

# 2026 PENNSYLVANIA ALPACA ROYALTY CONTEST

**Applications must be submitted by March 10, 2026**

See submission details on last page

Held during the 2026 PAOBA Breeders Showcase  
April 9-12, 2026  
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.

## 2026 Pennsylvania Alpaca Royalty Information

### Contest Information:

The 2026-2027 Pennsylvania Alpaca Princess/Prince and Reserve will be crowned during the PAOBA Breeders Showcase, held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center.

Additionally, We are looking to crowning a royal court.

Purpose to have the youth of our industry become the educators of our industries. They are to introduce our industry to the youth. They are to increase awareness of the positives of our industry. They are to help the prince or princess spread the word.

**We are also looking for candidates from the age groups of 14-24, 11-13, 10-8.**

Interviews and speeches will be conducted on the evening of Friday, April 10, and crowning will be held on the evening of April 11. 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.

## **Additional By-laws**

- a. The prince or princess are to serve for one year. They may run for a second year, After the second consecutive year they will step down. There is an opportunity for these young people to continue working as youth ambassadors for the board.
- b. Emergency cases to have a third year:
  1. Nobody runs for office
  2. Illness, resining of current royalty and no runner up.

## **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 Acknowledgment
  - 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:

2026 PAOBA Breeders Showcase,

2027 PA Preferred Banquet,

2027 Pennsylvania Farm Show Opening Ceremony, and 2027 PAOBA Breeders Showcase

**New for 2026:**

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Purpose to have the youth of our industry become the educators of our industries. They are to introduce our industry to the youth. They are to increase awareness of the positives of our industry. They are to help the prince or princess spread the word.

**We are looking for candidates from the age groups of 11-13, 8-11, 7-6.**

**Application qualifications (age 11-13)**

1. Be 11-13 years old on the first day of the contest.
2. Be connected to the Alpaca industry or related fields.
  - a. active or have a close relative within the alpaca industry
  - b. Fashion design
  - c. 4H, FFA
3. Must complete and submit all applications materials
  1. signed information acknowledgement
  2. signed release form for media release
  3. royalty contest application
  4. digital picture suitable for publication (headshot preferably)
  5. one paragraph on why you want to be on the court and how you would help promote the alpaca industry.

Selection:

A panel of judges will select the winner and the runner upon cumulative points.

1. Personal interviews: the same questions will be given to all applicants. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself, alpacas and the industry.
2. One paragraph essay: why should you be on the court and how would you promote alpacas.
3. Public vote: Ballot boxes will be displayed next to your pictures and essay. This display will start at the beginning of the show 2 hours before the crowning.

Required events:

With parents' permission:

2026 PAOBA breeders showcase

2027 Pennsylvania farm show Opening ceremonies.

2027 Paoba breeders show case

Things to do but not required:

Local shows.

County shows

Parades

Library visits

Your own school

### **Applicant Qualification for 8-10:**

1. Be 8-10 years of age on the first day of the contest.
2. Be connected to the Alpaca industry or related fields.
3. examples: active or have a close relative in the alpaca in the alpaca industry, fashion design, 4-H, FFA
4. must complete and submit all application materials
  - a. sign Information acknowledgement

- b. Signed release from for media release
- c, royalty contest application form
- d. Digital picture suitable for publication. (head shot)

Selections:

Panel of judges will select the winners and runners up on the most cumulative points.

1. Personal interview: The same questions will be given to all the applicants. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself and the alpacas and the fashion.
2. One paragraph essay on: why you want to be on the court. And how would you tell people about alpaca clothing
3. Public votes Ballet boxes will be displayed from the beginning of the show till 2 hours before the crowning. The boxes will be beside the candidate's picture and essay.

Required events: (with parents)

2026 PAOBA breeders showcase

2027 pa. Farm Show in Harrisburg

2027 Paoba Breeders show case

Not required but fun things to do:

Local shows, county shows, fairs, Library visits, own school,

parades **Applicant Qualification Age group 6-7**

1. Be 6-7 years old on the first day of the contest.
2. Be Connected to the alpaca industry or related fields

Examples: active or have a relative within the alpaca industry, fashion design 4-H, FFA

3. Must complete and submit all the application materials
  - a. Signed information acknowledgment
  - b. Signed release form for media release
  - c. Royalty contest application form
  - d. Digital picture (head shot)
  - e. Essay why do you want to be on the court?

## Selection:

A panel of judges will select the winner and runner up on the most cumulative points.

1. Personal interviews: the same question will be given to all the applicants. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself and your alpaca.
2. One essay on your alpaca
3. Public votes: Boxes will be displayed next to your picture and essay. This will start at the beginning of the show and will end 2 hours before the crowning.

Required events: with parent escort

2026 PAOBA breeders Show

2027 opening ceremonies for the PA farm show

2027 PAOBA breeders show

Fun events you can do:

Visits to your own school, local libraries, parades, local shows, fairs, County shows and fairs.

## **2026 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

# 2026 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:

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List work experience:

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List community/volunteer work:

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## **Submission Information**

Submit the following items on or before March 10, 2026

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

**Email all application materials to:**

**Karen Bowman at [klbowman@zoominternet.net](mailto: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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