

**2024 Washington County Fair Association
FAIR BOARD CONTEST AND COMPETITION RULES**

FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

Sunday, July 14, 2024

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 state 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 in county fair activities and duties, alternates will be considered in order of selection. The Fair Association expects the Queen & her court to be available for the entire length of the Washington County Fair unless extenuating circumstances are noted 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 during their county fair duties, such as Sunday 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 a variety of events during the day and evenings of the Washington County Fair which will be assigned the night of the pageant. These duties will also include representation at county parades the following year.
11. If the winner cannot continue duties during her reign until a new queen is crowned the following year, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first 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 first runner-up. These decisions will be made by the queen committee and Washington County Fair Association.

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 first runner-up. Should the first 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 necessary.