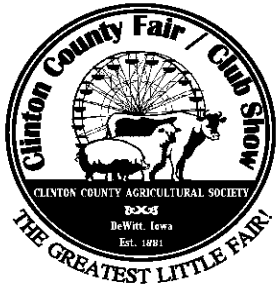




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2026 MISS Clinton County Fair Queen Contest Rules & Regulations

1. Applications and a 4 x 6 or smaller photo (these will not be returned) are due at the fair office by *4 PM on July 1st. (May be placed in mailbox outside the fair office.)*
2. Each contestant must be female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 13th, 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 Iowa 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, FFA, 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. 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 \$300 scholarship. The scholarship will be presented to her after the 2027 Clinton County Fair Queen has been crowned.
13. Contestants must be available to attend and be the guest of the Iowa State Fair from *Tuesday, August 11th*, through the time of the crowning on Saturday evening, *August 15th, 2026*. The Clinton County Fair Queen should be committed to full participation in the of the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition. 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 (including social media post) 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.



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2026 MISS Clinton County Fair Queen Contest Requirements, Expectations & Awards

Judging Requirements:

1. Introductory Presentation: Give an introductory speech 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. Contestants are free to leave after their personal interview. (maximum length - 5 minutes per candidate)
4. Application Questions: Applications must be turned in by 4:00 PM on *July 1st* to the Clinton County Fair Office. (*May be placed in mailbox outside the 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. 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.
- 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.

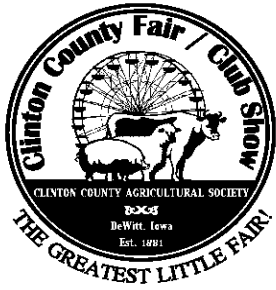
Awards:

The winner of our local pageant will be awarded a crown, sash, bouquet and several prizes from local businesses. The queen will be recognized at various Clinton County Fair events. After the 2027 fair and the conclusion of her reign she will receive a \$300 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 hotel/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 11th* through the time of the crowning of the Iowa State Fair Queen on Saturday, *August 15th*.

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 7:00 PM. Please arrive at 6:45 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 *****
AUGUST 11th – 15th Queen competes for Iowa State Fair Queen in Des Moines



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2026 MISS Clinton County Fair Queen Contest Application

Contestants must be ages 16-21 by August 13, 2026.

Applications are due at the 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. Please attach any additional sheets of paper used.

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 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, Fair Queen 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 _____

Please type/write responses to the following questions and attach additional pages used to this form.

Describe the school activities you participate in, sports, clubs, office(s) held, leadership positions, honors and awards:

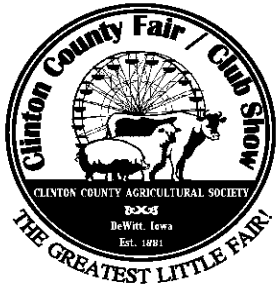
Describe your contributions to your community and any volunteer activities you participate in:

What are your interests and hobbies?

What are your plans for the future? Please provide details of the coming year and five years from now, to include goals, work, school, etc.

Write one paragraph detailing an experience or person that contributed to your personal growth. Explain how that experience or person has shaped your philosophy or approach to life.

In one page, explain why you would like to be chosen to represent Clinton County as the Fair Queen and how you would promote and represent the Clinton County Fair:



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Clinton County Fair Queen Disclaimer and Agreement

The information on the Clinton County Fair Queen application will be used by the judges as part of the decision-making process to determine who will become Miss Clinton County Fair Queen. Questions for the Queen's interviews may come from this application form. It is assumed by the judges that all parts of this application are true. Any falsification of this form will be grounds for permanent disqualification from this or any future Clinton County Fair Queen contests.

I hereby declare that any statements or other information provided in this Clinton County Fair Queen application represents the absolute truth. I understand that any piece of false information disclosed in this application will disqualify me from this and all future Clinton County Fair Queen contests.

In addition, if chosen to be the Clinton County Fair Queen I agree to make appearances at the 2026 Clinton County Fair and attend outside parades as requested by the Fair Board. In the event that I am crowned Miss Clinton County Fair Queen I am available to attend the 2026 Iowa State Fair Queen contest August 11 - 15, 2026 in Des Moines. I also understand that if I am crowned at the Iowa State Fair, I am expected to make appearances at the State Fair as requested by the state committee.

In the event I am crowned Clinton County Fair Queen, I agree to not be in the presence of alcohol or to consume alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs. If the above so happens I will forfeit my reign immediately. I will conduct myself professionally and appropriately at all times on all social media accounts. Any pictures or references of illegal substances, distasteful posts and photos, or illicit behavior as determined by the Fair Queen Committee will result in the termination of title and loss of scholarship.

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian: I authorize my daughter to participate in the Clinton County Fair Queen Contest. I understand that if my daughter wins this contest, she will advance to the Iowa State Fair Queen contest and will be expected to be at the Iowa State Fair, August 11 - 15, 2026.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this form, fair queen application and photo to the Clinton County Fair, 328 E. 8th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742 by July 1st.