

2018 MONONA COUNTY FAIR LITTLE PRINCESS CONTEST GENERAL INFORMATION

The date of the Monona County Little Princess Contest Interviews/Judging is Monday, July 9, 2018 in Mapleton. The announcement of the 2018 Royal Court will be made at the Monona County Fair Opening Ceremonies in Onawa on Wednesday July 11, 2018.

Monona County Fair Princess Contest

1. Little Princess candidates must be sponsored by individual persons, businesses, or area organizations. Contestants may have one or two sponsors.
2. The cost to sponsor a girl is \$20.00 per entry.
3. Each contestant **MUST** be 6 years old by July 11, 2018 & no more than 8 years old on Aug. 31, 2018.
4. Each contestant **MUST** have completed first grade.
5. Each contestant **MUST** reside in Monona County **OR** attend school in Monona County.
6. Any contestant who has **NOT** been a finalist in a previous Monona County Little Princess contest may re-enter provided they meet all other requirements (age/grade).
7. Each contestant will be judged on poise, personality, overall appearance and citizenship.
8. Completed entry form, along with school picture must be postmarked by Monday, June 25, 2018. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Entry forms are available online at www.mononacountyfair.com or by contacting a committee member.

Mail entry form, sponsor fee, and picture to:
Emily Low, 15 Elmwood Dr., Mapleton, Iowa 51034

Judging and interviews will start at **1:30 p.m., Monday, July 9th, at the Beef 'n Brew Restaurant, 422 Main Street, Mapleton.** Your daughter should be dressed casual for the judging day (Monday) and dressy-casual for the evening announcement and Opening Ceremonies (Wednesday) at the fairgrounds. The interviews and judging should wind up around 4:15 p.m. We will have some light snacks for the girls. Please feel free to return to the restaurant around 4:30 p.m., and we should be about done! A panel of judges will be selecting the Little Princess Court: Little Princess, First Runner-up, and Miss Congeniality.

Some of the duties of the 2018 Little Princess Court include: assisting at small animal shows handing out ribbons (*times vary – see fairbook*); get introduced nightly at the beginning of Grandstand show – then are returned to charge of parent(s); July 4, 2019 parades in Whiting & Mapleton; the 2018 Little Princess will be asked to assist at the 2019 Little Princess judging.

The three members of the Little Princess Court will be presented with a sash which is to be worn when you are at the fair, this will entitle (*only*) the Little Princess Court to free admission to the Grandstand events. All contestants are welcome to wear their sashes any time they are at the fair, but it does not entitle her to any other free admissions. We require that the Court have a parent (or chaperone 16 years or older) with them at all times while on the Fairgrounds.

The coronation of the 2018 Fair Queen and Little Princess will take place during the Monona County Fair Opening Ceremonies which begin at 7:00 p.m., on **Wednesday, July 11th**. The contest will be held in the grandstand, weather permitting. The alternative location is the livestock show building. The girls need meet in the 4-H Exhibit Building by **6:15 pm** to practice their dance. We will give you more details at the preliminary judging. Please be sure to invite your friends and family to join us for the crowning.

All Little Princess Contestants are to ride in the Fair Parade on Sunday, July 15th at 1:00 p.m. Please wear your sash, and come to the old football field (soccer field) just south of the fairgrounds for the parade will line-up. Be there no later than 12:45p.m. We will be towards the beginning of the parade. Finalists will need to dress up, but candidates may dress casual. We ask that parents sit close to the beginning of the parade route, so that you may pick up your child as soon as we return to the old football field. We usually return to the field about 30-45 minutes after the parade begins, as we are at the beginning of the parade. It is always a big help to us if someone can be there, as the girls like to get off the float! We appreciate your cooperation!

We look forward to meeting you, and we want you to have fun in the competition! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us at any time!!

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