

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR THE QUEEN PAGEANT

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In order to compete for the Story County Fair Queen pageant and compete for the title of Iowa State Fair Queen 2016, the following rules must be followed:

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and cannot have had her 21st birthday as of August 11th, the first day of the 2016 Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Contestants must be unmarried and must never have been married.
3. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and must be a member of a Story County worthy organization.
4. Contestants must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community such as church groups, Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership. Professional models are not eligible to compete.
5. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair pageant or the State Fair queen pageant. If the Story County Fair queen is found to be pregnant prior to the Iowa State Fair Queen pageant, she will be ineligible to compete and will be asked to relinquish her title.
6. A previous Story County Fair Queen is not eligible to compete.
7. Deadline for entry will be June 15, 2016, on an official entry form.
8. Each contestant must be sponsored by a business or a nonprofit community service organization that pays a \$30.00 entry fee to the Story County Fair.
9. The Fair Queen contestants will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse at a competitive contest. The judging is divided into the following four divisions:

DIVISION 1: INTERVIEW

50 POINTS TOTAL

Ability to converse	20 points
Personality	15 points
Poise	15 points

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress: Each contestant will have at least 3 minutes alone before the judges. She will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges.

DIVISION 2: EVENING GOWN/DINNER WITH JUDGES

40 POINTS TOTAL

Stage Presence	15 points
Overall Impression	15 points
Table Etiquette	10 points

Attire: Long Evening Gown. At least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the dress. A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the knee cap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the state pageant may be discounted by the judges.

DIVISION 3: PROFESSIONAL WEAR

30 POINTS TOTAL

Posture and Poise	10 points
Overall Impression	10 points
Confidence in self	10 points

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress: Suit pieces do not have to be of the same fabric, separates will be allowed. Suit or dress worn for the interview may also be worn/judged in Professional Wear category. Props are not allowed.

DIVISION 4: FAIR INVOLVEMENT

20 POINTS TOTAL

Attitude	10 points
Involvement	10 points

10. Failure to comply with the following requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and

score sheets are for judges' assessment only. Final selection is the judges' decision.

11. NO professional hairdressers or makeup artists will be allowed backstage the evening of the pageant. NO parents or relatives will be allowed backstage prior to the pageant.
12. The Story County Fair Pageant Coordinator reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.
13. All contestants must attend the Story County Fair July 23th through July 27th, 2016 and its events.

* June 18, 2016	Workshop 9 am - 4pm Extension Office Meeting Room
* July 15	2016 Pre-fair at the Ames Public Library
* July 16	2016 Fashion Event in Nevada
* July 18	Set Up Story County Fair Grounds
* July 21	2016 Judging and 4-H Inspiration Program
* July 23	2016 Crowning of Queen
* July 27	Supreme Showmanship and Spotlight on Youth
14. The Queen will spend the period from August 9th through August 13th, 2016 at the Iowa State Fair competing for the title of "Miss Iowa State Fair Queen of 2016". The Story County Fair Board will pay the entry fee and the Iowa State Fair will provide a sash and crown to be worn throughout the fair.
15. The winner of the county fair pageant will be asked to appear at various functions during the following year both by the Fair Board and the community. All appearances of the queen in her official capacity must be approved by the county fair pageant coordinator.
16. If any of the terms and conditions listed in these rules is not followed by the contestant, the Story County Fair Pageant Coordinator has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.

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Entry Form Due: June 15

Please submit a 5x7 color photo along with all the attached pages in a portfolio.

Please Remit To: Story County Fair
% Pageant Coordinator
P.O. Box 163
Nevada, IA 50201

Name _____ **Age by August 11, 2016** _____

Address _____ **City/zip:** _____

Phone Number _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

School: _____ **Grade Completed** _____

Community Organization Memberships: _____

(You must submit a letter of reference from each organization stating that you are an active member in good standing with that organization.)

School Organizations & Activities: _____

(You must submit a letter of character reference from a current teacher, guidance counselor, coach, etc.)

Escort Information

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address _____ **City/St/Zip:** _____

(This person will escort you on Thursday, July 21 @ 7pm and Saturday, July 23 @ 7pm. Escort must be dressed in appropriate attire.)

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Submit an essay of 250 - 500 words stating why you would like to become the Story County Fair Queen and how you plan to represent our County. Please type your essay on a separate sheet of white paper.

Type your answers to the following questions:

What college or university are you considering attending and why?

What Major of study do you intend on perusing?

Briefly describe why you feel that achieving a higher education is important:

What clubs, groups, or organizations do you belong to?

List any special awards or honors you have received in high school, 4-H, FFA or extra-curricular activities:

List briefly any hobbies or activities you especially enjoy:

Please describe an incident where you feel you were a good role model:

Please list four people you especially admire and respect. Describe why for each person listed.

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Who is your escort and why did you choose them?