

2025 PENNSYLVANIA ALPACA ROYALTY CONTEST

Applications must be submitted by February 25, 2025

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Held during the 2025 PAOBA Breeders Showcase
April 3-6, 2025
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center
2300 N Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA, 17110



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.

2025 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information

Contest Information:

The 2025-2026 Pennsylvania Alpaca Princess/Prince and Reserve will be crowned during the PAOBA Breeders Showcase, held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center. Interviews and speeches will be conducted on the evening of Friday, April 4, and crowning will be held on the evening of April 5. All 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, illegal drugs and 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:

1. Be 14-24 years old on the first day of the contest (April 3, 2025).
2. Be connected to the alpaca industry or related fields. For example: (1) be active or have a close relative active within the alpaca industry, fashion industry, 4-H or FFA, or (2) be a student studying agriculture, fashion design, environmental science, or other alpaca-related studies.
3. Contestants must be single and remain single during their year's reign.
4. **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:

2025 PAOBA Breeders Showcase,
2026 PA Preferred Banquet,
2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show Opening Ceremony, and
2026 PAOBA Breeders Showcase

2025 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information Acknowledgement Form

I, _____, certify that I will adhere to the code
(Print applicant's full name)
of conduct and dress code as described in the 2025 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 from my Alpaca Royalty title.

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 applicant's 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: _____.

2025 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: _____.

Parent's Email (if under 18): _____.

Parent's 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 25, 2025:

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

Email all application materials to:

Karen Bowman at klbowman@zoominternet.net

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 the coordinators:

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