



April 1st, 2026

Dear Potential Fayette Co. Fair Queen Candidate,

The Fayette County Fair Queen Contest and Crowning will be held on **Tuesday, July 21st, 2026**. If you would like to enter the contest, please type the attached entry form and application, essay, release/consent form, and submit them with the **\$60 entry fee from your sponsor** (if at-large candidate or in need of a sash add \$25 sash fee). **Checks are made payable to the Fayette County Ag Society Fair Queen**. Please also submit 2 wallet-sized photos or text Megan a photo to be used in press releases.

As judges like to have everything in the same format, you can request fillable forms (entry form, application, essay) by sending me an email, so you do not have to re-type the original forms from scratch. Once completed you can send these back electronically, however, you will need to **mail your signed consent form and entry fee to me, Megan Baumgartner, 221 Park Ave, Arlington, IA 50606**. If you have questions, you may contact me at (563) 380-2057 or email at fayettecoiafairqueen@gmail.com. Once I receive your information, I will send you more information about the contest, **but you can plan on being available from about 7:30am to 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 21st**, for the contest. If you have conflicts you need to talk to me as soon as possible so I can do my best to accommodate, first priority will be made to conflicts that are due to fair involvement. As a candidate you will also be asked to help with various activities the entire week of the fair, July 21-25th. If you have been chosen to represent your town in the competition and are unable to make this commitment, please contact your town coordinator immediately so this information can be passed on to the runner-up.

Entries must be emailed/postmarked by June 30th, 2026, to be eligible. Enclosed is a copy of the State Fair Queen Contest rules. The Fayette County Contest will also follow these rules, so please read. **Candidates and one parent also need to be available for a mandatory meeting on July 1st at 7:00 PM at the Fayette County Fairgrounds Dance Pavilion.**

This will be our ninth year allowing both at-large candidates as well as town representatives to participate in Fayette Co. Fair Queen Contest. Girls that are at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 13th, 2026, with community involvement are able to participate. Contestants may not be married, be professional models, or have been crowned a County Fair Queen in the past to run. If you know of other interested girls in your community, please pass the information on to them! They will need to secure their own sponsor for (\$60 entry fee and \$25 sash fee). We expanded our contest to make it similar to the rest of the state. Girls that have competed at the County Level in prior years but who were not crowned Queen are also able to run again as long as they still meet the above requirements.

Thank you very much! I'm excited to have you be a part of the 2026 Fayette Co. Fair Queen Contest!

Sincerely,

Megan Baumgartner
Fayette Co. Fair Queen Contest Coordinator/2018 Fayette Co. Fair Queen