

# Queen Frequently Asked Questions:

## 1. What are the areas of competition?

Personal Interview – each contestant spends 5 minutes with a panel of 3 judges. The only people allowed in the room during interviews are the judges and individual contestant. A suit (skirt and blazer) are recommended but are not required. You can wear anything appropriate that you would wear to a job interview or church.

Streetwear – Most contestants wear the same suit/dress that they wear in interview. You can change if you would like, but it is not required.

Event Promotion – Each contestant “makes up” a short commercial about the fair in general or a particular event at the fair. They are provided with t-shirts from The Jewelers Touch and should be worn with shorts, skorts, etc. and tennis shoes or sandals. It is probably best to plan to wear denim because sometimes we do not know what color the t-shirts are until a couple of days before the pageant.

Evening Gown – A gown that compliments you and that you are confident in. The judges will see the front and back so make sure that it isn't too big or too small.

\*\*\* If you are looking for pageant attire, Elizabeth Michaels in Vienna is a great place to shop. Jane has always supported our pageant and is very generous with gift certificates to add to our queen's basket.

## **2. What type of questions will be asked in my interview?**

Most of the questions will be asked off of your application. The judges may also ask Fair related questions. No political questions will be asked. This phase of competition is to let the judges get to know you on a more personal basis. All judges will be from out of county and will not be queens from other fairs/festivals that you might compete against at the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageant.

## **3. What are some of the queen's responsibilities/duties during and after the fair?**

During the week of the fair, the queen and runner-ups will be responsible for handing out ribbons, welcoming people to the fair, etc. I recommend that the queen attend as many other fairs/festivals as possible as well as riding in local parades to promote the Jackson County Junior Fair. The queen will compete at the 2008 Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageant in January of 2008 for the title of state fair queen. This includes 3 nights lodging at the Charleston Marriott and the pageant is held at the Charleston Civic Center. All expenses are paid by the Jackson County Junior Fair Board.