

# 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 2017, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the 2017 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, 2017, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and its events.
  - \*June 17 Workshop 9 am - 4pm Extension Office Meeting Room
  - \*July 14 2017 Pre-fair at the Ames Public Library
  - \*July 15 2017 Fashion Event in Nevada
  - \*July 17 Set Up Story County Fair Grounds
  - \*July 20 2017 Judging and 4-H Inspiration Program
  - \*July 22 2017 Crowning of Queen and Pie Auction
  - \*July 26 Parade of Champions
14. The Queen will spend the period from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Iowa State Fair competing for the title of "Miss Iowa State Fair Queen of 2017". 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.