



Clinton County Fair & Club Show
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2026 LIL' MISS Clinton County Fair Queen Contest Rules, Requirements & Expectations

1. Applications and a 4 x 6 or smaller photo (these will not be returned) are due at the fair office by 4:00 PM on July 1st. (May be placed in mailbox outside the fair office.)
2. Each contestant must be between 4 and 9 years of age by July 22, 2026.
3. Contestants must reside in Clinton County or an adjoining Iowa county if the majority of her activities are in Clinton County.
4. Contestants must be available to attend and serve as an ambassador for the Clinton County Fair as determined by the Fair Board.
5. Any contestant who has competed in the Lil' Miss Clinton County Fair contest and has not been crowned Lil' Miss Clinton County Fair Queen is eligible to compete again.
6. Judging will be based on Charm, Poise, Attitude, Personality and Overall Appearance.
7. Judging will be based on the following platforms:
 - a. Answers to application questions
 - b. Introductory presentation
 - c. Interviews
8. Each contestant will need an escort the night of crowning. All escorts should be appropriately dressed. Contestants should wear a formal or "party" dress the night of the crowning.
9. The Lil' Miss Fair Queen & Princess will each receive a crown, sash and other prizes at the time of the crowning.
10. The winning contestant will reign as Lil' Miss Clinton County Fair Queen/Princess until the crowning of the following year.
11. The Clinton County Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as deemed expedient.

Requirements:

1. **Introductory Presentation (1 minute max):** Participants should be prepared to state a minimum of their name and age. More information (parents' names, grade in school, interests, etc.) about themselves is welcome. A formal or "party" dress should be worn.
2. **Interview (2 minutes max.):** After changing into a casual outfit, contestants will be asked questions based on information from their application. Capris, shorts, skirts, dresses and sundresses are appropriate. Contestants are free to leave after their interview.
3. **Application Questions:** Applications must be turned in by 4:00 PM on July 1st to the fair office. (May be placed in mailbox outside the fair office.)
4. **Picture:** A 4 x 6 or smaller photo of the contestant must be included with the application for an article that will run in local newspapers. A portrait style picture with the focus on the face is preferred. Photos will not be returned.

Awards:

Winners of our pageant will be awarded a crown, sash, bouquet and other various prizes. The queen and princess will be recognized at various events during the fair.

Queen & Princess Expectations:

- Represent the fair with a smile, welcome people to the fair, and thank them for coming. Be friendly & enthusiastic!
- 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/princess events.

Dates to Remember:

- JULY 1 Application Deadline: Applications must be turned in by 4:00 PM on July 1st to the Fair Office. (May be placed in mailbox outside the fair office.)
- JULY 8 **Interviews at the Auditorium at 5:15 PM. Please arrive at 5:00 PM 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 23 10-11:30 AM Parade & Introductions of Candidates at shows and throughout the fairgrounds. (Optional) 5:30 PM Queen Crowning in the Beef Arena. Escorts will be needed for this event.

*** JULY 23rd – 26th QUEEN & PRINCESS REIGN OVER THE CLINTON COUNTY FAIR ***



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Contestants must be **ages 4 - 9 by July 22, 2026**. Contest's answers may be **recorded** by a parent/guardian.
Applications are **due to fair office by 4:00 PM on July 1st**. (May be placed in mailbox outside the fair office.)
Include a 4 X 6 or smaller photo. Photos will NOT be returned.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
(Print as you would like them publicized.)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ District: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Escort's Name: _____ Relationship to Contestant: _____

My daughter, _____ has my permission to participate in the Lil' Miss Clinton County Fair Queen contest and related activities. It is understood that the winner of the contest is expected to participate in activities during the Clinton County Fair. We will at no time hold the Clinton County Fair Board, Fair volunteers, Lil' Miss judges or any and all other persons associated with the above listed contest responsible or liable for any personal injury or damages to property as direct or indirect response of participation in said contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Clubs & Other Activities: _____

My favorite thing about the fair is ... and why: _____

My favorite thing in the whole world is ... and why: _____

When I grow up I want to be a ... and why: _____

Explain why you want to be chosen as the Lil' Miss Fair Queen and how you would welcome people to the fair:

