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Cedar County Fair Royalty

Contest Information

Considering becoming the next Cedar County Fair King or Queen? This document will provide you with a description of all parts of the contest and help you on your way to achieving your goal of becoming royalty!

All forms, documents, and information can be found on our Facebook Page. Complete contest rules can also be found online or in the 2023 Fair Book.

The application and one headshot photo (head and shoulders shot of the candidate – a school photo, for example) must be emailed to Alex Zumbach by **Wednesday, May 31st, 2023**.

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 31, 2023	Application and headshots due by 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	Candidate workshop at Fair Office at 5:00 pm
Thursday, June 29, 2023	Fair Royalty Contest at Matthews Building at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Parade in Tipton
Wednesday, July 12, 2023	Fair Royalty Coronation during the Cedar County Fair
July 12-16, 2023	Cedar County Fair!

Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to call, text, or email Contest Director, Alex Zumbach, with any questions or concerns! Contestants are allowed and encouraged to contact the Contest Director for assistance with contest materials, interview tips, public speaking skills, etc. Contact information is provided below.

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Contest Description

Overall – The contest is divided into five parts – Application, Personal Interview, Group Interview, Speech, and Impromptu Questions. Each of these are judged on a ten-point scale, except for the application, which is worth five points, with a total of 45 points possible. Candidates will be judged on factors such as Personality, Attitude, Manners, Public Speaking Ability, Social Skills, Appearance and Awareness; Leadership and Citizenship – Contribution to Community; Overall Appearance, Charm, and Poise.

Application – This is available online at www.thecedarcountyfair.com. It is due on Wednesday, May 31st, 2023. Application should be filled out so that the format is not edited. Application may be handwritten or typed.

Personal Interview – Each candidate will have an 8-minute one-on-one interview with the panel of judges. Think of this as a job interview to become Cedar County Fair royalty.

Group Interview – All candidates will interview with the judges together where they will discuss their views and opinions on current events.

Speech – Each candidate will prepare and present a 2-minute to 4-minute speech. The speech should be given as if you were encouraging someone to come to the fair. Some suggestions would be to talk about what you love about the fair, Cedar County, and the state of Iowa in general.

Impromptu Questions – Following each candidate’s speech, they will be asked 1-3 impromptu questions in front of an audience.

Interview Attire – For individual and group interviews. Consider interview attire as something you would wear to a business function or a job interview. Your clothing may be age-appropriate but, in this case, still very professional. A business suit or a professional dress is accepted.

Formal Wear – For speeches during the contest and crowning during the fair. Prom dresses or any other type of formal gown are acceptable for ladies. Gentlemen should wear dress slacks, dress shoes, and a collared shirt. Jackets and ties would also be acceptable. It is likely gentlemen would be able to wear the same outfit for interview and formal wear.

Potential Contest Awards

King	Candidate who ran for the position who rose above their competitors during the selection process. <i>Selected by the judges.</i>
Queen	Candidate who ran for the position who rose above their competitors during the selection process. <i>Selected by the judges.</i>
Leadership	Candidate who displays premier leadership skills in their interviews and/or application. <i>Selected by the judges.</i>
Best Application	Candidate whose application was the most professional and a step above their competitors. <i>Selected by the judges.</i>
Best Dressed	Candidate whose formal attire was out of this world. <i>Voted on by the audience members of the contest night.</i>
Congeniality	Candidate who expressed a friendly and positive personality. <i>Voted on by the audience members of the contest night.</i>

Cedar County Fair Royalty Rules and Regulations

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on Aug 10, 2023, the first day of the 2023 Iowa State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married.
3. A county fair queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. If a fair represents more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
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, FFA, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.)
5. 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 state competition.
6. Any contestant who has competed at a State Fair Finals may not compete again.
7. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make arrangements for transportation to and from Des Moines. Accommodations will be made for county queen only.
8. The county fair queens will be the guests of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday, August 9, through the time of the crowning Saturday afternoon, August 12, 2023.
9. A competent committee will select the Cedar County Fair Queen. Judging will be based on the following:
 - a. Personality
 - b. Attitude
 - c. Appearance and Awareness
 - d. Leadership and Citizenship - Contribution to Community Overall Appearance
 - e. Charm
 - f. Poise