

Jefferson County Fair Queen Contest

Rules and Regulations – 2026

1. Event Details

The Jefferson County Fair Queen Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be conducted on the afternoon of June 24 (location to be determined).

2. Registration Requirements

The online application opens on May 4 and closes on June 3, 2026.

<https://forms.gle/JRW8wMPB4pSPCUAL6>

Contestants are required to attend the Queen Contest meeting on June 3, 2026, at the fairgrounds (time TBD) and bring a \$100 sponsorship fee (payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board), a copy of their birth certificate, and one personal recommendation.

3. Sponsors

Each contestant may have up to two (2) sponsors.

4. Judging Criteria

Judging will be based on overall presentation, communication skills, personality, poise, and interview responses.

5. Eligibility – Professional Experience

Professional models (defined as individuals with ongoing employment where modeling is the primary occupation) are not eligible to compete at the state level.

6. Residency/Participation Requirement

Contestants must reside in Jefferson County or an adjoining county, provided the majority of their activities (such as school, 4-H, church, or employment) are within the county they represent. Contestants must also be a member of at least one community organization. Membership in 4-H is not required.

7. Age Requirements

Contestants must be female, and at least sixteen (16) years of age and no older than twenty-one (21) years of age as of August 1, 2026.

8. Marital/Parental Status

Contestants must never have been married or have had children.

9. Backstage and Interview Policy

Parents, guardians, and chaperones are not permitted in the interview room or backstage areas before or during the contest.

10. On-Stage Participation

Each contestant will participate in an on-stage question and remain on stage for the awards presentation.

11. Title Responsibilities

The crowned Queen must be available to represent Jefferson County at the 2026 Iowa

State Fair Queen Contest in Des Moines, August 11–15, and assist with duties and events during the Jefferson County Fair.

12. Scholarship

The 2026 Jefferson County Fair Queen will be awarded the AG Mitchell Scholarship, provided she accepts and fulfills all duties associated with the title.

13. Attire Requirements

Acceptable attire includes formal or business professional attire appropriate for interviews and stage presentation. This attire will be worn for interviews, the on-stage question, and the awards presentation.

14. Contest Size

Contest size will be determined based on the number of qualified applicants. Must have at least two candidates for a competition for state fair qualification.

15. Judging Decisions

All decisions made by the judges are final. Any disputes or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification.

16. Right to Modify Rules

The Jefferson County Fair Board and Fair Coordinators reserve the right to interpret, amend, or modify these rules and regulations at any time as deemed necessary.