

2017 Clayton County Fair Queen Pageant- Rules and Regulations

1. **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Sponsorship fee/ Application fee of **\$50.00** must be paid in full to the Clayton County Fairboard and be sent along with the application to Anna Troester. This fee helps support the contest for awards, meals and activities. A sponsor includes local businesses/organizations or family members that would like to encourage/sponsor the contestant in the contest. The sponsor will receive recognition the night of the crowning.
2. All application materials including application, photo, release/consent form and sponsor fee must be postmarked by **July 12, 2017** to Anna Troester, 21433 Great River Rd., Garnavillo, Iowa 52049. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. Contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 20 years of age on July 20, 2017.
4. Contestant must never have been married or never have had children.
5. Contestant must reside in Clayton County. (Service organization in Clayton County).
6. Contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in Clayton County. (Church group, 4-H, Girl Scouts, etc).
7. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the county pageant.
8. Contestant will be judged in formal attire (i.e. prom dress) and a business (interview attire) or sundress, but is strongly encouraged not to spend excess money on attire. Formal attire is also required for the crowning ceremony at the fair.
9. Contestant will be judged on personality, leadership, communication and overall appearance.

- 10.** As a reminder, you are representing Clayton County Fair when you are running as a contestant/ fair queen. PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY. Please no short dresses, skirts, or shorts.
- 11.** The Clayton County Fair Queen will appear in different events during the year including parades.
- 12.** It is the responsibility of the winner of the 2017 Clayton County Fair Queen Pageant to make arrangements for transportation to and from Des Moines for the 2018 State pageant. Accommodations will be made for the county queen only. The Iowa State Fair provides chaperones.
- 13.** The 2017 county queen will be the guest of the Iowa State Fair in 2018 through the time of the crowning Saturday afternoon. In the event the 2017 Queen is unable to complete her duties, the first alternate will serve as detailed in the agreement signed in the application.
- 14.** The winner of the state pageant must agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the year until her successor is crowned. This includes daily appearances at the Iowa State Fair the year you are crowned winner of the STATE pageant (2018) and several days the following year (2019). The Iowa State Fair will arrange transportation and expenses for these appearances.
- 15.** Anyone who has competed at the state fair finals may not compete in the county contest.
- 16.** The winning contestant at Iowa State Fair must agree to accept no other queen titles nor endorse any commercial product as “Iowa State Fair Queen” for a period of 12 months following the 2018 Iowa State Fair without the written permission of the Iowa State Fair Board.
- 17.** The Iowa State Fair Board/ Clayton County Fair Board reserve the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.