

Washington County Fair Queen Contestant Rules

Sunday, July 15th

Rules:

1. Each contestant must be female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. A County Fair Queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H/FFA membership.)
5. In the event the county queen is unable to participate, alternates will be considered in order of selection. We expect the Queen & her court to be available for the entire length of the Washington County Fair unless extenuating circumstances are brought to our attention at the start of the contest
6. No professional models (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) are eligible to compete in the county pageant.
7. The Iowa State Fair will accept only one entry per county. Should there be more than one queen contest in the county, it will be the responsibility of the fairs concerned to hold an elimination contest. The only exception to this rule will be in those counties where more than one fair qualifies for membership with the Association of Iowa Fairs. In those cases, both Fairs will be eligible to submit candidates for competition.
8. County fairs are requested to select their candidates by competition in which personality, leadership and beauty are judged. Judging will be based on the following: personality, attitude, appearance and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to community, overall appearance, charm and poise.
9. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress, such as dress and show ring wear.
10. The winner of the competition will be crowned the "Washington County Fair Queen." The queen and her court will be required to attend such events that are attached, including county parades the following year.
11. If the winner cannot reign until a new queen is crowned at the following Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the 1st runner-up.
12. The reigning queen is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Washington County Fair. Should the reigning queen become involved in any activity, including drugs, alcohol or tobacco related offences that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Washington County Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown and title to the 1st runner-up.
13. Should the queen marry or become ineligible for any reason before the next year queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title and crown to the 1st runner-up. Should the 1st runner-up become ineligible, she will forfeit title and crown to the 2nd runner-up.
14. The Washington County Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.