

# IOWA STATE FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

**August 7-11**

**Coronation Saturday, August 11 • 7 p.m.**

*Anne and Bill Riley Stage sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor CW Iowa 23*

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## **RULES AND CONTEST INFORMATION**

1. Each contestant must be female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 9, the first day of the 2018 Iowa 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. If a fair represents more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
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 membership.)
5. Each entrant in the State Fair Pageant must be selected from a competitive queen contest at her county fair. If an Iowa county fair does not have a contest, it may sanction another queen contest in their county such as the "Official County Fair Queen Contest." The winner is then eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair. Only contests sponsored by county fairs who are members of the Association of Iowa Fairs will be eligible to compete at the state level.
6. Only winners as indicated under Rule 5 are eligible to represent counties at the state pageant. In the event the county queen is unable to participate, alternates will be considered in order of selection.
7. 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 State Pageant.
8. Any contestant who has competed at a State Fair Queen Pageant Finals cannot compete again.
9. Any County Fair Queen selected after the 2017 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2018 pageant.

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10. 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.
11. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make arrangements for transportation to and from Des Moines. Hotel accommodations will be made for county queens only.
12. The county queens will be the guests of the Iowa State Fair, Tuesday, August 7, through the time of the crowning, Saturday, August 11.
13. The Iowa State Fair will provide a sash and crown for each county fair to award to their Queen. This must be worn when she appears at the Iowa State Fair and is included in the \$200 entry fee. The entry fee after May 31 is \$250. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after June 30.
14. County fairs are requested to select their candidates by competition in which personality, leadership and beauty are judged.
15. A qualified committee will select the "Iowa State Fair Queen." Judging comments are not available to the contestants or county representatives. Judging will be based on the following: personality, attitude, appearance and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to community, overall appearance, charm and poise.
16. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress, such as street, dress or suit, evening dress and casual wear.
17. The winner of the state competition will be crowned the "2018 Iowa State Fair Queen." The 2018 Queen will be required to remain at the Fairgrounds for the remaining time of the 2018 Fair.
18. The winner of the state competition must agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the year until her successor is crowned. This will include daily appearances at the 2018 Fair and a couple of days at the 2019 Fair. The Iowa State Fair will help with food and transportation expenses for these appearances.
19. If the winner cannot reign until a new queen is crowned at the 2019 Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first runner-up. She may then accept the title and awards of first runner-up.

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20. The winning contestant at the Iowa State Fair must agree to accept no other queen titles nor endorse any commercial product as “Iowa State Fair Queen” for a period of 12 months following the 2018 Iowa State Fair without the written permission of the Iowa State Fair Board.
21. The winning contestant will receive all the prizes at the time of the finals with the exception of the \$300 bond and the scholarship. This bond will be presented to her after the 2019 Iowa State Fair Queen is selected.
22. The reigning 2018 “Iowa State Fair Queen” is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Iowa State Fair. Should the reigning “Iowa State Fair Queen” become involved in any activity, including drugs, alcohol or tobacco-related offenses, that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Iowa State Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up.
23. Should the 2018 Iowa State Fair Queen marry or become ineligible for any reason before the 2019 Queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title, crown and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up. Should the first runner-up become ineligible, she will forfeit title, crown and rights to the scholarship to the second runner-up.
24. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.