

2020 WEST VIRGINIA BEEF QUEEN RULES

1. Contestant must be naturally born female, a citizen of the United States of America, a legal resident of the State of West Virginia, and age 16 to 20, as of January 1, 2020. She must be of good moral character and never been convicted of any major crime. She must be unmarried, never had a marriage annulled, not currently pregnant, have not adopted a child or have never borne a child. Contestant must remain single and not become pregnant. If either of these occurs, this application shall become null and void.
2. The contestant must live on a farm where cattle or beef are produced, or her parents must derive part of their income from the production of cattle or beef, or she must have a beef project in 4-H or FFA.
3. Contestant will be judged on the following: personality and poise, the contents of her essay, her ability to express herself orally; her school, 4-H, FFA, church and other activities; her knowledge of retail cuts of beef, beef cooking procedures and general knowledge of the beef industry.
4. Contestants must submit an essay on the subject: **“BEEF – Is it still what’s for dinner?”** Limit your essay to no more than two double spaced, typewritten pages. Contestants will present their essay orally to those in attendance or the judges the day of the contest.
5. Each county Cattlemen’s Association, Livestock Association, Livestock Club, FFA Chapter, or County Extension Service is responsible for selecting their own contestant and an alternate, if desired (one contestant per county).
6. County contestants must submit: The original typewritten essay; copy of the completed entry blank; two pictures (preferably head shots, wallet size if mailing). Completed entry must be **postmarked or emailed by November 8, 2019.**
7. Mail the completed entry to: *Jennifer Friend, 4446 Scott’s Fork-Bonnie Road, Exchange, WV 26619 or email to: wv.beefqueen@gmail.com.*
8. Upon receipt of the application, **postmarked by November 8, 2019**, a letter will follow informing the Queen candidates as to the time and further information on the Queen’s judging. The contest will be held **December 6, 2019**, during the WV Cattlemen’s College at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV.
9. County winners must attend the WV Beef Queen Contest in order to compete.
10. Five points will be added to the contestant’s score if her father and/or mother or guardian is a member of either the WV Cattlemen’s Association or the WV Cattlewomen’s Association in 2019 or 2020.
11. Each contestant will be required to wear a sash designating the county she represents.
12. The newly named 2020 WV BEEF QUEEN will be crowned during the WV Beef Expo April 9 and will reign over the remainder of the **WV Beef Expo, April 9-11, 2020.**
13. The WV Beef Queen may be escorted by a member of the WV Cattlewomen’s Association, WV Cattlemen’s Association or WV Beef Industry Council at the necessary functions of the WV State Fair (cook-off, working Beef Council’s booth, luncheon) and other promotional activities of the Cattlemen, Cattlewomen or Beef Council. Usually the Queen will need to provide her own transportation to events, which may be reimbursed by one of the above organizations.
14. The WV Beef Queen will receive a crown and sash to wear during her reign and a \$500 scholarship to the college or vocational school of her choice plus travel expenses (receipts needed) as directed by the Beef Council or Beef Expo when promoting the end-product: BEEF.
15. The WV Beef Expo is a member of the WV Association of Fairs and Festival’s; therefore, the new Beef Queen will be eligible to participate in the WV State Fair Queen’s Contest held in January 2020.

WV BEEF QUEEN'S CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE WV BEEF EXPO (IN CONJUNCTION WITH WV BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL, WV CATTLEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND WV CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION)

(Print or Type)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ COUNTY: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

SPONSORS NAME AND/OR EXTENSION AGENT: _____

RELATION TO BEEF INDUSTRY: _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Include FFA, NHS, SkillsUSA, etc.): _____

4-H, COMMUNITY and CHURCH ACTIVITIES: _____

Is your Father/Mother or Guardian a member of the WV Cattlemen's Association or WV Cattlewomen's Association? YES/NO

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF AGENT or ADVISOR: _____ DATE: _____

Send your typewritten essay, completed entry form and pictures postmarked or e-mailed by November 8, 2019 to:
Jennifer Friend, 4446 Scott's Fork-Bonnie Road Exchange, WV 26619
Or email: wv.beefqueen@gmail.com Phone: 304-701-0050 if you have questions