

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

Rules:

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 12, the first day of the 2021 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 2019 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2021 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. Expenses at State Fair will be paid by Jackson County Fair Association.
10. The Jackson County Fair Queen will receive \$300.00. The first runner-up 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 27 at 6:00 p.m. All candidates must assist at the July 30 and July 31 Music Nights.
12. Selection process of the 2021 Fair Queen will begin with 10 minute interviews on Monday, July 19 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 after the parade Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in front of the Grand Stand. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.
14. Deadline for entries is July 15, 2021. To enter and for more information, call Fair Manager, Lanny Simpson at 652-4282.