

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 2020, 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 13th, the first day of the 2020 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 5, 2020, on an official entry form. Please click on the following link to enter: [Link](#)
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: GROUP INTERVIEW

50 POINTS TOTAL

Ability to converse	20 points
Personality	15 points
Poise	15 points

Attire: Business Professional. Suit or dress worn for the group interview may also be worn in professional wear category.

DIVISION 2: PROFESSIONAL WEAR/INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW

40 POINTS TOTAL

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

Attire: Business Professional. Suit or dress worn for the professional wear category may also be worn in group interview. : 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 3: 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 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 24 through July 28, 2020 and its events.

* June 20	Orientation Meeting 9 am – 11 am Extension Office Meeting Room
* July 19	2020 Judging
* July 20	Set Up Story County Fair Grounds
* July 24	2020 Crowning of Queen
14. The Queen will spend the period from August 11th through August 15th, 2020 at the Iowa State Fair competing for the title of "Miss Iowa State Fair Queen of 2020". 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.
17. The application can be found at the following web page:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYdj5l8Guk93w6oi-a4lX57r1VtcfZzImaADtltBQT7hVGtQ/viewform?usp=sf_link