

## JACKSON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

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A fair queen contest is held each year and the selection of the queen is made by the Jackson County Fair Board. The fair queen makes appearances at the local fair and then goes on to represent Jackson County in the Iowa State Fair Queen contest. The honor of Fair Queen carries prestige and responsibility as well as attractive financial rewards.

Jackson County Fair's first queen contest was in 1985. With a recess of three years of no contests due to lack of interest, the largest group ever of young women stepped forward in 1998 to create profound renewed interest in becoming fair royalty. Jackson County Fair Queens of the past to the present are listed below:

1985 – Sherry Gerlach, Andrew  
1986 – Leslie Ann Emery, Maquoketa  
1987 – Tara Hay, Monmouth – first runner-up State Fair  
1988 – Maureen Manders, LaMotte  
1989 – Dorinda Diesing, Maquoketa  
1990 – Denise Steines, Bellevue  
1991 – Angie McMurray, Andrew  
1992 – Annette Myatt, Maquoketa  
1993 –95 none  
1996 – Sara Kunde, Bellevue  
1997 – Erin Burns, Maquoketa  
1998 – Sarah Roach, Maquoketa  
1999 – Jamie Sue Schaefer, Preston  
2000 – Stevie Hudrlik, Andrew  
2001 – Michelle Zickel, Maquoketa  
2002 – Megan Muhl, Wheatland  
2003 – Tina Till, Maquoketa  
2004 – Missy Gerlach, Maquoketa  
2005 – Cassie Gregorich, LaMotte  
2006 – Megan Flynn, Maquoketa. first runner-up State Fair  
2007 - Kara Ties, Bellevue  
2008 – Kalli Muhlhausen, Maquoketa  
2009 – Kaitlin Kilburg, Bellevue  
2010 – Ellen Schultz, Miles  
2011 - Janell Johnson, Maquoketa  
2012 – Samantha Lippens, Miles  
2013 – Amanda Kieffer, Preston  
2014- Gabriella Martens, Wyoming  
2015- Katie Soliday, Zwingle  
2016 - Sydney Stender, Baldwin  
2017 – Cambrie Lane, Spragueville  
2018 – Hailey Schwenker, Maquoketa  
2019 – Marta Grant, Preston  
2020 – None  
2021 – Aubree Driscoll – Spragueville  
2022 – Mary Holtz - Maquoketa

### Rules:

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 10, the first day of the 2023 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. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the state pageant.

6. Any contestant who has competed at a State Fair Finals may not compete again.
7. Any county fair queen selected after the 2022 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2023 pageant.
8. The County Fair Queen must fully commit to the responsibilities of being the County Fair Queen, including full participation in the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition.
9. The county queens will be the guests of the Iowa State Fair through the time of the crowning, Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through the time of the crowning, Saturday evening August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Expenses at the State Fair will be paid by the Jackson County Fair Association.
10. The Jackson County Fair Queen will receive \$300.00. The Princess will receive \$200.00. The second runner-up will receive \$100.00 and Miss Congeniality will receive \$100.00. Scholarship monies compliments of the Jackson County Fair Board.
11. All Jackson County Fair Queen candidates must participate in the Jackson County Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. All candidates must assist at the July 28 and July 29 Music Nights.
12. Selection process of the 2023 Fair Queen will begin with 10 minute interviews on Monday, July 17 at 5 p.m. at the Fair Board office. The interviews will be conducted by a panel of three judges.
13. Announcement and crowning of the Fair Queen will be Sunday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Pearson. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. Come for breakfast and stay for the announcement and crowning of the fair queen.
14. Deadline for entries is July 16, 2023. To enter and for more information, call Fair Manager, Terri Selzer at 652-4282.