

2018 Monona County Fair Queen Contest General Information

This information will provide a general understanding of the qualifications and expectations of the contestants, as well as details about the event. The dates for the Queen Contest and Opening Ceremonies are Monday, July 9 & Wednesday July 11, 2018.

Monona County Fair Queen Contest rules:

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 9, 2018, the first day of the Iowa State Fair.
2. The contestant must never have been married nor have children.
3. Entrants must be residents of Monona County or an adjoining county **AND** attend a school having all or part of its district in Monona County **AND** the majority of her activities are in Monona County. *Please do not hesitate to call the chairperson for clarification.*
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile youth organization in her community.
5. No professional model is eligible for the Monona County Fair Queen Contest.
6. Any contestant who has competed in the state fair finals or in a county fair queen contest other than Monona County may not compete again.
7. **Each contestant is to submit a completed entry form postmarked no later than Monday, June 25, 2018 to the Queen Contest Chair, along with \$35.00 entry or sponsor fee payable to the 'Monona County Fair Association'. A photo must be emailed to: bruning@wildblue.net. **NO exceptions!** If you send a professional photo, please include the photographer's release as this is required by the newspapers.**
8. **The date of the queen contestant preliminary interviews and competition will be Monday, July 9th (morning) at the Beef 'n Brew Restaurant, Mapleton.**
9. Queen will be selected by a competent committee on:
 - A. Personality, attitude, appearance, awareness, and communication skills.
 - B. Leadership qualities, citizenship, community activities, and extracurricular activities.
10. Each contestant is to appear in the following dress:
 - A. Evening gown
 - B. A casual outfit of her choice
11. The queen will appear for the Monona County Fair Board in official capacities as requested until her successor is crowned. If the queen fails to effectively represent the Monona County Fair Board, she will be asked to return all prizes won and relinquish her title.
12. The Monona County Fair Queen Committee and Monona County Fairboard reserve the right to change the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.
13. The winner of the Monona County Fair Queen Contest will compete in the 2018 Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant on August 7-11, 2018. Room accommodations and meals will be provided during her stay in Des Moines. Transportation to and from Des Moines is not provided.

14. Fair queen contestants can be sponsored by individual persons, businesses, or area organizations. Contestants may have one or two sponsors.
15. The 2018 Royalty will be asked to assist with various functions at the 2018 Monona County Fair beginning Thursday, July 12, 2018.
16. The 2018 Royalty will be asked to assist with the 2019 preliminary judging and be present at the 2019 Monona County Fair Queen Contest.
17. Entry forms are available online at www.mononacountyfair.com

The preliminary judging will be on Monday, July 9th at the Beef 'n Brew Restaurant in Mapleton. Please plan to arrive BY 9:00 a.m. This time is **tentative** depending on the number of contestants. There will be a place for you to change into your formalwear. This preliminary judging will consist of an individual interview with each of the judges in your formalwear, and a second short answer session in a casual outfit of your choice. This casual outfit should express your personality (no swimsuits, please). A meal will be served. We should conclude around 12:30 p.m.

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 building. You will meet in the 4-H Exhibit Building by 6:45 in your formalwear. We will give you details at the preliminary judging. Please be sure to invite your friends and family to join us for the crowning.

Contestants will be judged on the following:

Application: Completeness, neat, free of grammatical errors, and a short essay question

Appearance

Appropriateness of clothing selected

Overall grooming

Personality and poise

Interview

Group discussion

Leadership, citizenship, and community activities

Final night of judging at the Monona County Fair

A panel of judges will be selecting the Queen and First Runner-up. Contestants will vote for Miss Congeniality. If you are selected for the court, you will be expected to be on the fairgrounds as much as possible interacting with fairgoers as well as presenting ribbons and trophies. Each of finalists will be presented a sash worn at the fair. This will entitle you to free admission to the Grandstand events. If you are chosen Queen, the Iowa State Fair Queen committee will need a picture of you wearing the sash and crown. If you feel you cannot meet these requirements, you are required to relinquish your title and return all prizes. We will go into more details of your duties after the contest is over! The judges will ask you questions about various subjects. They will have read your application, so they may ask questions pertaining to your activities, etc.

All Queen 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 by 12:45p.m. We will be towards the beginning of the parade. The Court will need to wear formals, but candidates may dress casually, but appropriate.

We look forward to meeting you, and hope you have a fun time at the competition. We want all of you to enjoy this time, and if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact any of us at any time!!

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