



2026 VAN BUREN COUNTY FAIR

PRINCESS & JUNIOR PRINCESS CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility

*Junior Princess: ages 5-8 years.

*Princess: ages 9-11 years.

* Contestant must be a Van Buren County Resident and must be following ages July 1,2026.

1. Contestants must pre-register online. The entry fee is \$10(does not have to be a sponsorship). A copy of the contestant's birth certificate, digital head & shoulder photo, and signed permission form must accompany the entry fee. The deadline is June 15th,4:30pm. Only registrants who turn in the completed application and copies of birth certificates by June15th,2026 will be accepted into the contest. If mailing please send to Van Buren County Fair PO Box 174, Keosauqua, IA 52565. Email vbcfairroyalty26@gmail.com

2. Judging will be held on the afternoon of July 13th,2026 at the Fair View Barn, with the crowning to be completed at the Royalty Competition that evening starting at 6:30PM. Judges will have the final decision. Contestants should wear modest, age-appropriate attire, formal pageant gowns and swimwear are not permitted.

3.Judging will be based on poise, personality, overall presentation, and the interview. One winner will be chosen from each age group.

4. Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level in anything other than amateur contestant will be considered ineligible.

5. Contestants may NOT have won the Princess contest in which they are competing in any previous year and must NOT be the outgoing 2025 Junior Princess.

6. Parents are NOT allowed in the interview room during the contest. Assigned staff will assist contestants if needed. If accommodation is needed, please notify the royalty coordinator.

7. The winner must be available for appearance during the 2026 Van Buren County Fair.

8. The winner must also be available for community events, parades, and various appearances throughout Van Buren County during the 2026-2027 year of service. The winner may make additional appearances not on the list provided if it is approved BEFORE the appearance is done.

9. Failure to comply with any rules stated above is grounds for disqualification. Any disagreements about final decision will be grounded for immediate disqualification. Judge's decisions are final.

For more information or questions contact Heather Mercer at 641-919-0566 or email vbcfairroyalty26@gmail.com

PRINCESS PACKAGE WINNER WILL RECEIVE

- A crown and sash to wear at the fair
- A bouquet of flowers
- A lapel pin to wear on their sash
- \$40 Cash

JUNIOR PRINCESS WINNER WILL RECEIVE

- A crown and sash to wear at the fair
- A bouquet of flowers
- A lapel pin to wear on their sash
- \$30 Cash