



2026 Senior Queen's Court Contest



Information regarding the GCFY Senior Queen's Court Contest

Please read all instructions carefully! Feel free to contact Christina Apple, GCFY Queen's Court Superintendent, at christina_apple@optum.com or (989) 289-7588, with any questions.

Criteria for Senior Queen's Court Contest Participation:

- ❖ Between 14 & 18 years of age, as of January 1st, 2026
- ❖ Actively involved in the GCFY for one or more years
- ❖ Has not previously won the Senior division
- ❖ Must be able to attend the upcoming GCFY Opening Ceremonies, held the first day of the GCFY
- ❖ Must be able to participate in royal court activities during fair week, including handing out ribbons, court photographs, etc.
 - Please be advised that photographs taken may be used at any time on the GCFY website and Facebook page
- ❖ Must be able to participate in local parades and community events during the next year representing the GCFY Queen's Court.

Must participate in the following to be eligible:

- ❖ Submit Application portfolio on or before the due date which includes:
 - Application questions (included in this packet)
 - Handwritten
 - Essay
 - Handwritten
 - At least one paragraph/five sentences long
 - Adult Recommendation Form
 - Completed by an adult/non-relative (included in this packet)
- ❖ Complete an interview with the judge's panel
 - Prepare for a professional style interview including business attire
- ❖ In addition to applicants' essay they will also be judged on:
 - Involvement in the Gratiot County Fair for Youth
 - Ability to represent the Gratiot County Fair for Youth positively
 - Personality and Attitude as represented in the interview

Application portfolios **are due by Friday May 22nd, 2026** at the FAIR OFFICE, located at the Gratiot County Fairgrounds. Applications can be mailed to: GCFY, 701 S. Lincoln Avenue, Alma, MI 48801 or dropped off at the Fair Office at the above location. If the office is NOT open, there is a drop box located to the left of the front door. Applications mailed/dropped off elsewhere will not be accepted.

Queen's Court Interviews will take place on Wednesday June 3rd, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. No makeup dates or times will be allowed.





Gratiot County Fair for Youth
Senior Queen's Court Application
Please Print Your Answers



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell#: _____ Other: _____

Email(s): _____ Parent/ Guardian: _____

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

4-H Club or Organization: _____ Number of Years Involved with GCFY: _____

2026 Fair Exhibit(s): _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

1. If you had an extra hour every day, how would you spend it?



2. What would you say to encourage a friend after they experienced a loss or disappointment?

3. What is one of the biggest challenges young women face today?

*Essay Question: In terms of the fair, what is your proudest accomplishment so far and why?

In at least three paragraphs, please explain your answer. Be prepared to discuss in detail during your interview.





Gratiot County Fair for Youth Queen's Court Contest Adult Recommendation Form

The following individual is applying for a position on the Queen's Court at the upcoming Gratiot County Fair for Youth in Alma, MI and has chosen you to provide a recommendation on their behalf. Individuals are judged on their involvement in the fair, ability to positively represent the GCFFY, personality, attitude, and community involvement. Please contact Christina Apple, Queen's Court Superintendent at christina_apple@optum.com or (989) 289-7588 with any questions.

(Must be completed by adult/non-relative and submitted with application)

Applicant's name: _____

Your name: _____

Your contact information (phone# & email): _____

How do you know this applicant?

What characteristics has this applicant demonstrated which would make them a wise choice for the GCFFY Queen's Court?

Signature of Adult: _____

Note: Please be sure to return this recommendation form to the applicant for them to attach to their application, due May 22nd, 2026. Thank you for your time!

