

**2026 HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIR QUEEN CONTEST**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All members enrolled in 4-H in Hendricks County who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2026, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by June 1, 2026, are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Fair Queen Contest. Each contestant must be an active or past member of 4-H.
2. Applications must be submitted and in the possession of the committee chair before midnight of May 15, 2026.
3. Contestants will be judged on the basis of ability to converse, personality, poise and posture and stage presence. Clothing must be obtained by contestant for use in the competition. Judging is divided into three divisions.
  - a. Division 1: Professional Wear - Attire – Suit, Pant Suit or Dress with sleeves (shoulders must be covered). Suit does not have to be of same fabric. Attire worn by contestant in interview WILL also be worn/judged in professional wear category. Props are NOT allowed. Judging on posture, poise and overall impression.
  - b. Division 2: Interview - Attire – Dress, Pant Suit or Suit with sleeves (shoulders must be covered). Each contestant will have three to five minutes before the judges. Each contestant will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges. Judging on poise, personality and ability to converse.
  - c. Division 3: Formal Wear - Attire – Long Evening Gown. At least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestants foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the outfit. Gowns with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the contest may be discounted by the judges. Judging on stage presence and overall impression.
4. All judges have been selected from men and women who live outside Hendricks County.
5. Hendricks County 4-H Queen Contest will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026. The contest will be held in the Conference Center of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. Contestants will be expected to be at the Conference Center all day (approximately 12:00pm until 9:00pm) for the event.
6. Contestants must attend the workshop on June 23, 2026, in order to participate in the competition on June 28, 2026.
7. The Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen and the court (Miss Hendricks Co 4-H Fair Queen, Runner-up, three (3) Court Members and Miss Congeniality) (based on voting of the contestants) will reign over the 2026 Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Fair (July 19-25)

performing duties decided upon by the Queen Contest committee. All members are required to attend all fair activities during this time.

7a. Duties will begin Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July with Fashion Revue.

7b. Duties conclude Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the awards banquet.

7c. Prefair/post fair 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades are not required but highly encouraged.

7d. Failure or inability to attend all mandatory activities will result in the forfeit of your scholarship at the discretion of the co-chairs.

8. Any previous Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen or County Representative to the Indiana State Fair will not be eligible to compete in any future Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen Contests.
9. Applicants for Miss Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen that are not 18 years of age by June 1, 2027, shall have the ability to convey if they desire to be chosen as Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen or as a Runner-up / Court Member.
10. The Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen or Representative must follow the Rules and Responsibilities for the Indiana State Fair Pageant. If the queen cannot meet the rules, then the Runner-up will be selected to represent Hendricks County in the Indiana State Fair Pageant if they desire. If the Runner-up does not meet requirements, there will be no representative for Hendricks County.
11. If any of the rules and responsibilities listed in this letter are not followed by the contestant, the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen Committee or the Indiana State Fair Pageant Director has the right to disqualify that contestant from competition.
12. The Hendricks County 4-H Queen Contest Committee and the Indiana State Fair Board Queen Contest Committee reserve the right to change the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.

My signature indicates that I have read and thoroughly understand the contents of this document. I further understand that violation of the guidelines listed in this document or failure to fulfill these duties can result in disqualification as the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen and / or Queen's Court, and all awards will be forfeited.

**Contestant:**

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

**Contestant's Parent or  
Legal Guardian:**

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date