



2026 Bremer County Fair Queen Competition Candidate Application

BCFQ APPLICATION ITEM CHECKLIST

- Application Form
- Short Biography for Newspaper and Banquet Program
- 1-Wallet-Sized Photo
- Biography Form for Judges
- Questionnaire
- Essay for Judging
- Signed Understanding of Rules and Regulations of the Bremer County Fair Queen Competition

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 12, 2026 COMPLETED Bremer County Fair Queen application forms are due to Melissa Hinrichs – Competition Director by midnight! Please see below for address and contact information.

NO LATE ENTRIES!

- July 19, 2026 The Bremer County Fair Queen Competition, Banquet and Coronation will be held at the Bremer County Fairgrounds in Waverly. Competition is closed to contestants and BCFQ staff! The coronation will commence at 7:00pm and is open to the public.
- 07/26/2026 – 08/1/2026 BREMER COUNTY FAIR

Mail, Email or Hand Deliver Applications to: Melissa Hinrichs 1679 Dakota Ave. Waverly, IA 50677
Ph:319-239-4497 Email:hinrichs.melissa@gmail.com

- **The winner of the county pageant will be crowned 2026 Bremer County Fair Queen. She must be prepared to spend the period of July 26th – August 1st, 2026 at the Bremer County Fair as the official hostess! She will also be required to represent Bremer County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant August 11th – August 15th!**

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

You will also receive an invite to join the (private group) BCFA Queen Competition on Facebook! This will be used to keep everyone up to date on things happening with the competition and at the fair!

- Entry fee of \$75.00 from your sponsor MUST accompany this application.
- Please make checks payable to : **Bremer County Fair**
- A detailed email will be sent to you, once your application is received!

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Application APPLICATION ITEM #1: Application Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Contact: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

APPLICATION ITEM #2: Short Biography

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The short biography is a required part of the application. The biography will be used for the 2026 Bremer County Fair Queen Coronation Program; as well as be published in the local newspapers.
2. Biographies must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.

A sample is included below. Please keep the paragraph to this length. The competition committee reserves the right to edit the biography paragraph to the proper size to fit beside the contestant photo for the press release.

Biography Example:

Jane Smith – 17, is the daughter of Todd and Tina Smith. She is the newly crowned Miss Waverly and is sponsored by the Waverly Heritage Days Committee. This fall Jane will be a senior at Waverly Shell Rock High school where she is active in volleyball, basketball, track and field, softball, Go-Hawk Leadership Team, National Honor Society, Little Buddy Program, and student council. After graduation she plans on attending Hawkeye Community College and majoring in Nursing.

APPLICATION ITEM #3: Photo

Each contestant must submit one wallet-sized photo for the competition.

The photos will not be returned to the contestant and become property of the Fair.

APPLICATION ITEM #4: Biography Form

Parents/Guardian Names: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Career Plans:

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND AWARDS

[illegible]

COLLEGE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND AWARDS

[illegible]

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Community, Church or Club Activities, Honors and Awards	Leadership position held (if applicable)	Year

FAIR INVOLVEMENT

Activities, Honors and Awards	Leadership position held (if applicable)	Year

APPLICATION ITEM #5: Questionnaire

1. What is your favorite part about the Bremer County Fair?
2. What are three words you would use to describe our fair and why?
3. Why do you want to be the Bremer County Fair Queen?

APPLICATION ITEM #6 Essay

This is a judged item. “Why and how important is it to have a fair queen representative for our county?”

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The essay must be typed, or word processed on a separate sheet(s) of paper. (double spaced)
2. The contestant's name should be included on the top right-hand corner of all pages of the essay.
3. The essay should be 500 words or less.

APPLICATION ITEM #7 Signed Understanding of Bremer County Fair Queen Rules and Regulations

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must be a female between 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age as of 8/11/26.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. Contestants must reside or attend school in Bremer 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, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership)
5. The contestant may not be a professional model.
6. Any contestant who has won the Bremer County Fair Queen title may not compete.
7. Contestants may not compete for the Bremer County Fair Queen title more than twice.

FAIR QUEEN BEHAVIOR POLICY:

The following will be considered violations of the Policy and will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future Queen Competitions:

1. Any infractions of any Queen Contest rules.
2. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, foul language and/or public displays of affections to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen Program.
3. Engagement in any illegal, nonpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
4. Use of any illegal controlled substances.
5. Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, and the Bremer County Fair or the Iowa State Fair Queen Program and their directors, committee members, or staff. This includes postings on the Internet.
6. Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
7. Appearing in crown and sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or board member.

Candidate:

I understand that, should I be selected 2026 Bremer County Fair Queen, I will be expected to represent Bremer County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant August 11th through August 15th, 2026, as well as at numerous other events around the county throughout the year. I also agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manner free of drugs and alcohol during my year of reign; whether I am representing the County as queen or just out being myself. I understand it is the decision of the Competition Director and the Executive Board of the Bremer County Fair Board should a situation arise, and that the crown and the title may be surrendered and given to the 1st Runner-up to complete the remainder of the reign.

Candidate Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian (for candidates under 18 years of age):

I authorize my daughter to participate in the Bremer County Fair Queen Competition. I understand that if my daughter is selected 2026 Bremer County Fair Queen, she will be held to the above listed conduct standards. I also understand that she will advance to the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant and will be required to appear at the Iowa State Fair August 11th through August 15th, as well as at other events around the county throughout the year.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

****EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION****

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Allergies/Medications: _____
