



2026 Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Contest Application

BIG KNOB GRANGE FAIR PRINCESS APPLICATION ITEM CHECK LIST

- ____ 1. **Application Form**
- ____ 2. **Photo**
- ____ 3. **Essay**
- ____ 4. **Biography Form**
- ____ 5. **Signed Understanding of Rules and Regulations**

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 14, 2026

Completed Big Knob Grange Fair Princess application forms are due to the Big Knob Grange Fair by July 14.

Mail/Hand Deliver and Email Application Packet to:

Mail to: Big Knob Grange Fair, 336 Grange Road Rochester, PA 15074 OR

Call to hand deliver: 724-774-7093, select prompt 6.

Email copy to: queen@bigknobgrangefair.org

TBA - August 2026

The Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Judging will be held in August (date TBA). Contestants will participate in a interview with the panel of judges, followed by public presentations in which they will deliver their introductions, speeches and answer an impromptu question on stage in front of the judges and audience. Family and friends are welcome to attend the public portion of the competition. Contestants are required to wear business professional attire for both the interview and the on-stage presentations.

September 1-5, 2026

84th Big Knob Grange Fair. September 1, the 84th Big Knob Grange Fair Princess will be crowned at Opening Ceremonies. Contestants are required to wear a formal dress for the crowning ceremony.



2026 Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Contest Application

APPLICATION ITEM #1: Application Form

Name of Contestant: _____ Age:(as of 6/1/2026)_____

Contestant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Contestant's Phone #: (_____) _____ Contestant's Email: _____

APPLICATION ITEM #2: Photo

Each Contestant must submit a photo for the competition. Photo should be a headshot. Photo is used for, but not limited to, the competition program, the website, and the fair program. Photo becomes property of Big Knob Grange Fair.

APPLICATION ITEM #3: Essay

This is a judged item on content, grammar/punctuation/spelling, and length (150 words or less): “What Big Knob Grange Fair Means to My Community.”

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The essay must be typed on a separate sheet of paper. Handwritten essays will not be accepted.
2. Contestant's name should be included in the top right-hand corner of the page.
3. The body of the essay must be 150 words or less.
4. Topic: “What Big Knob Grange Fair Means to My Community.”

APPLICATION ITEM #4: Biography for Judges
2026 Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Contest Biographical Information

Name of Contestant: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (s): _____

Contestant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 6/1/2026): _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

SCHOOL SCHOLASTICS ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS. Include leadership positions, if applicable.

PARTICIPATION IN FAIR(S). Include description and the year(s).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. Churches, Clubs, Community organizations, etc.

APPLICATION ITEM #5: Signed Understanding of Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Rules and Regulations

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Pennsylvania.
2. Be at least 13 years of age and not more than 15 years old by June 1, 2026.
3. Never served as a local Fair Princess.
4. Have parent or guardian's consent.
5. Be single, never married, have had no children, and remain so during her reign.
6. Not hold any other state or local titles for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
7. Any contestant who has competed in the Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Competition and has not been crowned the Big Knob Grange Princess is eligible to compete again.
8. Be available to participate in events during the five days of the Big Knob Grange Fair.
9. Princess and a parent will work the Queen table one day of the Big Knob Grange Fair.
10. Act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy" and "Dress Code".
11. Meet all time commitments and Princess obligations set by the Big Knob Grange Fair.
12. The winning contestant will reign as the Big Knob Grange Fair Princess until the crowning of the following year.
13. Agree to promote the Big Knob Grange Fair positively throughout her reign.
14. Be available for publicity during her reign, including but not limited to, public appearances, parades, and dinners.
15. Maintain good communication with the Big Knob Grange Fair Queen Coordinator(s) throughout her reign.
16. Understands that her photo will be taken throughout her reign and used by the Big Knob Grange and Big Knob Grange Fair for promotional purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, social media, print materials, news coverage, and fair-related publications. All are at the discretion of the fair committee.
17. Understands that the Princess participates in public events where the Big Knob Grange cannot control or prevent others—such as attendees, media outlets, or community members—from taking or sharing photos.

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:

The contest's governing committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgement, the Queen and contestants may continue to participate in the program, in the event the committee determines that any statement or representation is not true or accurate, or that any action is inconsistent with the rules, standards, and dignity of the program.

The following will be considered violations of the policy and will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future Queen competitions:

1. Any infractions of any Queen contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, chewing gum, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing the crown and/or sash and representing the Queen program.

3. Engaging in any illegal, partisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including, but not limited to, online representations on social media sites, such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat, TikTok, Instagram, etc.
4. Using of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abusing the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Big Knob Grange Fair or the PA Fair Queen Program and their directors, committee members, or staff. This includes postings on the internet and social media apps.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or committee member.

FAIR QUEEN DRESS CODE:

Wearing of the Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer represents herself, her family, her community, and Fair. Therefore, professional appearance is expected while in the crown and/or sash:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No jeans, sneakers, flip flops, or boots. Certain boots may be permitted with prior approval from the Fair Queen Coordinator(s).
3. It is strongly recommended that closed-toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons.
4. No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
5. No outfit that shows cleavage.
6. Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the knee cap.
7. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

AGREEMENT:

I understand that the information provided on the prior pages will be used in the judging process, and hereby verify that it is truthful and correct. I have read, understand, and am in compliance with the Big Knob Grange Fair Princess Program's rules and regulations as listed above. If selected as the new Big Knob Grange Fair Princess, I will exclusively be the Big Knob Grange Fair Princess during my entire reign and will not participate in any other programs nor hold a title for any other commodity group during that time.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

The contest consists of five segments with each segment counting towards points:

1. Written Essay

Each contestant will be judged on her essay on the topic: “What My Fair Means to My Community.” The essays will be judged on content, grammar/punctuation/spelling, and length (150 words or less). (25 points)

2. Personal Interview

Each contestant will meet privately with a panel of three judges. The interview is judged on conversational ability, the answers to a variety of questions, appearance/poise/presence, and knowledge of the Big Knob Grange Fair. (50 points)

3. Introduction

This segment is conducted in front of guests and three judges. Each contestant will walk on stage and introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should include name, age, and something about herself. The introduction is to be completed in less than one minute. This event is judged on content, stage presence/poise, and appearance. (25 points)

4. Speech Presentation

This is a persuasive speech on the topic: “Why You Should Come to the Big Knob Grange Fair”. A two-minute (timed) oral presentation is given in front of the audience. The speech should include daily and featured events, agricultural exhibits, something unique/special about Big Knob Grange Fair, and how the fair impacts our community. Contestants are judged on their public speaking ability, their presence/poise, the speech format, conveying the importance of attending the fair, and time (2 minutes). (50 points)

5. Impromptu Questions

Each contestant will be required to answer the same impromptu question in front of the panel of three judges and audience. It is judged on ability to speak, event information, and enthusiasm. (25 points)

Award:

The winner will receive a crown, sash, one-hundred-fifty-dollars, and various gifts.