



Riverview Community Bank Clark County Fair Court 2017 Application

Thank you for your interest in the Clark County Fair Court. The Fair Court represents the Clark County Fair at various rodeos, parades, civic events, networking and promotional activities throughout the year. Please complete the following application and return it by the due date.

Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. **Friday, July 15, 2016** in the Clark County Fair Administration Office.

- Application
- Written essay – 200 words describing, “What it means to be an Ambassador for the Fair.”
- 5x7 head shot color photo. This will be judged and will not be returned.
- 5x7 color photo of the horse you will use for Fair Court.
- Decorated Poster Board that reflects you to be displayed during fair

Name of Applicant _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

List all of the Social Media sites that you have a presence on: Facebook _____ Twitter _____ Vine _____

Instagram _____ Other _____

Education/Scholastic Honors _____

Equine-related Memberships _____

Are you eligible for a 4-H Exhibitor Fair pass? Yes _____ 6-day _____ 10-day _____ No _____

Hobbies _____

Future Plans _____

Mother _____ Father _____

Mother's Cell _____ Father's Cell _____ Email _____

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____ Gender/Age _____

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, August 14 and will include a 10-15 minute personal interview, a 2-minute speech on 'What the Clark County Fair Means to Me' along with impromptu questions, written knowledge test and a designated horsemanship pattern. A complete tryout packet will be sent to applicants by July 31, 2015.

I hereby certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all Clark County Fair Court Rules/Regulations during tryouts, as well as during the entire duration of my court tenure, if selected. I hereby release the Clark County Fair and/or their agents from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to persons, horse, or property.

By signing this, I give permission for all Social Media Sites to be monitored if I am chosen as a member of Fair Court.

Contestant Signature

Parent Signature

Date

For further information, please contact Missy Watkins: melisswatki@aol.com

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2017 Contestant Eligibility/Tryout Rules

It is the duty and obligation of each young woman to portray the highest of moral standards, show the true ideals of young womanhood, and set an example above reproach. Contestants agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Clark County Fair Association. Failing to meet any of the rules and regulations during tryouts and/or court tenure can be cause for immediate dismissal.

Contestant Eligibility

- Female between the ages of 16 and 20 as of August 1 of the current tryout year.
- Resident of Clark, Cowlitz, or Skamania County.
- Has own horse available during tryouts and throughout entire reign. Horse and rider need to perform at a fast speed while at Rodeo events. This includes a back-up horse.
- Contestant's horse must pass vet check anytime during the year.
- Have transportation, insurance, and one parent/guardian participation for all events.
- Not have previously been, or presently be, married and/or pregnant, or have children.
- Possesses the following traits:
 - High moral and ethical standards
 - Excellent rider with the ability to handle a horse with speed
 - Knowledgeable and able to converse about the Clark County Fair and it's sponsors
 - Community Leader, friendly
 - Good Sportsmanship
 - A professional appearance and demeanor
 - No visible tattoos or piercings or extreme hair colors
- Have not been charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime, other than minor traffic violations.
- Abide by all rules and regulations of the Clark County Fair Association.
- Execute all consents and/or waivers of liability prior to competition.

Tryout Rules/Regulations

- Mandatory participation in the Fair Court Contestant breakfast
- Arrive for check-in with horse at the Jack Giesy Arena by 7:00 a.m., Sunday, August 14, 2016.
- You are required to tryout on the horse that will be used for the entire court reign. No exceptions. A back up horse is required.
- Be prompt and fully prepared for all contestant events.
- Wear appropriate Western attire.
- Contestants, friends and/or relatives are not to approach judges with the intent to influence or harass.
- All decisions of the judges are final. Clark County Fair reserves the right to choose the number of court members.
- Contestants and family/friends shall display the highest degree of sportsmanship during tryouts and particularly following the Announcement Ceremony.
- Contestants selected for the court and their parent/guardian will be required to sign a contract with the Clark County Fair Association and attend a mandatory meeting immediately following the court's selection.

Contestants will be judged on their application, horsemanship, appearance, speaking ability and personality. Judging begins the moment contestants arrive on the fairgrounds and continues until horsemanship concludes.

Court Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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2017 Contract

The winning Court members are required, among other things, to:

- Participate in all events designated by the Clark County Fair Association. Court events are a priority over personal activities or events.
- Have a parent/guardian available for all events that is able to participate in banner or pooper scooper capacity.
- Be prompt - better yet plan to arrive 15 minutes early. **NEVER BE LATE**
- Have horse able to pass a vet check during the year as needed along with a backup horse.
- Communicate, Cooperate, & Compromise.
- Work together, no cliques and no prima donnas.
- Be respectful to all, particularly fellow court members and those associated with the Court.
- Be gracious, there are no second chances to make a **FIRST** impression.
- Be courteous and exhibit good manners. Smile and be friendly, honest, and natural.
- Remain flexible with scheduling.
- All monies received from fundraising activities must be turned into the fair administration office by the Court Advisor the first business day following the event and a receipt will be issued.
- Be responsible to have horses, tack, & wardrobe properly cleaned and ready for each event. Report damaged fair court items to Advisor immediately. All fair court items are to be in a secured location at all times to prevent theft.
- Return all court items in clean and proper working order to the Advisor at end of reign. If any item is broken or lost, it is the responsibility of that court member to replace three of the same items.

The winning Court members shall not:

- Have previously been, or presently be, married and/or pregnant, or have children.
or become married and/or pregnant during reign.
- Be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime, other than minor traffic violations.
- Use or possess illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol or attend any party where underage drinking is taking place.
- Use foul or vulgar language, either verbal or written, including on public forums, social media.
- Exhibit inappropriate behavior, including inappropriate behavior with members of the opposite sex; and inappropriate photographs.
- Have association with individuals that display inappropriate behaviors.
- Engage in inappropriate behavior on any social media program. This includes “likes, following or followers” of any type.
- Attack or abuse, either physically or verbally, any person, including fellow court members and anyone associated with the Court.
- Obtain visible tattoos or piercings during reign or extreme hair colors.
- Use personal cell phone while attending Court events.
- Use court attire, tack, and equipment for non-Court functions without prior written approval by Advisor.
- Compete in and/or otherwise try out for any other Fair, rodeo or beauty pageant during current reign.
- Represent the Clark County Fair in an unprofessional manner in any way, including behavior and appearance.
- Have taken any actions, which in the good faith determination of the Clark County Fair Association will or is reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the goodwill or reputation of the Clark County Fair or its sponsors.
- Violate any provisions of the Contestant Application, Tryout Rules/Regulations, or the Court Contract.

The Clark County Fair Manager has the sole and exclusive right to release a Fair Court member for any violation of this contract, or any other action they deem detrimental to the court. All awards and court items will be immediately returned to the Fair Court Advisor. The Court Advisor, Court Committee, and Fair Manager will decide whether to bring up the alternate.

Court Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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2017 Parent Contract

As a parent or guardian of a winning court member, I agree to the following:

- Be supportive of all court members at all times. Treat each court member as your own daughter for the overall benefit of the whole court.
- Communicate first with your daughter then to the court advisor on all topics.
- No alcohol is to be brought onto the Fairgrounds and consumption of alcohol sold on the Fairgrounds is not allowed.
- Proper language must always be used, not only at court events, but also during transportation to and from court events.
- Always travel safely following all laws pertaining to driving.
- Be respectful of other parents, Fair Board members, and advisors.
- No driving the golf cart during the Fair without permission by advisor or Fair Board member.
- Any press releases or other documents created for use by the court must have advisor's permission before publication.
- Reimbursements will NOT be granted unless the parent has requested permission before the purchase.
- Any request to purchase items for the court must be agreed upon by ALL court parents before the purchase is made.
- Parents are responsible for all visitors' behavior. This includes escorts, parents, friends, family members, etc.
- Do not criticize another court member. Except where safety is concerned, take the issue to the advisor if you notice something that needs attention (hair, makeup, wardrobe issue, etc.).
- Help your daughter remain on time and keep with the court schedule.
- Be involved. One parent from each court member is **required** at every event.
- Help keep outfits and equipment clean and in working order and in a secured location to prevent theft.
- Only court members are allowed to speak to the media. If approached, please refrain from any comments other than to offer the location of the court.
- Fair week can be a difficult and busy time for the court and family. Focus on keeping the week a positive time. **Parent participation is required the week of fair.**
- Help enforce all fair rules. Fair rules are set to maintain a safe and fun time for everyone.
- Most importantly, enjoy this year with your daughter. This is a special time for all of the royal family.

In addition to the above, I further agree to all terms outlined in the Contestant Application, Tryout Rules/Regulations, and Fair Court Contract. I agree to willingly support my daughter throughout her reign, including transportation to and from events, attendance at events, and any financial assistance which may be necessary.

Court Member Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Court Advisor

Date