest in the Fair Pageant.**
- 2. Please send an email to FairPageant.ucfair@gmail.com or call Debbie Pritchard at 610-505-4460 as soon as possible so that we may contact you with any changes to the program or provide you with necessary information.**
- 3. Review the Rules, Requirements, and Guidelines.**
- 4. Fill out the Registration/Permission Form. The form should be turned in with your essay if you choose to submit a printed copy. If you submit your essay by email, your form may be submitted at the optional information meeting or on Media Day.**
- 5. Select an Adult Sponsor. Your sponsor will be very helpful to you throughout the Pageant process, so be sure to pick someone you trust and can count on.**
- 6. Write and submit your essay as detailed in the Contestant packet.**
- 7. Plan to attend the activities listed in the Contestant Calendar.**
- 8. Contact Debbie Pritchard (610-505-4460) with any questions.**
- 9. Remember that the job of the Pageant Advisor is to help you. Do not hesitate to call.**
- 10. Have fun and Good Luck!**

Unionville Community Fair Princess Pageant

September 28, 2023

The Unionville Community Fair (UCF or “Fair”) Princess and her Court share a unique opportunity to promote our Fair and agriculture, as well as an opportunity to experience personal growth and development. The UCF Princess Pageant provides each participant with a chance to build confidence in their talent, poise in presentation, pride in accomplishment and skill in communication. Candidates may, likewise, enhance their knowledge of the Fair industry and awareness of appropriate appearance, appreciate the responsibilities of time and scheduling, embrace the unity of purpose and commitment, and learn sportsmanship in accepting success or defeat, gracefully. In addition to developing skills and relationships, the program offers scholarships for presentation to the Princess and her Alternate.

General Requirements:

Each contestant must be female and at least 12, but not more than, 16 years of age by June 1, 2023. She must reside within the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. Every contestant must be enrolled as a full-time student at Unionville High School or Charles F. Patton Middle School or an accredited High School or Middle School program within the UCFSD or by approval or invitation by the fair board.

Adult Sponsor

Every contestant must have an adult sponsor. An adult sponsor is a person (male or female) who is over the age of 21 and is not a parent or guardian of the contestant. This should be someone responsible and trustworthy; someone with whom the contestant feels comfortable. A sponsor may advise the contestant on the content of speeches and presentation, and may help with essay proofreading. The sponsor may not, however, take part in the composition of any portion of a speech or essay. The sponsor should advise the contestant regarding her appearance and attire for the competition and may assist in managing the contestant’s time in the UCF Pageant. The sponsor may offer constructive criticism and make suggestions that would improve the contestant's performance throughout the Pageant. It is recommended that time with the sponsor be spent working on the contestant's physical presentation and speaking abilities. Sponsors may assist contestants during dress changes and presentation set-up.

Competition Requirements

Written Essay (50 points)

Each contestant must compose and submit a 300-word (or less) essay entitled, “What is the Best part of The Fair and Why it is So Special to Me.” Contestants may be as creative and colorful in writing as desired. The word count must be placed at the end of every essay, and Contestants are encouraged to edit their essays for spelling and grammar. All essays must be submitted to the Fair Queen Advisor (Debbie Pritchard) no later than September 22, 2023. Essays may be emailed to FairPageant.ucfair@gmail.com in PDF format. No essays will be accepted after midnight September 22, 2023.

Essays will be scored on a 50-point scale using the following rubric:

- 25 points Content and creative interpretation of subject
- 15 points Spelling and grammar.
- 10 points Neatness and submission by deadline

Personal Statement (10 points)

Each contestant must compose and deliver a personal statement that is to be no more than 30 seconds. The statement is designed to offer contestants an opportunity to demonstrate confidence, poise and public speaking skills. The contestant should only mention in the statement their name, age and a fun fact about themselves. No props, overheads projectors or computer presentations are permitted. The audience is a panel of judges as well as parents, fair members and guests who wish to attend the pageant. Contestants are judged on the delivery of their statement, not the content of what is being said.

Statements will be scored on a 10-point scale using the following rubric:

- 5 points Public speaking ability
- 5 points Poise and presence

Personal Interview (50 points)

Every contestant will meet for no longer than 5 minutes, alone, with the panel of judges. This will be a time for the judges to ask each contestant the same two pre-determined questions. Contestants will be observed and judged on their conversational ability, the content of their responses, their appearance and poise and on their general knowledge of the Unionville Community Fair and its history.

Time Requirements

Every contestant is expected to attend all pre-pageant meetings scheduled by the Fair Queen Advisor. Each contestant is allowed one (1) excused absence. In the event that any contestant proceeds beyond this, with the exception of serious, personal illness or death in the family, she will be asked to forfeit participation in the remainder of the Pageant, regardless of how far she has progressed in the pageant.

Contestant Calendar

- Tuesday, Sept. 12 Pageant informational meeting (optional)
- Friday, Sept. 22 Contestant Bio plus 300-word essay due electronically by midnight
- Sunday, Sept 24 Media Day; prepare for pageant and have pictures taken by media.
- Tuesday, Sept 26 Pageant dress rehearsal at Unionville Elementary School, arrive at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, Sept. 28 Pageant Night (arrive at 4:30 PM); Interview start at 6:00 PM and Pageant begins at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, Oct 14 Fair Contestant Parade (arrive at 11:00)

Sunday, Oct 15
Friday, Nov. 24

Closing Ceremonies 4:00 PM
Kennett Square Holiday Parade 5:00 PM

Princess and Alternate Calendar

As the newly crowned representative of our Community Fair, the Princess is expected to spend as much time as possible at the Fair, assisting in any way she is able. In addition to her attendance at the Fair, the Princess will be expected to attend The Kennett Square Holiday Parade on Friday, November 24, 2023. Opportunities may arise for attendance at other promotional events during the year's reign as Fair Princess. This calendar will be provided as far in advance as possible.

The UCF Princess Alternate should also plan to spend as much time as possible at the Fair, assisting in any way she is able. In addition to her attendance at the Fair, the Princess Alternate will be expected to attend The Kennett Square Holiday Parade on Friday, November 24, 2023. In the event that the UCF Princess cannot attend a scheduled event, the Fair Princess Alternate will be called upon to serve as a representative of the UCF and the Fair's Princess Pageant. The Fair Princess Alternate will also be invited to most events attended by the Fair Princess.

Volunteer Hours

All Pageant contestants must volunteer three hours of time or more to help with the Unionville Community Fair. Please contact Debbie Pritchard (610-505-4460) to make these arrangements. Jobs assigned to pageant contestants are often tasks in which the contestant is visible to the community so that she may serve as an ambassador. These jobs may include assistance with school trips or helping with the registration and return of exhibits. Contestants may also be asked to help clean up or work during the auction on Sunday. Volunteer hours should be logged on the attached form and signed by a supervisor of the activity. This form will be used as a record of community service activity.

Etiquette

Manners

All contestants are encouraged to act in a manner that demonstrates politeness and consideration of others, as well as a sense of self-worth, pride and self-confidence. IF ANY CONTESTANT IS FOUND DRINKING ALCOHOL, SMOKING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY that contestant will be asked to withdraw from the pageant if the actions are before or during the pageant / fair, and if it's while holding a title, they will forfeit the title and winnings.

Appearance

All contestants must remember that they are representatives of the Unionville Community Fair and they are, therefore, required to dress appropriately for all associated occasions. The Fair Princess and Alternate will be required to wear her sash and tiara to any event at which she represents the Fair and/or Pageant. All contestants are asked to wear their contestant sash to associated, scheduled events unless otherwise instructed by the Pageant Advisor.

Dresses

Clothing worn by contestants should be considered conservative and yet representative of the individual style of the contestant. There are, however, a few guidelines to be observed during the Pageant and associated events. All formal dresses worn during the Pageant must be approximately six (6) inches below the knee (when standing), but may be floor length, if desired. Cleavage may not be exposed in any way via a low-neckline or “see-through” fabric. Dresses to be used in the Pageant will be viewed and approved by an Advisor on "Media Day.” Any dress that might be considered “revealing” is not appropriate for this event. Once a dress is approved, the dress may not be changed. If there are questions regarding dresses, contact Debbie Pritchard (610-505-4460) ASAP.

Escort

Each contestant is encouraged to have an escort walk them down the aisle on pageant night. Contestants should take great consideration as to who they ask. It should be a parent or someone who is an important person in the contestant’s life. If not a parent or like a parent it could be a brother, sister or close friend. We ask the escort to arrive at 6:45 on pageant night and dress appropriately since each contestant will be in a long gown.

Ms. Congeniality

All contestants will cast a secret ballot on Thursday, September 28, 2023 for the contestant they believe has been the friendliest, most helpful and charismatic while participating in Pageant events. The ballots will be counted by the Fair Pageant Committee members. Ms. Congeniality of the Unionville Community Fair will be sashed on the evening of the Pageant. She will be encouraged to attend the Fair and the Kennett Square Holiday Parade.

Unionville Community Fair Princess Scholarship

The Unionville Community Fair Princess will receive a cash scholarship of \$200.00. The Unionville Community Fair Princess Alternate will receive a cash scholarship of \$100.00. Scholarship money will be distributed by check at the end of the Fair.

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REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

School attended: _____

Name of Adult Sponsor: _____

Emergency Contacts (Please list two):

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

I have reviewed the Fair Queen/Princess Pageant Rules, Requirements and Guidelines for the Fair Queen/Princess Pageant in full with my parents or guardians. We understand and agree to all the information in the packet. Photographs taken of contestants may appear in various print media or on the internet. We understand that the Fair Queen Committee has the right to excuse any girl from further participation in the Pageant and Activities if that girl does not follow stated Rules and Guidelines.

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Bio Worksheet

_____ is the _____ year old daughter
of _____ of
_____, PA.

_____ attends _____ School

Her activities in school

Include _____

She is interested in

After Graduation

she _____

_____ is escorted
by _____