

2010 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 Wednesday, July 7 & Wednesday July 14!

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 1, 2010.
2. The contestant must never have been married nor have children.
3. Entrants must be residents of Monona County or attend a school having all or part of its district in Monona County AND the majority of her activities are in Monona County.
4. Each contestant must be a member of at least one worthwhile youth organization in her community.
5. No professional model is eligible for the 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, including a wallet size head and shoulders photograph of herself, postmarked no later than Wednesday, June 23, 2010 to the Queen Contest Chair, along with \$30.00 entry or sponsor fee. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
8. The date of the queen contestant preliminary interviews and competition will be Wednesday, July 7th at the Maple Motel, 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 winner of the Monona County Fair Queen contest will compete in the 2010 Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant. Room accommodations and meals will be provided during her stay in Des Moines.
13. Fair queen contestants can be sponsored by individual persons, businesses, or area organizations. Contestants may have more than one sponsor.
14. The Royalty will be asked to assist with the 2011 preliminary judging and be present at the 2011 Monona County Fair Queen Contest.
15. Entry forms are available online at www.mononacofair.com *Remember to include a wallet size head and shoulders photo; the photo will not be returned.*

The preliminary judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7th at the Maple Motel in Mapleton. Please plan to arrive BY 9:30 a.m. There will be a place for you to change into your formalwear. This preliminary judging on Wednesday, July 7 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. It will be fun to get to know the other contestants during the day. You will need to vote for Miss Congeniality before you leave.

The coronation of the 2010 Fair Queen and Little Princess will take place shortly after 7:00 p.m., on **Wednesday, July 14th**. The contest will be held in the grandstand, weather permitting. The alternative location is the livestock building. You need to meet in the 4-H Exhibit Building by 6:45 in your formalwear. 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.

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. You will vote for Miss Congeniality. If you are selected as one of these three, you will be expected to be on the fair grounds as much as possible, presenting ribbons and trophies. Each of finalists will be presented a sash that we would like you to wear when you are at the fair this will entitle you to free admission to the Grandstand events. If you are chosen, the Fair Board will need a picture of you wearing the sash and crown for next year's fair book. If you feel you cannot meet these requirements, you are required to relinquish your title and return all prizes won. 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 18th 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 wear formals, but candidates may dress casual, but appropriate. We also ask that you please help us to keep the little princess contestants together. They are a big group of girls, and it takes teamwork to keep them together! When the parade is over, please make sure they stay with us until their parent comes to get them. This is a big help to the Fair Queen Committee.

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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