

2023 QUEEN CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age as of July 21, 2023 and cannot have had her 21st birthday as of August 31, 2023.
2. Contestants must be unmarried and must never have been married.
3. A contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent her home county. One of her parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exceptions: She may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of her activities are in the county in which she enters the contest. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
4. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair queen pageant or the State Fair queen pageant. If the 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Queen or the 2023 State Fair Queen becomes or is pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H members.
6. No professional model is eligible in a State Fair Pageant (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling). A contestant who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
7. Any contestant who had competed in a State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
8. **Any county queen selected and is at least 18 years old and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2024 State Fair Queen Pageant which will be held January 2024.**
9. If the 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Queen cannot perform her duties as will be outlined, the first Runner-up will become Queen. The line of succession will then continue if the first Runner-up is unable to fulfill the responsibilities.
10. Queen contestants will be judged based on ability to converse, poise and personality in three divisions:
 1. Evening Gown - Attire: Long/Floor length evening gown. (30% of preliminary score)
 2. Interview - Attire: Dress or suit (50% of preliminary score)
 3. Professional wear - Attire: Suit, pant suit or dress (20% of preliminary score)
11. The 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Queen and all participants are expected to be present and assist throughout the Fair (volunteering at least 5 hours).
12. The 2023 Fair Queen Contestants are required to ride on the Queen's Float during the 2023 Fair parade.