

## **MADISON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Each contestant must be a female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the Iowa State Fair, Thursday, August 13, 2026.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. Each contestant must reside in Madison County, or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Madison County.
4. Each contestant must be active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA etc. **(Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.)**
5. Only winners as indicated in Rule 3 are eligible to represent Madison County at the state pageant. In the event the county queen is unable to participate; alternates will be considered in order of selection.
6. 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 county pageant.
7. Any contestant selected as the Madison County Fair Queen may not compete in future contests. All other contestants meeting the above requirements are eligible for future pageants.
8. Contestants will be evaluated by a panel of judges approximately one week prior to the Madison County Fair coronation ceremonies. Letters or emails will be sent out to candidates with date and time of their interview. Selection will be based on personality, attitude, leadership and citizenship, appearance and awareness, overall charm, and poise. Final selection will be announced at the coronation ceremonies.
9. Each Contestant must be present for the pre-county fair interview and be present for the county queen contest in order to be considered for an award.
10. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in an evening dress at the coronation ceremonies.
11. The winner of the county pageant must agree to appear for the Madison County Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the fair. Check with fair board officials on scheduling.

12. The winner of the county pageant will be entered in the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant in August. County queens will be guests of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, through the time of crowning on Saturday afternoon, August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is the responsibility of the Madison County fair queen to make arrangements for transportation to and from the state competition. Hotel accommodations will be made for the county queens only during the Iowa State Fair competition.
  
13. The Madison County Fair Queen is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively (including social media posts) on herself, her family, and the Madison County Fair. Should the queen become involved in any activity that reflects negativity on herself, her family, or the fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title, and all prizes.