

2026 Lucas County Junior Fair

Royalty & Ambassador Contest

Application Packet



July 13-19, 2026

Royalty & Ambassador Contest

Directors in Charge: Kathy Wenz, Sharon Winslow, Jess Burns

The purpose of the Junior Fair Royalty Program is:

- To provide an opportunity to recognize outstanding youth who are passionate about positively promoting all aspects of the Lucas County Junior Fair Program.
- To provide a positive role model as one of the best and brightest in the county.
- To promote the Junior Fair Program at events and educate the public about the benefits of youth involvement in agriculture.
- To recognize dedication to community service, leadership, and agricultural education.

The purpose of the Junior Fair Ambassador Program is:

- To inform others and promote 4-H/FFA programs while strengthening the programs image.
- To encourage program projects in the 4-H/FFA.
- To improve knowledge and presentation skills.
- To build a portfolio of excellence for future reference.

Dress Code for all Royalty & Ambassadors

- All Royalty and ambassadors will be required to follow a specific dress code, as outlined in the contract, during all events in which title is worn, including during the Lucas County Fair and throughout the year of reign.
- Dresses or shorts no more than three inches above the knee, capri's, jeans without holes or dress pants, blouses, plain t-shirts, polo's, button down shirts or show clothes may be worn during the Lucas County Fair.
- No tank tops, camisoles may be worn. Shoes must be appropriate for the outfit and the event. Some events will have a specific dress code. No bare midriffs or anything see-through

Lucas County Royalty & Ambassador Application

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Age (*As of January 1, 2026*): _____ Grade in High School: _____ Year in College: _____

I want to run for: Royalty: King Queen Ambassador: Project Horse Livestock
(Choose either Royalty or Ambassadors to run for.)

Parents or Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club Name: _____ Years in Club: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Phone: _____

Club Name: _____ Years in Club: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Phone: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Years in Chapter: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Phone: _____

Troop Name: _____ Years in Troop: _____

Advisor Name: _____ Advisor Phone: _____

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Royalty & Ambassador Applicant Information

Please mark N/A if an item does not apply

Applicants Name: _____

Years in 4-H(if applicable)_____

4-H Club Names(s) (if applicable).

Please list all 4-H projects and years taken. *Example: Market Steers (2020-2022), Sewing (2021), etc.*

Please list all 4-H activities (field trips, workshops, camps, leadership, community service) and years participated. *Example: Junior Fair Board (2020-2023), Camp Counselor (2022), etc.*

Years in FFA(if applicable)_____

FFA Chapter Names(s) (if applicable).

Please list all FFA projects and years taken. *Example: Market Sheep (2021-2023), etc.*

Please list all FFA activities (field trips, workshops, camps, leadership, community service) and years participated. *Example: Creed Speaking CDE (2022), Urban Soils CDE (2023), etc.*

Please list the name and number of years of involvement in any other youth organizations you have participated in. *Girl Scouts (2018-2023), Church Youth Group (2020-2023), etc.*

List any other community involvement or activities and years. *Example: Local soup kitchen (2021), etc.*

Please list school activities. *Example: Varsity Soccer (2021-2023), National Honors Society (2023), etc.*

Name of College attending/plan to attend (if applicable): _____

Major in College(if applicable):

For my careers I want to:

Essay question:

I want to be a part of the Court or an Ambassador for Lucas County Junior Fair because?

Applicants Signature:_____

Date:_____

**All required paperwork must be submitted to the
Lucas County Agricultural Society, 1406 Key St., Maumee, OH 43537 by June 1.**

Please review your application carefully for completeness and accuracy. All sections/questions must be completed and all blanks filled in with appropriate information.

Lucas County Junior Fair Royalty

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of 4-H, FFA, Scouting America, Girl Scouts, DECA, or FFCLA.
2. Must be 16-18 years of age (as of January 1 of current year), and be enrolled and an active member in their respective organization for at least two years.
3. All former Kings and Queens are ineligible to compete, but former attendants are still eligible.

Required Documents

1. Application
2. Resume
3. Essay
4. Recommendation letter from advisor of junior fair organization or teacher
5. Bio
6. Contract
7. Photo

Interview

- Panel of judges on June 9 at 5pm at the fairgrounds office

Court consist of:

- Lucas County Junior Fair King
- Lucas County Junior Fair King, 1st Attendant
- Lucas County Junior Fair King, 2nd Attendant
- Lucas County Junior Fair Queen
- Lucas County Junior Fair Queen, 1st Attendant
- Lucas County Junior Fair Queen, 2nd Attendant

Rules:

1. May not be, or ever been married, or living with a partner.
2. May not be now or ever been pregnant/fathered, or adoptive parent of a child.
3. Do not use or consume illegal controlled substances or alcohol
4. Never have been convicted of criminal offense or have criminal charges pending.
5. The Queen will represent Lucas County at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention in January. If the Queen is unable to compete for Ohio Fair's Queen for any reason the attendant will be eligible to compete. Therefore, the Queen must also comply with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Fairs Queen set forth by the Ohio Fair Managers Association. If the queen will not compete for

the Ohio Fairs Queen then she must notify the attendant and coordinators no later than October 1. If the Lucas County Fair Queen earns the title of Ohio Fairs Queen, she will be permitted to retain both titles unless prohibited in the guidelines of the Ohio Fairs Queen.

6. Junior Fair Royalty may not serve as an Ambassador during his/her year of reign.
7. The royalty will reign from the crowing announcement until the crowing ceremony the following year.
8. Some travel will be required of the contestants. This travel will be at the contestant's family expense.
9. The Lucas County Fair Royalty Advisory committee has the right to revoke the crown, title, and accompanying honors of the Royalty Court and Ambassadors. Reasons include but not limited to violations of rules, slanderous behavior against others, inappropriate comments or behavior and gossip. If this action is taken by the committee the respective, title, crown and honors will fall to the next runner up. The Royalty Advisory committee shall consist of the royalty committee, executive team from Sr Fairboard, Jr. Fair Coordinator and Advisor from the youth organization.
10. All information will be verified. Any false information will result in disqualification of the candidacy for the current year.
11. Outgoing King & Queen, with assistance of all outgoing royalty and ambassadors, will host an event on the opening day of the following years fair.
12. Required Fair Attendance:
 - a. All assigned shows and duties during fair.
 - b. Showmanship Sweepstakes
 - c. Livestock Auction
 - d. Awards for Horse & Livestock
 - e. King & Queen return to pass down your title at the 2027 Parade & Opening Ceremonies.
 - f. Royalty event at the 2027 Lucas County Fair.

Preparing for the Lucas County Royalty Contest

What the Royalty Court members should expect during their time serving.

- Promote the fair in a positive way (think about the image you want to promote)
- Find something unique to share about the fair (someone will ask)
- Host visiting royalty and dignitaries at the fair
- Prepare a poster to display during fair in junior fair building.
- Attend Livestock and Horse shows to pass out ribbons as assigned
- Attend other Junior & Senior Fair events
- Be knowledgeable about the fair (schedules, activities) and be able to communicate them to the public
- Visit other fairs and promote your fair
- Make sure you're receiving invitations to attend other fairs and royalty gatherings and invite other royalty to your fair
- Participate in a community service as a court
- Be available after Opening for photos as a court
- Prepare a reception for visiting royalty during the 2027 Lucas County Fair
- King & Queen should assist with the Royalty interview process for the 2027 Lucas County Fair
- King & Queen should prepare and present brief remarks about your year of service at the next year opening ceremony
- King & Queen should work with Lucas County Extension & Junior Fair Committee to create a display for the Junior Fair Building to highlight your year of service
- King & Queen should attend the 2027 Lucas County Fair parade and Opening Ceremonies to pass the crown

Expectations of the Royalty Court members

- Be a role model for Junior Fair members
- Use appropriate behavior and language at all times
- Wear appropriate wardrobe and shoes while at the fair and all other official functions
- Be courteous and available to fair goers and the community
- Work with Senior Fair Committees and Junior Fair Board to schedule Ribbon/Award presentation times and events during fair and on call at all times for visiting royalty.
- Attend all required functions (shows, parade, events, other fairs, Ohio Fair Managers Convention, etc.)
- Be professional on all forms of media, including but not limited to, print, newscasts and social media
- Promote the Lucas County Fair and agricultural in our community in a positive light
- Communicate with Fair Board members regularly in regards to court business
- Include all royalty court members in activities
- Maintain and appropriately manage Instagram posting on fair social media accounts

Visiting other fairs

- Attend as many fairs/events as possible during the year.
- Dress appropriately
- Wear sash and crown
- Use appropriate language while representing Lucas County Fair and be sure to thank them for their hospitality
- Be sure to go with someone when you visit fairs, this is for your safety.
- Take pictures to be posted on Lucas County Fair Facebook page to show what the court is doing throughout the year.

Lucas County Jr Fair Ambassadors

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of 4-H, FFA, Scouting America, Girl Scouts, DECA, or FFCLA.
2. Must be 14-17 years of age (as of January 1 of current year), be enrolled and active member in their respective organization for at least two years.
3. Previous Ambassadors are not eligible in the division that they won in previous years, unless there is no other candidate for that division.
4. Must be or have been active at least two or more years in the division in which you are applying.

Required Documents

1. Application
2. Resume
3. Essay
4. Recommendation letter from advisor of junior fair organization or teacher
5. Bio
6. Contract
7. Photo

Interview

- Panel of judges on June 9 at 5pm at the fairgrounds office

Ambassadors consist of:

- Lucas County Project Ambassador
- Lucas County Horse Ambassador
- Lucas County Livestock Ambassador

Rules

1. May not be, or ever been married, or living with a partner.
2. May not be now or ever been pregnant/fathered, or adoptive parent of a child.
3. Do not use or consume illegal controlled substances or alcohol
4. Never have been convicted of criminal offense or have criminal charges pending.
5. Junior Fair Ambassador may not serve as a Royalty during his/her year of reign.
6. The royalty will reign from the crowing announcement until the crowing ceremony the following year.
7. Some travel will be required of the contestants. This travel will be at the contestant's family expense.

8. The Lucas County Fair Royalty Advisory committee has the right to revoke the crown, title, and accompanying honors of the Royalty Court and Ambassadors. Reasons include but not limited to violations of rules, slanderous behavior against others, inappropriate comments or behavior and gossip. If this action is taken by the committee the respective, title, crown and honors will fall to the next runner up. The Royalty Advisory committee shall consist of the royalty committee, executive team from Sr Fairboard, Jr. Fair Coordinator and Advisor from the youth organization representing.
9. All information will be verified. Any false information will result in disqualification of the candidacy for the current year.
10. All outgoing King & Queen, with assistance of all outgoing royalty and ambassadors, will host an event on the opening day of fair.
11. Required Fair Attendance:
 - a. All assigned shows and duties during fair.
 - b. Showmanship Sweepstakes.
 - c. Awards presentation and shows for respective department.
 - d. Opening ceremonies of the following years fair to pass down your title.
 - e. Royalty event of the following years fair.

Preparing for the Lucas County Ambassador Contest

What the Ambassadors should expect during their time serving.

- Promote the fair in a positive way (think about the image you want to promote)
- Find something unique to share about the fair (someone will ask)
- Host visiting royalty and dignitaries at the fair
- Prepare a poster to display during fair in junior fair building.
- Attend Livestock and Horse shows to pass out ribbons as assigned
- Attend other Junior & Senior Fair events
- Be knowledgeable about the fair (schedules, activities) and be able to communicate them to the public
- Visit other fairs and promote your fair
- Make sure you're receiving invitations to attend other fairs and royalty gatherings and invite other royalty to your fair
- Participate in a community service as a court
- Be available after Opening for photos as a court
- Assist in preparing a reception for visiting royalty on opening day of the 2027 Lucas County Fair
- Assist in preparing with Lucas County Extension & Junior Fair Committee to create a display for the Junior Fair Building to highlight your year of service
- Ambassadors should attend the 2027 Lucas County Fair parade and Opening Ceremonies to pass the sash.

Expectations of the Ambassadors

- Be a role model for Junior Fair members
- Use appropriate behavior and language at all times
- Wear appropriate wardrobe and shoes while at the fair and all other official functions
- Be courteous and available to fair goers and the community
- Work with Royalty court to schedule Ribbon/Award presentation times during your department activities.
- Attend all required functions (shows, parade, events, other fairs, etc.)
- Be professional on all forms of media, including but not limited to, print, newscasts and social media
- Promote the Lucas County Fair and agricultural in our community in a positive light
- Include all royalty court members in activities

Visiting other fairs

- Attend as many fairs/events as possible during the year.
- Dress appropriately
- Wear sash
- Use appropriate language while representing Lucas County Fair and be sure to thank them for their hospitality
- Be sure to go with someone when you visit fairs, this is for your safety.
- Take pictures to be posted on Lucas County Fair Facebook page to show what the ambassadors are doing throughout the year.

What is needed for the Lucas County Royalty & Ambassador Contest

WHAT MUST BE SUBMITTED:

- Application
- Essay
- Resume
- Recommendation from Advisor
- Bio
- Contract
- Photo

Application

- Be thorough and honest
- Mark N/A if an item does not apply to you
- Typed or neatly printed and of professional manner
- Typed in 12pt font or hand written
- Check spelling and grammar

Resume

- 2 page limit
- Typed in 12 pt. font
- Include
 - Name
 - Club and Chapters involved
 - Years of membership

Areas to include but not limited to only these

- Participation in Jr. Fair Organizations
- School Activities
- Leadership Activities
- Community Activities
- Honors/Awards
- Special Projects
- Work Place Experience

Essay

- Typed in 12 pt. font or hand written
- 250 word limit

Recommendation from Advisor or Teacher

- Letter of recommendation from advisor of junior fair organization or teacher.

Contract

- Signed contestant contract found in the Application Packet.

Bio

- 50 word written narrative to be used for the newspaper and social media.
- Should be written in third person.
- Should include:
 - Your Name
 - Parents Name
 - What school you attend
 - Organizations you are representing
 - Major awards and accomplishments from those organizations
 - Other group/activities you are involved with
 - Future plans

Photo

- Submit recent, clear 4x6 color headshot photo
- Will not be returned

Interview

- Wear business professional wardrobe
- Shake judges hand at the beginning and end of interview
- Thank the judges
- Scrapbooks, resumes, etc are not allowed.
- Show your true personality
- Be sincere and honest
- Interviews can only be completed on date specified.
- There will be a panel of judges.
- You may only bring a copy of your application you submitted.

Judges

- A panel of judges will interview each candidate. They will select the Court & Ambassadors.
- All judges will be knowledgeable about Junior Fair programming and will interview each candidate.
- Interviews will be conducted at the fairgrounds office on June 9, 2026
- Participants will wear an outfit appropriate for a professional job interview.
- Candidate unable to complete their interview on date specified will forfeit their candidacy.
- Judges decisions are final.

Scoring:

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| • Activities with the organizations your represent | 25% |
| • Poise & Personality, Personal Appearance | 20% |
| • Essay | 10% |
| • Jr. Fair Involvement | 35% |
| • Activities outside of fair and organizations you represent | 10% |

Parade/Opening Ceremonies

- Candidate is required to furnish their own vehicle or may ride with their organization/club.
- Candidates must furnish two signs for their vehicle indicating their name and organization/club representing.
- Use professional manors as parading through the grounds and during the ceremony
- Contestants will introduce themselves before the audience by stating their name, club/organizations they represent, some background info about themselves.
- Female candidates should wear a formal, long, modest, no bare/see-through midriffs, deep plunging necklines or split more than three inches above the knee. Two-piece formals must touch. No hats allowed
- Male candidate must wear suite or dress pants and dress shirt. No hats allowed.
- All wardrobe choices should be modest and tasteful. Please consider your ability to get in and out of transportation and walk on uneven ground when selecting your wardrobe.

Lucas County Royalty & Ambassador Contestant Contract

Contestant Name: _____

Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1 The Lucas County Agricultural Society operates a program offering opportunities for the youth within Lucas County. In doing so, The Lucas County Agricultural Society has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of the program. These elements include but are not limited to; (1) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young men and women of Lucas County Jr Fair who enter the competition (the "Contestants"); and (2) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other Jr. Fair participants with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 1.2 The winners of the competition shall be designated "2026 Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador" and shall be entitled to that title until their successors are named at the competition in July 2026. During this period (the "Year of Service"), "2026 Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador" shall be required to engage in travel and participate in personal appearances throughout the County and State.
- 1.3 In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to their activities during their Year of Service if they are selected as Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty or Ambassador.
- 1.4 Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to Lucas County Agricultural Society Royalty & Ambassador Committee for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of The Lucas County Agricultural Society described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and (4) The Lucas County Agricultural Society shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Wood County Fair Royalty Program, in the event that The Lucas County Agricultural Society determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility

- 2.1 Age. I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must (1) have been at least sixteen (16) years of age as of January 1 of current year for Royalty, or I must have been at least (14) years of age as of January 1 of current year for Ambassadors and (2) be no older than nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
- 2.2 Residence. I understand that I must live in Lucas County or be representing a club that is based out of Lucas County in order to compete in the Royalty Contest.
- 2.3. Citizenship. I am a citizen of the United States of America.
- 2.4 Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador Contest, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:
- 2.41 Gender. I have always been and am currently my assigned gender at birth.
- 2.42 Marital Status. I am not now and I have never been married.
- 2.43 Parental Status. I have never fathered or mothered a child, naturally or adapted. I am not pregnant.
- 2.44 Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
- 2.45 Criminal Record. Other than minor or petty offenses, I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.
- 2.46 Prior Conduct. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
- 2.47 Substance Abuse. I do not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

Section 3: Participation in the Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador Program

- 3.1 Participation in Competition. I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador. These events shall commence and be scheduled on dates to be determined by the Lucas County Agricultural Society. My participation in the competition shall include all public appearances required of me by Lucas County Agricultural Society including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition and royalty duties.
- 3.2 Conduct of the Competition. I understand and agree that The Lucas County Agricultural Society shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that The Lucas County Agricultural Society shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the giving of awards is at its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by Lucas County Agricultural Society to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.
- 3.3 Permanent License of Publication Rights. I hereby authorize the Lucas County Agricultural Society and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the Lucas County Agricultural Society to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Lucas County Agricultural Society, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.
- 3.4 The Lucas County Agricultural Society Ownership of Rights. I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Lucas County Agricultural Society.
- 3.5 Selection as Runner-Up. If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador Program, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service in the event that the Lucas County Agricultural Society appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Lucas County Fair King, Queen or as another runner-up or Ambassador.
- 3.6 Change in Circumstances. I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, criminal background or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Lucas County Agricultural Society shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

Section 4: Commitments for Service as "Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador"

- 4.1 If I am selected as "Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador" at the competition, I will serve the Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. The duties and obligations of my service have been described to me and I understand and accept them. I agree that I will dedicate my time, efforts and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations.
- 4.2 During the fair, All Royalty are required to attend at least 1 show each day to pass out ribbons/awards, and attend various entertainment events. All royalty must make themselves available to take shifts giving tours to visiting royalty as they arrive. They must be acceptably dressed at all of these events and wear their crown/hat or tiara and sash.
- 4.3 After the fair, All Royalty & Ambassadors are required to attend other fairs/festivals to represent Lucas County Fair as well as make appearances at other social engagements as deemed necessary by the Royalty & Ambassador Committee.
- 4.4 Appearances after Year of Service. After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown of Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador, nor appear as such for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Lucas County Agricultural Society.
- 4.5 If at any time these obligations are not being met, the Royalty & Ambassador Committee may meet and recommend to the full Wood County Fair Board that royalty status be revoked.

I have read all of the requirements and expectations of Lucas County Jr. Fair Royalty & Ambassador Program and certify that I meet all of the requirements of this position if I am selected. I understand that if at any time I am not living up to my responsibilities or am found to not be in compliance with these standards that after a vote from the Royalty & Ambassador Committee, I will be removed from my position on the court and an alternate can be put in my place.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____