

2018 SOLANCO FAIR QUEEN INFORMATION PACKET AND APPLICATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SOLANCO FAIR QUEEN COMPETITION

- Thursday July 26th, 2018 – Informal Meeting, for interested contestants & guardians to ask questions about the program & obligations (**LOCATION TBD**)*
 - Saturday August 25th, 2018 – Registration Meeting/Deadline to Enter Competition, applications are due & each contestant will have a professional headshot taken for program booklet (**LOCATION TBD**)*
 - Tuesday & Thursday September 11th & 13th – Rehearsal for pageant, gowns will be approved **East Drumore Township Building**
 - Saturday September 15th, 2018 – Day of pageant, Queen & Alternate will be crowned **East Drumore Township Building**
 - Wednesday – Friday September 19th – 21st, 2018 – Solanco Fair Duties for newly crowned Queen & Alternate
- ** January 24th – 26th, 2019 PA State Fair Queen Competition in Hershey, PA (*only the 2018 Solanco Fair Queen is **required** to attend the State Competition*) **

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The purpose of the Solanco Fair Queen Program is to select the new Solanco Fair Queen & one (1) Alternate who will represent the Solanco Fair for one (1) year. They will receive a \$500 & \$250 scholarship, respectively upon meeting all obligations.

All contestants must follow all rules, behavior policy, dress code & regulations to be eligible to compete in the Solanco Fair Queen Competition.

1. Contestants must be a female who is a US citizen & resident of the Solanco School District.
2. Must be at least 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1st 2018.
3. Contestant must be single, never have been married, have not been pregnant or given birth to a child.
4. Contestant must not have been former winner nor former contestant of the PA Fair Queen contest.
5. Contestant may not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Must have parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter the competition.

Please refer to the Solanco Fair Book for ALL official rules, if you would like a copy of complete rules please contact Carly Foose 717-847-3742 carly.foose@gmail.com

The Solanco Fair Queen Program complies with all official PA State Fair Queen rules, those may be found on www.pafairs.org under the Convention > Queen Contest section

After the competition, the new Solanco Fair Queen/Alternate will serve in the following capacities:

1. Attend & participate in events/activities listed in schedule of events. **It is mandatory that the newly crowned 2018 Solanco Fair Queen Attends the 2019 PA Fair Queen Competition in January.** (*if the Queen/Alternate would like to participate in activities of her choice throughout the year, they must be approved by the committee before she makes an appearance*)
2. Promote greater public understanding, awareness & interest of agriculture & the fair industry.
3. Follow all official rules, behavior policy, dress code & regulations of the program.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Saturday September 15th 2018, all judging will be conducted, by three (3) judges. The judges' decision is final, no score sheets or comments will be shared.

All sections are required, contestants will be judged on the following:

1. **Written Essay** – “What The Fair Means To My Community” (300 words or less) contestants will be judged on their grammar, spelling & content
Two typed copies of the written essay must be submitted before the competition, during rehearsal.
2. **Personal Interview** – Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise, activities, & knowledge of the fair industry
3. **On Stage Interview** - Contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise, activities, & knowledge of the fair industry
4. **Speech Presentation** – “Why You Should Come To My Fair” (3-5 minutes, timed) Speech content to include agriculture. Contestants will be judged on their speech content, speech format, public speaking ability, appearance/poise & ability to convey a persuasive message.
Two typed copies of the speech must be submitted before the competition, during rehearsal.
5. **Evening Gown/Introduction** – 15 second personal introduction to audience. Contestants will be judged on their ability to deliver strong informative content and have a good stage presence, appearance/poise.

DRESS CODE FOR COMPETITION

No sneakers, flip flops, cowboy boots or jeans will be permitted at any time.

Appropriate business attire is required for the Personal Interview & professional headshot (August 25th 2018). Outfits should be professional with appropriate accessories. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx. 2.5 inches) from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap. Dress slacks/dress suit are permitted as well. No outfit that shows cleavage, no visible piercings (other than earrings) & no visible tattoos.

An evening gown is required for the onstage portion of the competition. Gowns must be tasteful, and should not show cleavage, no visible piercings (other than earrings) & no visible tattoos. Evening wear shoes should be a comfortable height, and able to be walked in with ease. Gowns must be one piece, with no cutouts or transparent mesh sections. All gowns & shoes must be approved by the committee during rehearsal (September 11th, 2018), if your gown is not approved you are responsible to find an appropriate gown by the competition.

Please have hair & makeup done BEFORE you arrive to the pageant, there will an opportunity to touch up before the stage portion of the competition.

BIOGRAPHY & CONTESTANT INFORMATION

SHORT BIOGRAPHY PARAGRAPH

Please submit required Biography Paragraph typed & on a separate sheet of paper. Handwritten will not be accepted. A sample is included on the next page, the committee reserves the right to edit the biography to the proper size to fit in the program booklet.

Amy Smith

Amy is the 18-year-old daughter of John & Mary Smith of Anytown, PA. She is currently a Senior at Solanco High School where she is member of the FFA, Student Council, Pep Club & Band. Amy earned Student of the Month in February for her willingness to help others. She is employed at Hamburger Harry's and enjoys volunteering at the local library. When Amy isn't busy with her school activities, she spends her spare time scrapbooking, swimming & spending time with her family. Amy plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania in the Fall.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

All information is required & will be reviewed by the Judges as part of the contest judging process. This will help the Judges ask each contestant questions. If you need more space to list information, you may attach a separate sheet either handwritten or typed.

HIGHSCHOOL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITES, HONORS, AWARDS

INVOLVEMENT/AWARDS ETC.	LEADERSHIP POSTION HELD (if applicable)	YEAR

COLLEGE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITES, HONORS, AWARDS

INVOLVEMENT/AWARDS ETC.	LEADERSHIP POSTION HELD (if applicable)	YEAR

PARTICIPATION IN FAIR(S)

INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITY	AWARDS (if applicable)	YEAR

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

CHURCH, COMMUNITY CLUBS, VOLUNTEERING, ETC.	LEADERSHIP POSITION HELD (if applicable)	YEAR

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (if applicable)

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION HELD	YEAR

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

WHY I WANT TO BE THIS YEARS FAIR QUEEN (this is separate from the Written Essay portion)

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2018 SOLANCO FAIR QUEEN APPLICATION

Name of Contestant: _____ Age: _____
List name exactly as it is to appear in all contest documents (as of 06/01/2018)

Name of School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Contestant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Contestant's Home Phone: (____) _____ Contestant's Cell Phone: (____) _____

Contestant's Email: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) : _____ Relation: _____

Contact's Phone: (____) _____ Contact's Email: _____

FAIR CERTIFICATION:

"I hereby acknowledge that the personal information provided on this Application is truthful and correct. I have received, read, and understand the entire Application & Information Packet I hereby agree to abide by the Solanco Fair Queen and PA Fair Queen Program Official Rules and Regulations pertaining to the State Competition as listed in said Application Packet. I understand the time, manner and method of conducting the Solanco Fair Queen Competition is solely within the discretion of the Solanco Fair Queen Program Committee and their Fair Board Directors, and that the decision of the Judges is final."

Fair Queen Contestant's Signature

"We hereby certify that _____ (Name of Contestant) is certified to compete in the 2018 Solanco Fair Queen Competition. She has complied with the Solanco Fair Queen Program's official rules as listed in this Application packet. All Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Solanco Fair Queen Competition and State Competition have been reviewed with the Contestant, and she understands and agrees to comply with said Rules and Regulations in order to represent our Fair at the State Competition if she were to be selected the 2018 Solanco Fair Queen.

_____ *(Signature of Parent/Guardian)* will serve as the
Contestant's adult contact during 2018 Solanco Fair Queen Competition

_____ *(Signature of Fair Queen Coordinator)*

CHECK LIST

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE REGISTRATION MEETING, AUGUST 25TH 2018.

THIS IS THE DEADLINE TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

- Completed Application
- Typed Short Biography Paragraph
- Dressed in appropriate business attire for professional headshot

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE FIRST REHEARSAL, SEPTEMBER 11TH 2018

- Two typed copies of your final Written Essay – no changes can be made after submission
- Two typed copies of your final Speech Presentation - no changes can be made after submission
- Evening gown & shoes for approval by the committee

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE COMPETITION, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2018

- Hair & Makeup done before you arrive for the competition
- Approved evening gown and shoes
- Business attire for Personal/On Stage Interview & Speech Presentation
- Your smile!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact one of the following Solanco Fair Queen Program Committee members, we look forward to helping you!

Carly Foose – 717-847-3742

Ellen Bowman – 717-380-2950

Carolyn Lawrence – 717-824-1320

Katherine Tshudy – 717-951-8458