

Unionville Community Fair
Queen Pageant
2011

Contestant Packet
September 21, 2011

Fair Queen Adviser

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Unionville Community Fair Queen/Princess Pageant 2011

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTESTANTS

- 1. Thank you for your interest in the Princess Pageant!**
- 2. Please send an email to dpritchard@ivystone.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 Advisors is to help you. Do not hesitate to call.**
- 10. Have fun and Good Luck!**

Unionville Community Fair Queen Pageant September 21, 2011

The Unionville Community Fair (UCF or “Fair”) Queen 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 Queen Pageant (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 Queen and her Alternate, and one very fortunate young lady will represent our Fair at the State Fair Queen Pageant in January, 2012.

General Requirements:

Each contestant must be female and at least 16, but not more than, 20 years of age by June 1, 2011. She must reside within the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District.

Effective at the end of the first day of school in the respective Fair year, every contestant must be enrolled as a full-time student at, or must have graduated from, Unionville High School (UHS) or from any other recognized high school program within the geographical area of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District and Transportation Department. Any non-UHS contestant must be able to meet all participation and residential requirements described in these Rules and Regulations.

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, thereof, 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 (25 points)

Each contestant must compose and submit a 300-word (or less) essay entitled, "What My Fair Means to My Community". 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 15, 2011. Essays may be emailed to dpritchard@ivystone.com or printed out and turned in to the office at Unionville High School or Patton Middle School. No essays will be accepted after midnight September 15, 2011.

Essays will be scored on a 25 point scale using the following rubric:

- 15 points Content and creative interpretation of subject
- 5 points Spelling and grammar
- 5 points Neatness

Personal Interview (40 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.

Personal Interviews will be scored on a 40 point scale using the following rubric:

- 15 points Conversational ability
- 15 points Content of responses to questions
- 10 points Appearance and poise

Speech Presentation (35 points)

Each contestant must compose and deliver a three to five minute speech entitled, "**Why You Should Come to My Fair!**" The presentation is designed to offer contestants an opportunity to demonstrate confidence and poise, creative speech-writing, and overall abilities in persuading young and old to attend the Unionville Community Fair. This persuasive speech should be appropriate for an audience of adults. The audience is the panel of judges as well as parents, fair members, and guests who wish to attend the pageant. 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". Consistent to the 2011 rules of the PA State Fair Queen program, overhead projectors or computer presentations are not permitted.

Speeches will score on a 35 point scale using the following rubric:

- 10 points Speech content (to include agriculture)
- 10 points Speech format
- 5 points Conveying a message
- 5 points Public speaking ability
- 5 points Poise and presence

Time Requirements

Every contestant is expected to attend all pre-pageant meetings scheduled by the Fair Queen Advisor(s). 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 process.

Contestant Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 11	Pageant informational meeting (optional)
Thursday, Sept. 15	300-word essay due
Saturday, Sept. 17	Media Day, prepare for pageant and have pictures taken by the media
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Pageant dress rehearsal at Unionville Elementary School, arrive at 5:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Pageant Night (arrive at 5:00 PM); Interviews start 6:00 PM and Pageant begins at 7:00 PM
Saturday, Oct 1	Fair Parade 11 AM
Saturday, Oct 1	Cow-milking contest 5 PM (2011 Queen and Alternate)
Sunday, Oct 2	Closing Ceremonies 4 PM
Friday, Nov. 25	Kennett Square Holiday Parade 4:00 PM

Queen and Alternate Calendar

As the newly crowned representative of our Community Fair, the Queen is expected to spend as much time as possible at the Fair, assisting in any way she is able. The Fair Queen is expected to attend the Denim & Diamonds event Thursday, Sept 29th. In addition to her attendance at the Fair, the Queen will be expected to attend The Kennett Square Holiday Parade on Friday, November 25, 2011. Opportunities may arise for attendance at other promotional events during the year's reign as Fair Queen. This calendar will be provided as far in advance as possible.

The UCF Queen Alternate should also plan to spend as much time as possible at the Fair, assisting in any way she is able. The Fair Queen Alternate is expected to attend the Denim & Diamonds event Thursday, Sept 29th. In addition to her attendance at the fair, the Queen Alternate will be expected to attend The Kennett Square Holiday Parade on Friday, November 25, 2011. In the event that the UCF Queen cannot attend a scheduled event, the Fair Queen Alternate will be called upon to serve as a representative of the UCF and the Fair's Queen Pageant. The Fair Queen Alternate will also be invited to most events attended by the Fair Queen.

Volunteer Hours

All Pageant contestants must volunteer three hours of time or more to help with the Unionville Community Fair. Please contact Berta Rains (610-383-0723) 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.

State Fair Queen Pageant

The young lady crowned as the UCF Queen will be required to represent the Unionville Community Fair at the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fair's (PSACF) Queen Contest, to be held in Hershey, PA in January, 2012. Should the UCF Queen be unable to attend this event for whatever reason, the UCF Queen Alternate will be offered the opportunity to participate. It is important to keep in mind that contestants in the State Fair Queen Pageant must be named the Fair Queen from their respective communities. Therefore, if the Alternate attends the State Pageant, she will be named the UCF Fair Queen, effective January, 2012. This will not affect any awards, scholarships or other amenities presented prior to that date. All PSACF reference to the UCF Queen, however, will apply to the candidate who actually participates in the Sate Fair Queen Pageant.

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 BEFORE, DURING AND WHILE HOLDING A TITLE, THEY WILL FORFEIT THE TITLE AND ANY WINNINGS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

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 Queen 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 individual style of the contestants. There are, however, a few guidelines to be observed during the Pageant and associated events. All formal dresses worn during the Pageant must be at least 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 neck line 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 "skanky" is not appropriate for this event. Once a dress has been approved, the dress may not be changed. If there are questions regarding dresses, contact Debbie Pritchard (610-505-4460) ASAP.

Ms. Congeniality

All contestants will cast a secret ballot on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 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 Queen Advisors and then submitted to the Fair Executive Board, prior to the Pageant. 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 Queen Scholarship

The Unionville Community Fair Queen will receive a cash scholarship of \$500.00. The Unionville Community Fair Queen Alternate will receive a cash scholarship of \$300.00. Scholarship money will be distributed by check at the end of the pageant.

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REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

School attended: _____

Homeroom/Primetime: _____

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(s)