



VAN BUREN COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR MISS CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

The contest will be held in conjunction with the Van Buren County Fair Queen contest on Saturday July 13th 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Fair View Barn, Keosauqua. Interviews will be held on Saturday July 13th, 2026 starting from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Each contestant will have a 10-minute interview with the judges. Contestants' interviews will be scheduled at head of time.

1. Junior Miss contestants must pre-register online at vanburencountyfairia.com or mail application to VBC Fair Board PO Box 174 Keosauqua, IA 52565. Entry fee is \$55 and must accompany the entry form. Emma Yoder will be taking headshot photos at the Fair View Barn. Times and dates will be provided later. We ask that all contestants wear a nice black top to the photo. Deadline is 4:30 pm June 15th, 2026. Only contestants who turn in a completed application and registration fees to vbcfairroyalty26@gmail.com or mail to vbc fair board will be accepted into the contest.
2. Judging will be based on poise, personality, leadership qualities, community involvement and response to questions.
3. Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain) in anything other than amateur contests will be considered ineligible.
4. All contestants must be a resident of Van Buren County or adjacent counties with a majority of activities in Van Buren County.
5. Contestants may not be older than 15 years of age or younger than 12 years of age by July 1, 2026
6. 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.
7. No one will be allowed in the backroom to help ladies between the various sections of the contest, except for assigned staff.
8. **There will be an on-stage presentation, and contestants will be asked a question during the evening dress portion.**
9. Winners will need to be available to help hand out ribbons at assigned shows during the 2026 Van Buren County fair, as well as making appearances at fair events.
10. Winner will also need to be available for community events, parades and various appearances throughout Van Buren County during the 2026-2027 year of service. Winner may make additional appearances not on the list provided as long as it is approved **BEFORE** the appearance is done.
11. Any disagreements about final decisions will be grounds for immediate disqualification
12. Winner's package enclosed with the itinerary (which is subject to change)

For more information, contact:

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