

HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

Hamilton County Fair Queen Contest Rules

1. Each contestant must be 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2026 State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. The county fair queen must reside in Hamilton County. The only exception: she must reside in an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Hamilton County.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc.
5. Only the County Fair winner will be eligible to represent Hamilton County at the State Fair Queen Contest. (Alternates will be considered in order of selection in the event the Queen is unable to participate.)
6. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete.
7. Any Hamilton County Fair Queen Finalist from past years is not eligible.
8. Two Identical billfold size photos (Head and shoulder pose) must be submitted with your entry form.
9. Contestant is responsible for locating a vehicle (convertible) and driver to drive them through the Hamilton County Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
10. Judging date is July 18, 2026. Announcement and crowning ceremonies will take place Tuesday evening, July 21, 2026.
11. Judging criteria for both the County and State levels are as follows.
 - a. Charm & Poise
 - b. Personality, Attitude, Appearance, and Awareness
 - c. Leadership and Citizenship-Contribution to Community
 - d. Overall Appearance, Charm, Poise
12. Contest decisions are announced by coordinators and are final. There will be planned activities for the Queen Candidates during the Hamilton County Fair.
13. Positions and prizes are as follows:
 - a. Queen- \$125 cash, State Fair Queen Contest entry, 8x10 photo, crown, sash, a dozen long stemmed roses & trophy
 - b. 1st Runner-Up - \$75.00 cash, trophy.
 - c. 2nd Runner-Up - \$50.00 cash, trophy.
 - d. Leadership Award - \$25.00 cash, trophy.
 - e. Miss Congeniality-trophy
14. Entry forms for Queen Contestant nominations must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2026 or hand delivered to a committee member no later than 5:00 pm, July 1, 2026. Two identical billfold size head and shoulder photos must be included with the completed entry and returned to Hamilton County Fair Association, P.O. Box 563, Webster City, Iowa 50595, or give to any committee member,
15. If the winner is crowned knowing she cannot stay throughout the Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with the title to the 1st Runner-Up. She may then accept the title and awards of 1st Runner-Up.
16. The winner must fully participate in all activities of the State Fair judging competition. (There will be no approvals given for schedule changes during the State Fair judging.)
17. This contest is limited to the first 16 entries.
18. All contestants will be guests of the Hamilton County Fair during the 5 days of the Fair and will receive gifts honoring their participation.
19. Committee members for this year's Hamilton County Fair Queen Contest are as follows: Kim Schaa: 515-290-5815; Kathleen Hay: 515-832-5291; Carla Johnson: 515-832-3675, and Ashley Burtnett (515) 835-0686

The official entry form may be duplicated.
Entries may be front and back of one sheet only

OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY QUEEN CONTEST

Name_____Age_____

Address_____

Email_____Phone_____T-shirt Size_____

Parent's/Guardian's Name_____

High School Attended_____

School Activities_____

Church and/or Community Activities_____

Hobbies_____

Future Plans_____

Describe your involvements in the Hamilton County Fair: _____

Describe any positions of leadership you have held in your school and community _____

Write one short paragraph on why you would like to be the Hamilton County Fair Queen:

If chosen as Hamilton County Fair Queen, I agree to fully participate in the current year's and next year's Hamilton County Fair and the current year's Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant.

Signature_____