



# APPALACHIAN FAIR FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**2022 theme:  
'Acres of Fun'**

GRAY Community – When the 2022 Appalachian Fair opens this year for the week of August 22-27, the theme will be 'Acres of Fun'!

While many people go to the fair to enjoy the midway and the entertainment, many others also want to view the various exhibits in the Farm & Home Building and the Youth Buildings.

If you plan to admit entries into this year's fair, you will need to get prepared now!

Have some pies or casseroles you feel are special? Have you made an afghan or quilt that you think is a blue-ribbon winner? Are some of your flowers or vegetables in your garden of championship caliber? Then go to our website and fill out an entry form for this year's fair.

The adult entry deadline is August 6 while the Youth Departments entry deadline is July 31.

For non-perishable Farm & Home entries, the items should be taken to the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 13. Non-perishable entries include Fine Arts, Photography, Hobbies, Canned Goods, Crafts & Collectibles, and Textiles & Needlework items. Perishable items should be delivered to the fairgrounds on the day that judging for that department takes place. Refer to the catalog for specific dates and times. Perishable entries include Animal Products, Bees & Honey, Field Crops, Horticulture, Flowers & Houseplants, and Culinary Arts. For most items, non-registered entries will be accepted on the day the items are due.

Non-perishable entries in the Youth Departments will vary according to the group requirements. The CTE Department will accept non-perishable entries August 12-14 in the CTE Building, while Perishable Culinary entries will be accepted on Friday, August 19. 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA will accept non-perishable entries on Sunday, August 14 in their respective building locations. 4-H and FFA will accept perishable items on Sunday, August 21. FCCLA will host their perishable culinary competitions on Monday, August 22 in the FCCLA Building.

Catalogs for all departments and their respective entry forms are all available on our website: [www.appalachianfair.com](http://www.appalachianfair.com)

Advance tickets for reserved show seats, season passes, general admission, ride tickets, and parking will go on sale on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon online.

For a complete schedule of events and to enter contests, please go to [www.appalachianfair.com](http://www.appalachianfair.com)

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GRAY Community – The opening night of the Appalachian Fair is always exciting, and it is particularly exciting for the young women who are vying for the title of “Fairest of the Fair” for 2022.

The fair will open on Monday, August 22 and continue through Saturday, August 27. The Fairest of the Fair Pageant will take place on Monday, August 22 – opening day, at 7:30pm on the Museum Stage.

The winner will preside over this year’s fair; she will also receive a \$2500 scholarship and represent the Appalachian Fair in January 2023 at the state Tennessee Association of Fair’s (TAF) Convention in Murfreesboro.

The deadline for entry is Thursday, August 11. Entry forms are available in the fair office and on our website at [www.appalachianfair.com](http://www.appalachianfair.com). When completed, the forms should be returned notarized to the fair office with a non-refundable entry fee of \$50. All contestants will be sponsored by a civic organization, business, or family.

The age requirement is that a contestant must have reached her 16<sup>th</sup> but not her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on or before December 31, 2022. She must be a resident of Tennessee. Contestants must wear formal floor length attire. The dress may be two-piece but cannot be a wrap skirt worn over a bodysuit. Midriff may be exposed but bralettes are not appropriate. All contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, and personality. Practice for the competition will begin on Thursday, August 11.

Hannah Maultbay is the reigning 2021 Fairest of the Fair and will crown the new queen on Monday, August 22, 2022.

GRAY Community – “The Fair has a full schedule of entertainment on the Museum Stage this year,” Richard Storey, president of the Appalachian Fair said.

The Fair opens on Monday, August 22 and continues through Saturday, August 27.

The annual Fairest of the Fair Pageant will be staged on opening day at 7:30pm on the Museum Stage. The pageant features young women in evening gowns. The winner represents the fair during fair week and at the Tennessee Association of Fair’s annual convention in January 2023 in Murfreesboro where she will compete for the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair title.

The Little Miss Pageants will begin at 6pm on Tuesday, August 23. Deadline for entry is Thursday, August 11.

The ‘So You Think You Can Dance?’ Competition will be held at 7pm on the Museum Stage on Wednesday, August 24. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 12.

The Youth Talent Contest is set for 7pm on Thursday, August 25. The winner will go on to compete in the Youth Talent show at the Tennessee Valley A&I Fair in Knoxville in September. Deadline for entry is Monday, August 1.

Appalachian Fair’s Got Talent is always a crowd pleaser. Division I for ages 6-17 will be held at 7pm on Friday, August 26. Division II for ages 18 and up will be held at 7pm on Saturday, August 27. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 12.

The annual Baby Show will be held on Saturday, August 27 beginning at 9am. Visit our website for more information regarding times for judging based on age. No pre-registration is required.

Entry forms for all events are available at [www.appalachianfair.com](http://www.appalachianfair.com) or in the fair office.