

The Warren County Farmers' Fair Queen Competition

2026 Rules and Regulations

Entry Deadline: Friday June 5th, 2026

Fair Dates: July 25th-August 1st, 2026

Competition Date: Monday July 27th 2026

Mandatory Meeting: June 24th 2026, 6pm @ Harmony Twp. Municipal Building
3003 Belvidere Rd, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Contestant Qualifications:

1. A resident of Warren County for at least one year.
2. At least 16 years of age and not over 21, as of the date of competition.
3. No legal dependents.
4. All contestants will be required to participate in:

Event	Judging	Score
Washington 4 th of July Parade (2026)	On time In proper attire Bring a towel	/5
Mandatory Contestants Meeting	Present On time	/5
Mandatory Interview	Present On time	/5
Rehearsal	On time Prepared introduction	/5
Total points		/20

Attendance is required at these events. Missed requirements will result in a point deduction as demonstrated above.

5. All parts of the application must be completed and submitted by the entry date, for full credit on each section of the application this includes but is not limited to:
 1. Application
 2. One **color** 8x10 head and shoulder photo
 3. Written essay

Winners will have the following requirements and opportunities:

Required:

- Attendance throughout the current Warren County Farmers Fair (2026) •

The next year's fair opening ceremonies and Fair Queen Competition
(2027)

- Participation in the New Jersey State Fair Ambassador Contest (2026)

- Attendance at the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention (2027)

Attend the Farmers Fair Annual Dinner. (TBD)

Other opportunities may include:

- Talking to local schools about the fair queen program
- St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 2027)
- Memorial Day Parade (May 2027)
- July 4th Parade- Washington (July 2027)

Each contestant will be judged on:

1. Completion of application.
2. Written Essay- "How would you promote the Warren County Farmers Fair and agriculture throughout the year?"
 - 2.1. 300 words or less (number of words needs to be put in footer)
 - 2.2. Must be Typed.
 - 2.3. Double Spaced
 - 2.4. Times New Roman- 12 pt. font
 - 2.5. Include contestants name and age in the right-side header.

3. Personal Interview- Please wear proper interview attire.

- 3.1. Conversational ability
- 3.2. Answers to questions
- 3.3. Appearance and poise
- 3.4. Fair and agricultural knowledge

4. Introduction and Stage Presence

4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. Should include Name, Town, Age, School, and community activities and accomplishments. No longer than 1 minute.

4.2. Appearance

4.2.1. Formal attire, only one outfit, there will be no changing. Other than talent/demonstration .

4.3 Stage Presence

4.3.1 Confidence, comfortable in front of crowd, relaxed, smiles

5. Speech Presentation- "What Does Agriculture Mean to Me?"

5.1. 3 – 5 minutes, timed, no notes.

5.2. Conveys a message- Speech persuasive, Presentation is knowledgeable, professional

Focus on being informative, not talented.

5.3. Content- Content is accurate, professional, and demonstrates knowledge.

5.4. Speaking ability.

5.5. Poise and presence.

6. Talent or Demonstration (choose 1) ***New in 2026***

6.1 5 minute maximum

6.2 Must bring all your own props, music, materials, etc.

6.3 Parents are in charge of setting up and removing all props/materials as quickly as possible.

6.4. All equipment/materials should be brought to rehearsal.

Awards

- Queen- \$500, sash, tote bag
- First runner up- \$300, tote bag
- Second runner up- \$200, tote bag

Questions, Comments, and Concerns Please contact:

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