

2022 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

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

PRINCESS & PRINCE

- Ages 9 -13 years (as of Jan. 1)
- A 4-H member in good standing and eligible for full participation at the Hartford Fair
- A 4-H member at least one year prior to current year
- Male (Prince) or Female (Princess)
- No limit as to the number of candidates from the same 4-H club
- 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 2022 Crowning Program event-June 18th 4-H western horse show during 30 min break.**
6. Attend two to three Community Events
7. Must represent oneself in a positive, moral, upstanding manner, reflecting the ideology of 4-H, the Equine program and the Licking County 4-H Horse and Pony Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Application must be completed only by the candidate. It may be handwritten 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.
2. 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.)

3. There will be 2-3 judges present during candidate interviews. 1-2 judges for the public speaking and 1 judge during the horsemanship.
4. Attendance to all scheduled contest events is expected. Judging in all areas must be completed to be eligible for Queen & King / Princess & Prince.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Horseless Horse project members are not eligible for this competition because they do not have their own project animal.
8. Individual awards will be combined as: Queen & King | Princess & Prince – To be presented at the June 18th show.

PROCEDURES are as follows:

Obtain Royalty Packet: www.licking.osu.edu > 4-H Youth Development > Royalty

Online Only: Please contact your advisor for more information / questions or Teresa Rhodeback at 740-504-4165
Email: tjrhodeback@gmail.com

- **Application & Essay Deadline: Wednesday, April 6th**
- **Interview | Public Speaking | Skillathon: Wednesday, April 27th (7:00 p.m.)**
 - To Be Held – Licking County Extension Office
 - QKPP Dress Code: Business Casual (girls: skirt, dress, or dress pants/boys: dress pants and button shirt)
- **Horsemanship Class: Saturday, May 7th @ 9:00 a.m.**
- **Crowning: Saturday, June 18, 2022 4-H Show (during the 30 minute break)**

Contest Components / Details:

Application to be submitted April 6, 2022 (via mail)

Application may be neatly handwritten or typed (12 pt. font). 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.

Essay to be written / submitted with Application by April 6, 2022

- Essay may be neatly handwritten or typed (12 pt. font).
- The only identification on paper will be the assigned number given to the contestant.
- 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.
- Essay will be evaluated for context, flow of answer, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Interview/Public Speaking to be held on April 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Extension Office)

- Interview/public speaking in front of a panel of judges
- To take place in front of 4-H and family members
- After all contestants have finished a dessert and social gathering will take place.

Skill-A-Thon to be completed on April 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Extension Office)

Each contestant will complete a 40 question/identification of horse parts equipment, feed, tack, etc. (Resources: project books 190R, 173, 174, 175, 177)

Horsemanship to be held on May 7, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. (Hartford Fairgrounds)

- Horsemanship will count for 20 points of the overall total score. The horsemanship competition will be held at the Hartford Fairgrounds on May 7, 2022 @ 9 a.m. (before the start of the 2022 Spring Clinic) Note: If Spring Clinic is not able to be held, all contestants will receive full points in this area.

Scoring System:

- **Application - 10 points**
 - o (Graded on neatness, grammar, spelling, and punctuation)
- **Essay - 20 points**
 - o (Graded on correct amount of words, grammar, spelling, punctuation, originality, & style.)
- **Interview | Public Speaking - 30 points** (Poise, appearance, personality, response to 4 questions)
- **Skill-A-Thon - 20 points** (40 questions) (1/2pt each)
- **Horsemanship - 20 points** (Basic equitation abilities, performance and ability, presentation)
- **Highest Possible Score: 100 points**

Contestants MUST use their 4-H project horse (horse on ID form) for the entire contest.

The purpose of this category is to select the Contestant who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship: Control of mount and the way each situation that may occur is handled
2. Balance- ability to sit correctly in the saddle (or proper posture in cart)
3. Position of hands, feet, and seat
4. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse or equipment
5. Presentation - one's ability to show. Contestants should remember that this will be judged on how the contestant cues the horse, not the horses' ability. Contestants should strive for a smooth pattern.
6. On the day of the competition contestants will draw for positions. Upon completion of drawing parents, trainers and anyone else associated with the contestants will be asked to take a seat in the stands until the judging is completed. Each contestant will be allowed to have one person (groom) remain with them in the paddock area during the horsemanship portion of the competition.
7. Contestants are to wear Driving, English or Western show attire, helmet and boots for the "horsemanship" portion of the contest.
8. Each contestant will be judged on her ability to control her horse and the response her horse has to her commands. Horse and rider should be good working partners.
9. Once the last contestant is finished, all contestants will enter the arena and line up in numerical order in the center of the arena so the judges can make their final scores. Note: Although it is not your horse or tack being judged you should still take pride in your attire and the cleanliness of your horse and tack. The horsemanship portion of the competition will consist of rail work and a horsemanship pattern.
10. First go-round: This round will consist of rail work. All contestants will enter the arena in order of drawn position. You will have to walk, trot, lope and reverse direction as the announcer requests.
11. During loping rail work for Princess/Prince (beginner level contestants) will come to center, grooms will enter ring and stand by their contestant until the loping portion is done.
12. Second go-round: This round will consist of pattern work. All contestants will individually enter the arena and complete the pattern in order of the drawn position. Please see the attached pattern.

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.

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Application

Name: _____

4-H Project Book # and Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Grade in School: _____ (2021/2022 school year)

Name of School Attending: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Royalty Number: _____ Age (As of Jan 1): _____

Number of Years in 4-H: _____

Extracurricular Activities:

Essay:

ESSAY QUESTION:

Please use the appropriate question depending on which royalty for which to wish to be considered..

Essays should be typed or written neatly and no more than 500 words.

- King and Queen – use this topic:
 - Why do you feel that you would be a good representative of the Licking County 4-H Horse Program?

- Prince and Princess - use this topic:
 - Tell us something that you do really well with your horse that you would like to share with others?