**2023 MONONA COUNTY FAIR LITTLE PRINCESS CONTEST**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**The date of the Monona County Little Princess Contest Interviews/Judging is Monday. July 10. The announcement of the 2023 Royal Court will be made at the Monona County Fair Opening Ceremonies in Onawa on Tuesday July 11, 2023.**

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. The total cost to sponsor a girl is $20.00.
2. Each contestant MUST be 6 years old by July 11, 2023 & no more than 8 years old on Aug. 31, 2023.
3. Each contestant MUST have completed first grade.
4. Each contestant MUST reside in Monona County **OR** attend school in Monona County.
5. 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).
6. Each contestant will be judged on poise, personality, overall appearance and citizenship.
7. Completed entry form, along with school picture must be postmarked by Friday, June 23. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Pictures may also be emailed to BruningAgLife@gmail.com

Entry forms are available online at [www.mononacountyfair.com](http://www.mononacountyfair.com) or by contacting the Chairperson.

Mail the completed entry form, sponsor fee, and picture to: Jessica Hupke, 22286 248th St, Onawa, IA 51040

Judging and interviews will start at ~ 1:00 pm at the Beef ‘n Brew Restaurant in Mapleton.Your daughter should be dressed casual for the judging day. The interviews and judging should wind up around 4:15 p.m. Wewill have some light snacks for the girls. 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 2023 Little Princess Court include: assisting at the fair’s small animal shows handing out ribbons *(times vary – see fairbook);* and will be introduced nightly (Thursday – Saturday) at the beginning of the Grandstand show – then are returned to charge of parent(s). Also, July 4, 2024 parades in Whiting & Mapleton. The 2023 Little Princess will be asked to assist at the 2024 Little Princess judging.

The three members of the Little Princess Court will be presented with a sash which is to be worn when they 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. The Court MUST have a parent (or chaperone 16 years or older) with you at all times while on the Fairgrounds.

The coronation of the 2023 Fair Queen and Little Princess will take place during the Monona County Fair Opening Ceremonies which begin at 7:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, July 11th.**  Attire can be dressy-casual for the Opening Ceremonies at the fairgrounds. 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 asked to ride in the Fair Parade on Sunday, July 16th at 1:00 p.m.** Please wear your sash and come to the lineup on the West side of the fairgrounds no later than 12:45p.m. We are typically 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. We usually return about 30-45 minutes after the parade begins. 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!!

Committee:
Jessica Hupke, Chairperson

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