



Van Buren County Fair Junior Miss Contest Rules & Regulations

1. Contest will be held on Saturday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. Interviews will be held on Saturday, July 8. Each contestant will have a 5–8 minute interview with the judges. Contestant's interview times will be assigned by the number they draw.
2. Junior Miss contestants must pre-register online. The sponsorship fee is \$55. 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 17.** Only contestants who turn in completed applications, registration fees and copies of birth certificates by June 17 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 7th.
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 may not be older than 15 years of age or younger than 12 years of age by July 1, 2023.
7. Contestant may NOT have won the Junior Miss contest in any previous year and must NOT be the outgoing 2022 Princess.
8. Contestants **ONLY** will be allowed in the building during the activities of July 8.
9. Parents and/or chaperones are **NOT** allowed in the interview room or the backstage area during the contest. Assigned staff will assist contestants if needed.
10. There will be an on-stage presentation and contestants will be asked a question during the formal wear portion.
11. Winner will need to be available to help hand out ribbons at assigned shows during the 2023 Van Buren County Fair as well as making appearances at fair events.
12. Winner will receive \$100 CASH. First Runner Up will receive \$75 CASH. Second Runner Up will receive \$50 CASH.
13. Winner will also need to be available for community events, parades and various appearances throughout Van Buren County during the 2023-2024 year of service. Winner may make additional appearances not on the list provided as long as it is approved ***BEFORE*** the appearance is done.
14. Any disagreements about final decisions will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Judges' decisions are final.

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