



**Clinton County Fair & Club Show**  
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## **2018 CLINTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST Rules & Regulations**

1. Applications and a 4 x 6 or smaller photo (these will not be returned) are due at the fair office by *4PM on June 11th*.
2. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 9<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the Iowa State Fair.
3. Contestants must never have been married or have had children. If the winner becomes pregnant during her reign she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts and prizes.
4. Contestants must reside in Clinton County or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Clinton County.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. (Eligibility is NOT limited to 4-H or FFA members.)
6. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling is the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete.
7. Any contestant who has competed in the Clinton County Fair Queen contest and did not advance to the Iowa State Fair Queen contest is eligible to compete again.
8. Judging will be based on the following:
  - a. Personality, Attitude, Charm, Poise and Overall Appearance
  - b. Leadership and Citizenship – Contribution to Community
  - c. Global Awareness Issues
9. Judging will be based on the following formats:
  - a. Answers to application questions
  - b. Personal introductory presentation
  - c. Individual and group interviews
10. Judges comments and scores will not be available to contestants.
11. Each contestant will need an escort for the crowning. This may be her father, grandfather, brother, uncle, etc. All escorts should be appropriately dressed. Contestants should wear a formal, prom, or pageant dress for the crowning.
12. The winning contestant will receive all prizes at the time of the crowning with the exception of \$150 scholarship. The scholarship will be presented to her after the 2019 Clinton County Fair Queen has been selected.
13. Contestants must be available to attend and be the guest of the Iowa State Fair from *Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>*, through the time of the crowning on Saturday afternoon, *August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018*. The Iowa State Fair Queen will be required to remain at the fairgrounds for the remainder of the Iowa State Fair and agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested until the crowning of her successor.
14. The winning contestant will be responsible for making arrangements for transportation to and from all required events including the Iowa State Fair. Accommodations for the Iowa State Fair will be made for the county queen only.
15. The Clinton County Fair Queen is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and the Clinton County Fair. Should the queen become involved in any activity that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and all prizes.
16. Contestants must be available to attend and serve as an ambassador for the Clinton County Fair as determined by the Clinton County Fair Board.
17. The Clinton County Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as deemed expedient.
18. The Clinton County Fair Queen should be committed to full participation in the of the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition.



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## 2018 CLINTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST Requirements, Expectations & Awards

### Judging Requirements:

1. **Introductory Presentation:** Give an introductory speech on that tells the judges about yourself (maximum length - 3 minutes). A formal dress, prom attire, or pageant gown should be worn.
2. **Group Interview:** Contestants will meet in small groups with the judges to discuss current global issues. Business attire should be worn for this event. Your clothing may be age appropriate but should still be professional. A business suit or professional dress is acceptable. (maximum length - 20 minutes per group)
3. **Personal Interview:** You will be asked questions based on your queen application and other general interview questions. Your outfit should be something you would wear on an activity with your friends or family. Capris, shorts, skirts, dresses, sundresses are all appropriate. (maximum length - 5 minutes per candidate)
4. **Application Questions:** Applications must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on *June 11th* to the Clinton County Fair Office.
5. **Picture:** Include a 4 x 6 or smaller photo of yourself with the application for an article that will run in the newspapers. A portrait style photo with focus on the face is preferred. Photos will not be returned.

### Fair Queen & Princess Expectations:

- Represent the fair with a smile, welcome people to the fair, and thank them for coming.
- Attend fair events including livestock shows and evening entertainment. Be present, visible and welcoming.
- Hand out ribbons and trophies at livestock events.
- Try to attend town parades throughout the year as the Queen/Princess.
- Be smart in your clothing and footwear selection for all queen events.
- Do not use cell phones at queen events.
- No P.D.A. with significant others at fair events. You are a role model for our youth and they are watching you at all times.
- Conduct yourself professionally and appropriately on all social media accounts. Any pictures or references of illegal substances, distasteful posts and photos, or illicit behavior will result in the termination of title and loss of scholarship.
- Assist with future Fair Queen Contests and assist in recruiting contestants.

### Awards:

The winner of our local pageant will be awarded a crown, sash, bouquet and several prizes from local businesses. She will receive a professional portrait taken with her crown and sash. The queen will be recognized at various Clinton County Fair events. After the 2019 fair and the conclusion of her reign she will receive a \$150 scholarship. Miss Clinton County Fair Queen will compete at the Iowa State Fair for additional prizes. If you win and compete at the Iowa State Fair, your housing, meals and transportation to and from the fairgrounds will be provided. There will also be workshops available to attend while at the fair. You will be a guest of the Iowa State Fair from Tuesday, *August 7<sup>th</sup>* through the time of the crowning of the Iowa State Fair Queen on Saturday, *August 11<sup>th</sup>*.

**People's Choice Award:** During the crowning ceremony held on Thursday, July 12, fair-goers will have the opportunity to make financial votes for the contestant of their choice. The contestant with the largest amount will be determined the winner and will receive half of her "votes". The recipient of this award will be recognized at the Crowning during the fair.

### Dates to Remember:

- JUNE 11 Application Deadline: Applications must be turned in by 4:00 P.M. on *June 11, 2018* to the Fair Office.
- JUNE 21 Interviews at the Auditorium at 7:15 P.M. Please arrive at 7:00 P.M. to check-in. Wear formal or "party" dress. Bring a casual outfit with you to change into. Interviews are NOT open to the public.
- JULY 4 Fair Queen Candidates are invited to ride on the Fair Board float in DeWitt's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Line-up is at the fairgrounds.
- JULY 12 10-11:30 A.M. Parade & Introductions of Candidates at shows and throughout the fairgrounds. (Optional) 5:30 P.M. Queen Crowning in the Beef Arena. Escorts will be needed for this event.

\*\*\* JULY 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> QUEEN & PRINCESS REIGN OVER THE CLINTON COUNTY FAIR \*\*\*



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