

NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW

QUEEN OF THE FAIR COMMITTEE

OPERATING RULES

1. Contestants shall be a full-time resident of the municipality they are representing, for at least the past twelve (12) consecutive months.
2. Contestants must have won a Sussex County municipal pageant or have the approval of a Sussex County governing body if no municipal pageant was held.
3. All municipal pageants must be held no later than two (2) weeks prior to the QOF pageant.
4. Contestants must be single and between the ages of 17-21 on the date of the QOF pageant.
5. Contestants must be available to attend rehearsal and other related events throughout the year. The Queen must attend the remaining days of the Fair after crowning.
6. All applications must be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to QOF pageant.
7. Contestants may only enter the QOF pageant one time.
8. Contestants must appear in appropriate dress.
9. There will be a panel of three (3) judges who reside outside of and do not work mainly within Sussex County.
10. Judges must be over 18 years of age; may not be a former Queen of the Fair; and may not judge in consecutive years, except for an emergency. Judges are also prohibited from having a unique relationship with any Sussex County municipality, at the Committee's discretion.
11. During the first round, contestants will be judged on a whole number scale of 1 – 10.
12. After the first round, six (6) contestants will be selected to move on to the second round.
13. First round scores carry over to the second round for the six (6) selected individuals.
14. The second round contestants will be asked question(s) and scored by judges on a whole number scale of 1 – 10.
15. If there is a tie, then the tie breaker will be who scored higher on the question of "Why they want to be Queen of the Fair". If scores are still tied, then whoever has a higher score on their biography will win.
16. A contestant will be selected as "People's Choice" via email ballots through the local newspapers.
17. Announcements will be made in the following order: People's Choice, 2nd runner up, 1st runner up and Queen.
18. All scores shall remain confidential
19. The Queen of the Fair must be accompanied by an adult, 18 yrs. of age or older, at all times while representing the Fair.
20. Any outside appearance as Queen of the Fair must be approved by the Queen Committee Chairperson.
21. The Queen may attend the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention in Atlantic City each year along with the County Agricultural Ambassador.