



Van Buren County Fair Queen Contest Rules

1. The contest will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at The Fair View Barn at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be held on Saturday, July 13th with the public contest held that evening. Each contestant will have up to a 10-15-minute interview with the judges.
2. Queen contestants must pre-register online. The sponsorship fee is \$75. A copy of the contestant's birth certificate must accompany the entry form along with a head and shoulders photo. ***The deadline is midnight, June 24, 2024.*** Only registrants who turn in completed applications and copies of birth certificates by June 24 will be accepted into the contest. Sponsorship fees may be mailed to Van Buren County Fair, PO Box 174, Keosauqua, IA 52565 or dropped at the Van Buren County Fair Board Office Drop Box. The sponsorship fees must be received in hand by July 2nd.
3. Judging will be based on poise, personality, overall presentation, leadership qualities, community involvement and response to questions.
4. Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contestant will be considered ineligible
5. All contestants must be a resident of Van Buren County or an adjacent county with a majority of their activities taking place in Van Buren County.
6. Contestants must be between 16 and 21 and must be an active member of at least one service organization such as 4-H, church group, Girl Scouts, etc. Contestants must also follow the Iowa State Fair guidelines. A copy of the Iowa State Fair guidelines is attached.
7. Contestants may NOT have won the Queen contest in any previous year and must NOT be the outgoing 2023 Junior Miss.
8. Parents are **NOT** allowed in the interview room or the backstage area during the contest. Assigned staff will assist contestants if needed.
9. Contestants **ONLY** will be allowed in the building during the morning and afternoon activities on July 13.
10. There will be an on-stage presentation and contestants will be asked an impromptu question during the formal wear portion.
11. The winner will need to be available to help hand out ribbons at assigned shows during the 2024 Van Buren County Fair as well as appearing at all Fair Events.
12. The winner will also need to be available for community events and parades throughout Van Buren County during the 2024-2025 year of service.
13. The winner may make additional appearances not on the list provided as long as it is approved ***BEFORE*** the appearance is done.
14. The winner will receive \$300 CASH. The first runner-up will receive \$125 CASH, second runner-up will receive \$75 cash.
15. The queen must adhere to all the rules and regulations set forth by the Iowa State Fair Board and represent Van Buren County at the 2024 Iowa State Fair in August.
16. Failure to comply with any rules stated above is grounds for disqualification. Any disagreements about final decisions will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Judges' decisions are final.

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