

The Warren County Farmers' Fair Ambassador Competition

Rules and Regulations

Entry Deadline: May 31, 2024

Fair Dates: July 27-August 3, 2024

Competition Date: July 27, 2024

Mandatory Meeting: June 7, 2024-6 PM – Harmony Twsp Municipal Building- 3003 Belvidere Rd, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Contestant Qualifications:

1. Be a resident of Warren County for at least one year.
2. Be 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 the following activities. This will contribute to your final score.**

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| 4 th of July parade (2024) | On time | |
| | In proper attire | /25 |
| | Bring a towel | |
| Mandatory contestants meeting | Present | |
| | On time | /25 |
| Mandatory Interview | Present | |
| | On time | /25 |
| Competition Rehearsal | • On time | |
| | • Prepared introduction | /25 |
| Total points | | /100 |

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:
 - 5.1. Application
 - 5.2. One **color** 8x10 head and shoulder photo
 - 5.3. Written essay
 - 5.4. Personal interviews

Winners will have the following requirements and opportunities:

Required:

- Attendance throughout the current Warren County Farmers Fair (2024)
- The next year's fair opening ceremonies (2025)

- Participation in the New Jersey State Fair Ambassador Contest (2024)
- Attendance at the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention (2025)
- Attend the Farmers Fair Annual Dinner. (TBD)

Other opportunities may include:

- Talking to local schools about the fair ambassador program
- St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 2025)
- Memorial Day Parade (May 2025)
- July 4th parade- Washington (July 2025)

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
 - 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.
 - 2.6. Include the total word count in the document footer.
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. **One outfit for the duration of the competition. An outfit change for talent/demonstration will be permitted**
5. Speech Presentation- "What does agriculture mean to me?"

- 5.1. 3 – 5 minutes, timed, **no notes**
 - 5.2. Should convey a message and content.
 - 5.3. Speaking ability
 - 5.4. Poise and presence
6. Talent or Demonstration (choose 1)
- 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

- Ambassador- \$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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