



## **SCBA Royalty Program**

### **2022-2023 Honey Queen, Honey Princess and Junior Beekeeper Program**

Honey bees touch the lives of every county resident. A central feature of the annual New Jersey State Fair is the honey booth in the Richards Building, where honey and honey bee products are sold, members of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association interact with the public, and awareness about honey bees is raised.

The Sussex County Honey Queen, Honey Princess and Junior Beekeeper Program provides our local community with young representatives to spread the word about the benefits of honey bees and beekeeping. Honey Queens and Princesses (girls) and Junior Beekeepers (boys) put bright young faces on local beekeeping practices, share their knowledge of honey bees and beekeeping with the public and schools, assist the judges during the annual Honey Show, participate in New Jersey State Fair events such as the parade, and volunteer their time working the honey booth. The Honey Queen also participates in the Queen of the Fair ceremony along with the queens of the other local clubs.

The Honey Queen and Honey Princesses/Junior Beekeepers will be selected for a one-year term. Interested candidates who will be entering the fifth through twelfth grades should send a short letter or e-mail to the president of the SCBA expressing interest. The letter should include the applicant's full name, a parent or guardian's name, contact information (address, cell phone and e-mail) for the parent or guardian, and anything the candidate wants to share about her or himself. Ideal applicants will have knowledge of or at least interest in honey bees, some enthusiasm about beekeeping, and a willingness to communicate and serve. Honey Queens preferably will have prior experience as a Honey Princess.

The Honey Queen and Princess will receive a sash and tiara. Junior Beekeepers will receive a shirt. The Queen, Princesses and Junior Beekeepers (and parents or responsible adults) must agree to attend Children's Day, which is on August 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., and at least one other four-hour shift during the State Fair, to be held this year from August 5-13, 2022. Parents or guardians will be asked to sign a release permitting photographs and use of their child's name in press releases and public announcements. **Parents or guardians shall be responsible for their children while they participate in the Fair and any SCBA events.**

For further information, please call program coordinator Dan Perez at (201) 303-6209. Please encourage children to participate!