

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Dear Town Queen Contest Coordinator,

The Fayette County Fair Queen Contest and Crowning will be held on **Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. If your town wishes to enter a contestant, please forward this email to your candidate so that they can read the attached letter, **TYPE** the attached entry form, application, and essay, and submit the items with the **\$60 entry fee (payable to the Fayette County Ag Society Fair Queen)**, 2 wallet sized pictures of the candidate (used for press releases), and the signed release/consent form.

As judges like to have everything in the same format, candidates can request *fillable forms* to download (entry form, application, essay) by sending me an email, so they do not have to re-type the original forms from scratch. Once completed they can send these back electronically, however, they will need to **mail their 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 via email at [fayettecoiafairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:fayettecoiafairqueen@gmail.com). Once I receive their information, I will send them more information about the contest, but they can plan on being available from about **7:30 am to 8:00pm on July 21<sup>st</sup>**. If they have conflicts, they 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. You will need to supply your queen contestant with a "Miss (Town)" sash to wear during the contest. I would prefer that their sashes be **white** to look uniform on stage. If you'd prefer for me to get a sash for your contestant that can be arranged as well, for a fee of \$25. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need me to get your contestant a sash. If you need to order one, you can do so through, Staats in Mt. Pleasant via phone at 319-385-2116 or on their website <https://www.staatsawards.com/products/fair-event-products/pageant-sashes-tiaras/>.

**Entries must be emailed/postmarked by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to be eligible.** If you will not be able to select a candidate by the above deadline, please let me know immediately! I would encourage all towns to have their candidate selected far enough prior to give their candidate ample time to complete the application and all other items! Attached are a copy of the State Fair Queen Contest rules. The Fayette County Contest will also follow these rules, so please share the information with your town's candidate. This will be our eighth year allowing additional contestants to participate in addition to town representatives. Girls that are at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 of \$85 (\$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 hope to see you at the Fayette County Fair, July 21-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026; especially at the Queen Crowning Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM to cheer on your contestant!

Sincerely,



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