2019 Licking County 4-H Horse and Pony
Queen/King & Princess/Prince Royalty Program

Dear 4-H Member:

Licking County is proud to have 4-H members that show an interest in running for Licking County Horse & Pony QKPP Royal Court. This shows us that you are interested in spreading the good will that 4-H has to offer children throughout our county.

If chosen as the representative you may be asked to speak at various functions such as 4-H banquets, to participate in parades and pass out ribbons and trophies at 4-H Horse Shows. In all areas you will be expected to show good sportsmanship and be a true 4-H member in good standing.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS...
QUEEN & KING
1. Ages 14 -18 years of age (as of Jan. 1)
2. A 4-H member in good standing and eligible for full participation at the Hartford Fair
3. A 4-H member at least one year prior to current year
4. Male (King) or Female (Queen)
5. No limit as to the number of candidates from the same 4-H club
6. Must be an Advance or Intermediate Rider

PRINCESS & PRINCE
1. Ages 9 -13 years (as of Jan. 1)
2. A 4-H member in good standing and eligible for full participation at the Hartford Fair
3. A 4-H member at least one year prior to current year
4. Male (Prince) or Female (Princess)
5. No limit as to the number of candidates from the same 4-H club
6. Must be “Second Year Beginner, Intermediate or Advance or have taken a “horseless horse” project the year before and be a current “First Year Beginner” Rider

EXPECTATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE...
1. Must be able to attend Licking County 4-H Horse Program Functions:
   a. County 4-H Shows & Hartford Fair (Pass Out Ribbons). Must report to the entry booth and pass out ribbons for a minimum of 4 classes each show day.
   b. Spring Fling & Fundraising Projects
   c. Fall Banquet
2. Attend as many community parades as possible
3. Send thank you notes to all merchants and 4-H clubs that donate items for the royal court contest
4. Attend 4-H club functions (i.e.: meetings, work sessions, banquets) when invited
5. Attend the 2020 Crowning Program events
6. Attend two to three Community Events
7. Must represent oneself in a positive, morale, upstanding manner, reflecting the ideology of 4-H, the Equine program and the Licking County 4-H Horse and Pony Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION...
A. Application must be completed only by the candidate. It may be hand written or typed through use of a computer. Contestant does not need to use the original Application Form; however, it must include all information in the same order that is on the original Application form.
B. The candidate may only hold the position he/she is qualified for once. (Ex. Once you are crowned Princess/Prince you may not run again; however, you can run for Queen/King when you are eligible. Once you are crowned Queen/King you cannot run again.)

C. There will be 2-3 impartial judges present during candidate interview. 1-2 impartial judges for the public speaking.

D. Numbers will be assigned to each candidate to designate the order that candidates will participate in the contest. This number will follow the contestant throughout the contest. Queen/King will have even numbers, Princess/Prince odd numbers.

E. If for any reason the representative is unable to fulfill their obligations as Queen / King / Princess / Prince, their crown will be passed to the runner-up. The runner-up will be eligible to run again for that position, if age allows.

F. Horseless Horse project member are not eligible for this competition because they do not have their own project animal.

G. Attendance to all scheduled contest events is expected. Judging in all areas must be completed to be eligible for Queen & King / Princess & Prince. **Crowning will be at the LC4-HHPC Spring Fling on April 14, 2019.**

H. Individual awards will be combined as: Queen & King / Princess & Prince – To be presented at the LC4-HHPC Spring Fling on April 14, 2019.

**PROCEDURES are as follows:**

**Introduction and Receiving of Royalty Packet**
To Be Held – Licking County Extension Office

- **March 4, 2019 – 7:00pm**
  Receive application packet, essay question, and all information needed to complete the royalty program.
  If you are unable to attend this meeting contact Lisa Kuhn (614-746-7634) to obtain a packet.

**Interview/Public Speaking, Turn in Application, Essay, and Skillathon**
To Be Held – Licking County Extension Office

- **March 12, 2019 – 6:30pm**
  QKPP Dress Code: **Business Casual (girls: skirt, dress, or dress pants/boys: dress pants and button shirt)**
  Application – Worth 10 points. Contestants will turn in their application
  Essay – Worth 40 points. Contestants will turn in their essay
  Interview/Public Speaking – Worth 60 points as follows: Poise -5, Appearance -5, Personality -10, and Response to four questions – 10 points per question.
  Skill-A-Thon – Worth 40 points. Contestants will complete a 40 question/identification of horse parts, equipment, feed, tack, etc.

**Crowning**
To be Held – LC4-HHPC Spring Fling at the Grove By The River, 840 Hollander St, Newark, Ohio.

- **April 14, 2018 – 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Contest Components:**
1) **Application to be turned in March 12, 2019**
Application may be hand written or typed. Contestant does not need to use the original application form; however, it must include all information in the same order as listed on the original application form. Spelling and punctuation
will be evaluated. List accomplishments in a bullet format with complete sentences, starting at the current year and then work backwards.

2) **Essay to be turned in March 12, 2019**
   i) Essay may be hand written or typed.
   ii) The only identification on paper will be the assigned number given to the contestant.
   iii) There will be separate topics for Queen/King and Princess/Prince to write. Queen/King essay shall consist of no less than 200 words. Princess/Prince no less than 150 words. Maximum word amount will be 500 words.
   iv) Essay will be evaluated for context, flow of answer, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

3) **Interview/Public speaking to be held on March 12, 2019**
   i) Interview/public speaking in front of a panel of judges
   ii) To take place in front of 4H members and family members
   iii) After all contestants are finished a dessert and social gathering will take place.

4) **Skill-A-Thon to be completed on March 12, 2018**
   i) Each contestant will complete a 40 question/identification of horse parts equipment, feed, tack, etc.

5) **Scoring System:**
   **Application**
   Graded on neatness, grammar, spelling, and punctuation 10 points
   **Essay**
   Graded on correct amount of words, grammar, spelling, Punctuation, originality, & style. 40 points
   **Interview/Public Speaking**
   Poise, appearance, personality, response to 4 questions 60 points
   **Skill-A-Thon**
   40 questions (1pt each) 40 points

   **Highest Possible Score:** 150 points

6) **Tie Breaking**
   If a tie in overall points occurs then a contest winner will be determined using the top three scores in individual testing categories (i.e. Skill-a-thon, essay, interview/public speaking). If candidates scored the same or equal high scores in two categories, then the highest Interview/Public Speaking score will determine the contest winner.