

PENNSYLVANIA ALPACA ROYALTY CONTEST

Applications must be submitted by February 20, 2023

See submission details on last page

Held during the 2023 PAOBA Breeders Showcase

March 30 - April 2, 2023

Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center



Purpose: The Pennsylvania Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (PAOBA) Princess/Prince and Reserve Princess/Prince represent all aspects of the Pennsylvania alpaca industry through meetings, demonstrations, promotions, radio and television interviews, school presentations, parades, alpaca farm open houses, fairs, etc. The Alpaca Princess/Prince should make themselves available for pre-arranged functions, and they are encouraged to partake in as many promotions and activities as possible throughout their year of reign. Reserve royalty are asked to attend any events that the Princess/Prince is unable to attend, in addition to attending events alongside them.

2023 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information

Contest Information:

The 2023-2024 Pennsylvania Alpaca Princess/Prince and Reserve(s) will be crowned during the PAOBA Breeders Showcase, held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 N Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA. Interviews and speeches will be conducted on the evening of Friday, March 30, and crowning will be held in the afternoon on April 1. Contestants are expected to assist with the auction immediately following crowning, as well as sell 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit the program throughout the weekend. **Please wear business casual for interviews and formal attire for crowning.** Schedule is subject to change.

Code of Conduct:

Royalty should conduct themselves in a professional, mature manner when in crown and sash and when off-duty. Candidates' social media accounts should also reflect professionalism and maturity throughout their reign. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or smoking is prohibited. Royalty should always make their best effort to promote their title, alpaca products, and the alpaca industry. Their crown and sash will draw immediate attention, giving them an opportunity to be friendly and enthusiastic. They represent all facets of the Pennsylvania alpaca industry and its stakeholders.

Dress Code:

- Crown and sash, as applicable, must be worn when representing your title.
- Wear attire that is appropriate for the specific event you're attending (business casual, semi-formal, formal, etc.)
- Blue jeans, athletic wear, loungewear, open-toed shoes, spaghetti straps, outfits that show cleavage, and bottoms that do not at least reach fingertip length are prohibited while in crown and sash.
- Alpaca fashions should be worn when available and practical for events.

Applicant Qualifications:

In order to qualify, contestants must

1. Be at least 14 years old on the first day of the contest (March 30, 2023).
2. Be no more than 24 years old on the first day of the contest (March 30, 2023).
3. Be active or have a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent active within the alpaca industry, fashion industry, 4-H, or FFA, OR be a student studying agriculture, fashion design, environmental science, or other alpaca-related studies.
4. Contestants must be single and remain single during their year's reign.
5. **Complete and submit all application materials:**
 - a. Signed Information Acknowledgement
 - b. Signed Release Form for Media Recording
 - c. Royalty Contest Application Form
 - d. Digital picture suitable for publication (headshot preferable)
 - e. One page essay

Selection Process:

A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up based on the most cumulative points earned from:

1. Personal interview: The same questions will be given to all applicants. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself, alpacas, and the industry.
2. One Page Essay: 400-500 words explaining why you want to be the Pennsylvania Alpaca Princess/Prince. Include your views on how you want to promote alpacas, alpaca products, and alpaca fashions in Pennsylvania.
3. Speech or Presentation: 3-5 minute speech or presentation on any alpaca-related topic of your choice. Your target audience may be a classroom, the general public, alpaca farmers, etc. Speeches and presentations will be given to judges in conjunction with your interview
4. Public votes: Ballot boxes will be displayed next to your picture and essay from the beginning of the showcase until 2 hours before crowning. Anyone can vote for their favorite contestant using these ballot boxes.

Required Events:

2023 PAOBA Breeders Showcase, 2024 PA Preferred Banquet, 2024 Pennsylvania Farm Show Opening Ceremony, and 2024 PAOBA Breeders Showcase

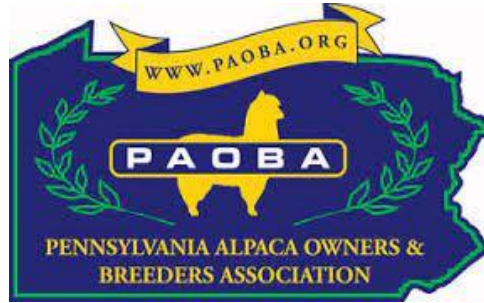
2023 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information Acknowledgement Form

I, _____, certify that I will adhere to the code of conduct
(Print your full name)
and dress code as described in the 2023 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information sheets. I
agree to attend all required events, and I will make an effort to participate in more
appearances beyond what is required. I agree to uphold the standards of the Alpaca
Royalty titles whilst on duty, off duty, and on social media. Upon becoming Alpaca Royalty,
I agree to participate in necessary training. I agree to help with the PAOBA auction
following crowning, whether I am crowned or not. I understand that infractions of these
agreements can result in my dismissal.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pennsylvania Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (PAOBA)



Release Form for Media Recording

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant the Pennsylvania Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association permission to use the image(s) of _____.
(print your full name)

Such use includes the display, distribution, publication, transmission, or otherwise use of photographs, images, and/or video taken for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to, printed materials such as brochures and newsletters, videos, and digital images and websites.

Grant permission to use image(s) in the following ways

I give unrestricted permission for the image(s) to be used in print, video, and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by PAOBA, their members, and affiliates for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

If the person listed is under 18 years of age, my signature indicates that I am their parent or legal guardian.

Authorized signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

2023 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Contest Application Form

Legal Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Age _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Mailing Address - Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Address - Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant's E-mail Address: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Parents' Names (if under 18): _____

Parents Email (if under 18): _____

Parents Phone Number (if under 18): _____

School Attended/Attending: _____

Major (if applicable): _____ Graduation Year: _____

Career Ambition: _____

Please respond to the short answer questions below. **You may attach more paper if additional space is needed.**

List alpaca or fashion-related activities:

List special awards:

List work experience:

List community/volunteer work:

Submission Information

Submit the following items on or before February 20, 2023:

- Signed Information Acknowledgement
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- Digital picture suitable for publication (headshot preferable)
- One Page Essay

Email all application materials to **both** coordinators, Jillian and Jacqui Ranko. After the submission deadline, all applicants will receive an email with details regarding competition weekend.

If you need additional information or have any questions, contact a coordinator:

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