

**Preble County Junior
King & Queen Entry Requirements
Due Friday, May 1, 2026**

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Each candidate must be a member of a 4-H Club, FCCLA, or FFA Chapter, Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club or Girl Scout Troop.
2. Every King candidate must be between 15 and 19 years of age as of the day of the contest and must be an exhibitor in the Preble County Junior Fair Program. The Queen candidates must be between 16 and 19 years of age as of the day of the contest and must be an exhibitor in the Preble County Junior Fair Program.
3. Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, or have not borne a child.
4. The reigning Queen of the Preble County Junior Fair shall be eligible to compete in the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest the year she is selected. To participate in the Ohio Fairs' Queen contest, she must meet the Ohio Fairs' Queen competition qualifications and complete the entry and interview process.
5. The king, queen and/or court will be given a list of activities in which he and she **will be required to participate** throughout the fair as well as other county fairs and community events. **If you are unable to attend the fair to carry out duties and responsibilities, please reconsider your participation in this contest.** (The only exception to this rule will be participation in The Ohio State Fair and prior notification to the King & Queen Advisory Committee will be required.) The King, Queen, and Court will be required to attend the organizational meeting to assign responsibilities during the 2026 Preble County Junior Fair.
6. All applicants for Preble County Junior Fair King & Queen must complete an application and essay and submit them by the deadline. All applicants must also make available the Advisor Evaluation to their advisor and the advisor must submit it by the deadline. All applicants **MUST** complete an **IN-PERSON** personal interview with a panel of judges. Candidates **MUST** also be publicly quizzed **IN PERSON** at the evening contest. **No phone interviews or video interviews will be permitted if you are not able to attend the Personal Interview and at the Evening event you are not eligible to participate in the 2026 Royalty Contest.** The judge's decisions are final.
7. Return the application to the Preble County Fair Office, 722 South Franklin Street, Eaton, OH 45320 by **Friday, May 1, 2026**. Contestants must also submit with their application; activities resume and essay. Contestants **MUST EMAIL** a headshot picture (picture does not have to be professional) to fields.kim1978@gmail.com. Advisor Evaluations shall be submitted separately by the **Friday, May 1, 2026**, deadline. Personal Interviews will be held at the Preble County Fairgrounds in the Expo Expansion on Saturday, June 6, 2026, an interview schedule will be sent later for personal interview times.
8. Each King and Queen candidate is encouraged to participate in a luncheon with the Judges at 12 noon on the day of the contest. The Luncheon will count as 10 points.

JUDGING:

1. Contestant will submit activities resume and essay.
2. Contestants will have an advisor complete and submit an evaluation form.
3. Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Preble County Fairgrounds, interview time to be sent to each contestant once all applications have been received.
4. Business Casual dress (no jeans) will be acceptable for the interview. Formal dress is suggested for the evening program at 7 p.m. on the Preble Co. Fairgrounds in the Expo Expansion on Saturday, June 6, 2026.
5. The King & Queen will be selected and crowned on the same evening as the contest. First & Second Runners-Up will also be honored. If applicants are interested in running for Livestock Court, Horse Royalty or Nutrition, Textiles and Arts Court, they must submit the Livestock/Horse/Nutrition, Textiles and Arts Court application at the same time and if not selected for Preble County Jr. Fair Court contestant will be considered for Livestock/Horse/NT&A Court.
6. The King & Queen and Court are expected to maintain the dress and poise of the position during the entire time of the fair.
7. Scoring will be done on the following basis:

	<u>Total Points Available</u>
1. ACTIVITIES RESUME (Be sure to include your Jr. Fair exhibits for this fair.) Junior Fair Participation, Achievement, Leadership and Other Youth Activities	25
2. ADVISOR EVALUATION	20
3. ESSAY – <i>How will you better the Preble Co. Junior Fair as King/Queen/Royalty?</i>	15
4. LUNCHEON W/JUDGES	10
5. PERSONAL INTERVIEW - Attitude, ease in answering questions, knowledge	15
6. EVENING CONTEST - Poise, relates to audience, ease in answering questions	15

Total 100

DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR ENTRY PACKET

**Preble County Junior
King & Queen Entry Checklist**

Applications and all appropriate paperwork due Friday, May 1, 2026

(ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY Friday, May 1, 2026, DEADLINE)

- _____ Application
- _____ Submit Evaluation to Advisor
- _____ An essay: – *How will you better the Junior Fair or Preble Co 4-H as King/Queen/Royalty?*
- _____ Activities Resume
- _____ Newspaper Photo: **MUST EMAIL** a headshot picture (picture does not have to be professional) to fields.kim1978@gmail.com

**JUNIOR FAIR KING AND QUEEN ENTRY FORM
(Deadline Friday, May 1, 2026)**

I am submitting this entry form, my activities resume, an essay, and a emailing a photo of myself ***with the understanding that if selected as the Junior Fair King, Queen, or Runners-Up, I will be REQUIRED to attend, participate, and represent the Preble County Junior Fair during the entire 2026 fair and throughout the following year as needed.***

Participant Signature

Parent Signature

Participant Name

Age

Address

City/State/Zip

Name of Club/Chapter

Phone

Father's Name (Please Print)

Mother's Name (Please Print)

Advisor's Signature

**Preble County Junior
King & Queen Advisor Recommendation Form
Deadline is Friday, May 1, 2026**

(IF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE THE CONTESTANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED)

I, _____ am interested in running for Preble County Junior Fair King/Queen. The County Senior Fair Board and King and Queen Committee would like your input about my qualities to fulfill the responsibilities. Please comment on the following topics and return this form to the Preble County Fair Office, 722 South Franklin Street, Eaton, OH, 45320, **(must be a non-relative of the applicant.)**

	Above Average (4)	Average (2)	Below Average (1)
How would you rate the applicant: (Check (x) appropriate rating)			
Maturity/judgment/self-confidence:	_____	_____	_____
Leadership Abilities	_____	_____	_____
Enthusiasm/energy/flexibility	_____	_____	_____
Interaction with younger members	_____	_____	_____
Attendance/participation in meetings/ Activities	_____	_____	_____

Do you recommend this applicant for consideration for Preble County Junior Fair King/Queen:

Yes ____ No ____

Advisor Signature

Club/Chapter

Date

Please return this form to the Preble County Fair Office, 722 South Franklin Street, Eaton, OH, 45320, **by Friday, May 1, 2026 (not to be given to the applicant)**. This form will remain confidential. Thank you for completing this recommendation.

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Total Evaluation Points: _____