

2026 TRUMBULL CO. 4-H SENIOR ROYAL COURT GUIDELINES

Applications are due to Trumbull Co OSU Extension Office
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

The Trumbull County 4-H Senior Royal Court is a program for 14-18 year old 4-H members who have completed at least one year of 4-H. The Senior Royal Court is a leadership and community service program where youth represent 4-H throughout the year as the royalty of Trumbull County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The 4-H Senior Royal Court is made up of a 4-H Sr. King, 4-H Sr. Queen, and a court consisting of 4 girls and 4 boys.
2. Contestants must **actively** participate in the 2026 Trumbull County Fair (July 14-19, 2026).
3. The Senior King & Queen are required to make daily and nightly appearances at judging events and exhibit areas, wearing the proper attire (sashes & proper dress). *If for any reason a contestant cannot accept this responsibility, he/she should not compete.*
4. The 4-H Senior Royal Court representatives should maintain the dress and poise of their position during the entire time of the Trumbull County Fair and throughout the year while acting as a Trumbull County 4-H Senior Royal Court member.
5. The 4-H Senior Royal Court will be asked to make appearances at various 4-H and non 4-H sponsored events throughout the next year as a 4-H representative or spokesperson. This includes: minimum of **(2)** other Ohio County Fairs, **(1)** Trumbull County parade/festival, 4-H Proclamation Day (Mar), Trumbull County 4-H Kickoff (Oct/Nov), Ohio 4-H week (Mar), project judging (June), and potentially others as they arise. The selected King and Queen will receive \$50.00 to assist with travel and miscellaneous expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

1. For youth ages 14-18 years old (as of Jan. 1) who have completed at least one year of 4-H.
2. Must be a current member of a 4-H club in Trumbull County.
3. Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Senior Royal Court Contest must submit the following to the Trumbull County OSU Extension Office by **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**:
 - a. Trumbull County 4-H Senior Royal Court Application
 - b. Royal Court Fact Sheet
 - c. Trumbull County 4-H Senior Royal Court Guidelines – SIGNED
 - d. Large recent photograph (preferably a head/shoulder shot), 8"x10" photo is preferred. Your photograph will be displayed in the 4-H Royal Court booth at the Trumbull County Fair; photo will be returned to you after the fair.
 - e. Letter of recommendation from an unrelated professional (teacher, pastor, advisor, etc.)

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JUDGING INFORMATION

1. 4-H Senior Royal Court applications will be judged by three outside judges. Applications represent 210 points of your total score (each judge can award up to 70 points).
2. All applicants for the 4-H Senior Royal Court will be interviewed by three judges. **Interview date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 5:30-8:00 pm.** Interviews will account for 210 of your total points (each interview judge can award up to 70 points). Each applicant will receive a letter in April with his/her scheduled interview time.
3. Applicants must complete and submit their application by April 1st and complete the interview on selected date. Make-up interviews will not be permitted.
4. Interviews will be based on: 4-H activities (participation, leadership, achievements, initiative), 4-H project participation, general 4-H knowledge, personality (ability to speak to a group, personal interview, and general personality), poise, and personal appearance.
5. **Business attire is required for interviews.**
6. If only one applicant applies for a title, a minimum score will be set by the Royal Court Committee instead of the applicant joining 4-H Royal Court on default.
7. The 4-H Senior Royal King, Queen, Prince, Princess, and court will be announced during the Royal Court ceremonies at the 2026 Trumbull County Fair. All contestants (male and female) have the opportunity to bring an escort to the ceremony. Escorts need to be identified when application is submitted.
8. Participants should wear formal attire for the 4-H Royal Court ceremony on Monday during the Trumbull County Fair. (ie: formal dresses for girls, suit for guys). Tuxedos are not needed.
9. Applications **MUST** be completed by the applicant, **NOT** the parent.

AWARDS

1. 4-H Senior Royal Court King will receive a sash and crown.
2. 4-H Senior Royal Court Queen will receive a sash, tiara, and flowers.
3. 4-H Senior Royal Court members will receive a sash and small flowers.

SCORING BREAKDOWN

1. Application and recommendation letter – a total of 210 points (70 points from each judge)
2. Interviews – a total of 210 points (70 points from each judge)
3. Total possible points: 420

I agree to the above conditions set forth by the 4-H Royal Court and Trumbull County 4-H Advisory Committees.

Participant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____