

**Berrien County Youth Fair  
King and Queen Contest  
Official Release Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduated From (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND APPLICANT REPRESENTATIONS**  
*(Please Read Carefully)*

- I understand that I must be at least 16 years of age, but not more than 19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the Berrien County Youth Fair King and Queen Contest in which I participate.
- I am presently an active and eligible exhibitor at the Berrien County Youth Fair (Hereinafter BCYF), according to the rules put forth in the exhibitor handbook.
- I represent that I do not have any convictions for criminal offenses. Examples include drunk driving, reckless driving, minor in possession of alcohol or drugs, shoplifting, or malicious destruction of property. I also represent that I do not have any juvenile adjudications in court for any similar offense. I understand that any conviction or juvenile adjudication disqualifies me from participating in the BCYF King and Queen contest. I further understand that I have

continuing duty to notify the BCYF royalty committee immediately in the event that any of the above mentioned offenses occur during the contest or my reign, and that it will result in the forfeiture of my title and any prizes or scholarship.

- I represent that I am not now married, have never been married, and have never conceived or fathered a child. In either case, I understand if these conditions change that I must notify the BCYF royalty committee immediately. Upon receipt of said notification, my eligibility to participate in the contest or complete my reign will be terminated and my title and any prizes or scholarship will be forfeited.
- I represent that I am either currently enrolled in high school, a GED program, or have obtained my high school diploma, GED, Certificate of Employability or a certificate of completion from an accredited high school or educational institution.
- I understand that I must be of good character and reputation and that the BCYF reserves the right to approve all entrants and to determine, without question, their eligibility to participate in BCYF activities. I agree to abstain from using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products during my reign. I understand that my title may be forfeited, whether I am convicted or not, if the Board of Directors finds sufficient evidence to conclude that I have used drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- I represent that I am able to participate in pageant rehearsals and all designated BCYF activities. Examples of activities may include rehearsals, meetings, scheduled events and parades.
- I agree to complete a contestant Application and Official Release Form and return both by midnight of July 17, 2024 to the fair office.
- I agree to participate in the Get Acquainted event and understand that not doing so, without prior consent from the BCYF royalty committee, will disqualify me as a contestant.
- If selected to the royalty court, I agree to the following:
  - I will not participate in photos or videos, endorse, or in any way infer support of any commercial product or make personal appearances as a representative of the BCYF without prior consent of the BCYF royalty committee.
  - I will not participate in any written, oral, or implied endorsement or testimonial of any product or service for any organization without the prior consent of the BCYF royalty committee.
- I understand that I will be responsible for writing Thank You cards to contest donors on or before the annual BCYF Pancake Breakfast (held the first Saturday following fair week). I understand that any scholarships I earn will not be paid until my reign has been completed and all BCYF requirements have been satisfactorily completed and approved by the BCYF royalty committee. The scholarship money will be paid directly to an accredited college or university upon written proof of registration and itemization of fees payable. I will receive no cash in lieu of unused

scholarships. I also understand that I will have two years from the date I earned my scholarship to claim it, or it will revert to the BCYF royalty scholarship fund.

- I understand that if there exists any misstatements or inaccuracies in this application, or if I fail to adhere to the BCYF requirements herein, the BCYF Board of Directors may terminate my participation in all BCYF activities.
- I understand that if I choose to not participate in scheduled events and appearances that my title and reign will be subject to the review by the Royalty Committee and potentially the BCYF Board of Directors. I will bring any scheduling conflicts in writing to the attention of the chairpersons and the committee at the start of the fair week of my reign. Failure to do so on my part could end in the revocation of my title.

### **CONSENT AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

By the signatures below, the applicant and his/her parent(s) or guardians(s) certify:

- They have read and understand the rules and regulations as set forth in this document;
- The applicant meets the requirements and will comply with the regulations stated;
- They understand that untrue statements, misrepresentations, or failure to comply may result in the applicant's disqualification and/or forfeiture of any BCYF royalty titles;
- We hereby release, unconditionally, any claim against BCYF, its officers, directors, agents, and employees and agree to hold them harmless as to any claim arising out of any participation in the BCYF royalty activities.

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Applicant (Print)

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Applicant (Signature)

Date

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Parent/Guardian (Print)

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Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

*This completed and signed form must be received by the fair office no later than midnight,  
July 17, 2024*