



2026 Summit County Poultry Royalty Application

(King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Duke, Duchess)

Name: _____ Club: _____
Address: _____ # Years in 4-H: _____
Email: _____ Grade in School: _____
Phone: _____ Age (as of Jan. 1): _____

Please read the following rules and expectations carefully.

The Poultry Department Royalty serves as an ambassador/representative for all species in the Poultry Department, the Junior Fair Youth, and the Summit County Fair. Poultry Royalty are expected to serve as positive role models, display good sportsmanship and always be respectful of others.

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Poultry Royalty shall be considered and selected from completed Summit County Poultry Royalty Applications submitted to the Fair office by May 1 and Poultry Royalty interviews conducted on June 24th in the Saddlehorse building.
2. Each applicant must be a member of a Summit County Fair organization (4-H, FFA, etc.)
3. Candidates must have completed a minimum of one year participation in a poultry species project and must be currently participating in a poultry species project.
4. Candidates must have entered Poultry in the Summit County Fair.
5. Candidates must have turned in a completed Poultry project book by July 18.
6. Candidates may not serve as Poultry Royalty if they are serving as Summit County Fair Royalty.
7. King and Queen Candidates must be 15-18 years old as of Jan. 1st of the current year.
8. Prince and Princess candidates must be 12-14 years old as of Jan. 1st of the current year.
9. Duke and Duchess candidates must be 10-11 years old as of Jan. 1st of the current year.
10. Royalty candidates may serve a maximum of 2 one-year terms (2 years in total) in the same royalty position but cannot hold the same royalty title for 2 consecutive years (starting with the 2025 Summit County Fair). Candidates must reapply and interview each year.

ROYALTY RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

1. Attend, participate and/or work the entirety of the following events. Any applicant unable to fulfill the responsibilities of one or more of the events listed below must receive written exception from the Poultry Committee prior to the event.
 - Barn Setup (Saturday, July 18)
 - Opening Ceremony (Tuesday, July 28)
 - Jr. Fair Poultry Judging and Awards (Wednesday, July 29)
 - Small Animal Showman Contest (Friday, July 31)
 - Barn Teardown (Sunday, August 2)
2. Follow all Summit County Fair, Junior Fair and Poultry Department rules and regulations.
3. Assist all poultry department members with questions, handing of birds, resolving issues, providing poultry information and knowledge.
4. Help superintendents oversee the cleanliness of the barn and cages/pens.
 - Dress appropriately since your appearance is the first impression others receive.
 - Undergarments should not be exposed.
 - No attire with alcohol or illegal substance reference, offensive logos, language or gestures
 - No clothing that exposes any part of the midriff or cleavage.
 - No revealing shorts, skirts, pants, etc.
 - No torn, ragged or patched jeans, cutoff shirts or shirts with sleeves cut out.
 - No open-toed shoes or flip flops should be worn when working shows during the fair.
5. Royalty attire or items indicating royalty (i.e., crown, sash, pin, buckle) cannot be worn while exhibiting an animal or participating in showmanship.
6. Royalty is held to a high standard. No foul language, no illegal substances, no inappropriate public displays of affection, no cheating.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY:

Failure to abide by the above royalty rules and expectations can result in a warning, meeting with parents/guardian or removal from the royalty title, recognition, award, and responsibilities. The decision is at the discretion of the Jr. Fair Poultry Committee and Superintendent.

A Jr. Fair exhibitor removed from a royalty title or found to violate the royalty rules and regulations in any department is prohibited from holding a royalty title in the Poultry Department for a period of 2 years starting with the next fair after the infraction.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attach one 4x6 color photo of the applicant. This photo will be displayed at the Summit County Fair and may be posted to social media.
2. Attach an essay of approximately 100-150 words explaining how you personally have or will promote the Poultry Program/Industry to the people of Summit County. Please include dates and details where applicable.
3. Complete the included list of Major Activities and Responsibilities.

LIST OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Poultry Dept. - # of Years and Activity Involvement

4-H Work

Church/Community

County, State, & Exhibition Participation

Honors/Awards within Poultry Department

Leadership within Organization

I personally have:

- Reviewed the Eligibility Rules, Royalty Rules and Expectations, Disciplinary Policy, and Application Requirements. I agree to uphold and follow all royalty rules and expectations listed within this application.
- Attached is one color 4x6 photo of myself
- Attached are 2 letters of recommendation
- Attached is the requested essay
- Completed the List of Major Activities and Responsibilities
- Verified the completed application accurately reflects my work and achievements.
- Will submit the completed application to the Fair Office by May 1.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I verify that the above applicant has been a member of our organization, and all provided information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Name: _____