



2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant
January 6-8, 2023

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FOR CONTESTANTS

1. Each contestant must be certified as their county fair's representative to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. If the selected county representative does not meet the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant terms and conditions and the county pageant directors so chooses, the representative may participate in the event but will not be eligible to compete for the title, Top 16 Semi-Finalists or other placings. (See "For Counties" #4)
2. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before June 1, 2023.
3. At the time of their selection as the county representative, each contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen and represent their home county (county of legal residency). One of the contestant's parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: the contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of their activities are in the county in which they entered the contest. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties or an adjoining county.
4. Each contestant must be employable by the State of Indiana.
5. Any contestant who has competed or participated in a prior Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete or participate again.
6. Transportation to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant in Indianapolis is the responsibility of each contestant.
7. Each contestant must stay in their assigned room/dorm at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center throughout the pageant.
8. Contestants will be chaperoned by adult, female event staff selected by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
9. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.

10. If any of the previous terms and conditions listed in their brochure are not followed by the contestant and/or county, the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.
11. The contestant or county fair may appeal the Coordinator's decision to the Executive Director of the Indiana State Fair Commission by written appeal. The written appeal must be received in the Executive Director's office no later than 10amEST on December 2, 2022.
12. Should the Executive Director or their designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, a date will be set by the Indiana State Fair Board for a hearing on the appeal and the exhibitor will be notified in writing.
13. The State Fair Board shall appoint a hearing officer.
14. Within 15 days of the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall submit to the Board his/her findings and recommended final determination as to the reported violation(s), penalties and the exhibitor's (ie: contestant's) appeal.
15. Upon receiving the recommendations of the hearing officer, the Board shall take action upon the recommendation and adopt a final determination at its' next regularly scheduled meeting. The exhibitor (ie: contestant) will be given a written copy of the Board's adopted findings and final determination.

FOR COUNTIES

1. All Indiana county fairs intending to send a representative to the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant shall ENTER their county and pay the ENTRY FEE online.

The county queen pageant director shall make the entry online with entry fees paid by credit card. In the event the county entry fee cannot be paid by credit card when the online entry made, a check in the amount of the entry fee must be mailed to: **Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, ATTN: Andrew Stinson; 1202 East 38th Street; Indianapolis, IN 46205.**

Mailed checks must be postmarked within the same date range as the online entry. **Additional fees will be assessed for payment postmarked after the deadline prior to which the county online entry was made.**

Entry and payment by: September 1, 2022, require a \$65 entry fee. Entries made September 2-15, 2022, require a \$75 entry fee. Entries made September 16-30, 2022, require a \$90 entry fee. Entries made October 1, 2022, or later require a \$120 entry fee.

Regardless of the date the county online entry was made, mailed checks must be postmarked by the date in the above fee schedule.

2. The Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will accept only one entry per county. Should there be more than one queen/ambassador contest in association with the county fair, it will be the responsibility of the fair/contests concerned to hold an elimination contest to determine which individual shall represent the county fair in the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.

3. Each county is encouraged to select its representative on the basis of public speaking, the ability to converse, poise and personality in a competitive contest.
4. Only the county fair winner may represent the county at the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. If the county winner is unavailable or ineligible, the county is encouraged to send another eligible representative of their choice to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Recommended: First Runner-Up, followed by the Second Runner-Up, etc. If the selected county representative does not meet the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant terms and conditions and the county pageant director so chooses, the representative may participate in the event but will not be eligible to compete for the title, Top 16 Semi-Finalists or other placings.
5. During the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, county representatives will be divided into groups, with each group assigned an adult, female chaperone selected by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.

FOR THE STATE PAGEANT

1. Personal Entry & Information Packets will be issued directly to contestants who have been entered in the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant by means of the contact information submitted by the county pageant director when the county entry is made. Information will be issued to contestants via email/online in late October 2022.
2. Contestants are required to submit their personal entry and other required information to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant no later than Monday, November 28, 2022, at 11:59pm. Details and “how to” will be included with the Information Packet issued in late October.
3. The 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds: January 6-8, 2023. NOTE: Should it be deemed unsafe for contestants to travel to and/or hold the Queen Pageant as originally scheduled due to severe winter weather, the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be held January 13-15, 2023.
4. Contestants are required to register with the Queen Pageant at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center on Friday, January 6, 2023, and remain through the final event (Finals & Crowning) on Sunday, January 8, 2023.
5. The Indiana State Fair Commission will provide accommodations on Friday and Saturday night (January 6 & 7, 2023) for each contestant. Contestants will be housed at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. Contestants must bring their own bedding, towels, toiletries, etc.
6. The Indiana State Fair Commission will provide transportation for contestants to any public outing/activity away from the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the Queen Pageant, January 6-8, 2023.
7. Each contestant will receive an official 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant t-shirt as part of their paid entry (provided by the county), distributed during registration on-site on Friday, January 6, 2023.
8. Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be scored on the basis of the ability to converse, speaking ability, poise, personality, and the judges’ overall impression.

All contestants will take part in the Preliminary Judging, divided into four categories:

INTERVIEW – 45 percent of scoring

Attire: Solid black pants or skirt; Solid white top (blouse, jacket, etc.)

Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.

PREPARED SPEECH 15 percent of scoring

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Professional Wear judging)

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted from each judge (3 points total) for speeches going over one-minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed. Speeches will be delivered at a microphone on a stand as part of the Professional Wear competition during the Preliminary Judging. Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will deliver their Prepared Speech during the pageant Finals.

PROFESSIONAL WEAR 20 percent of scoring

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Prepared Speech)

A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed.

FORMAL WEAR 20 percent of scoring

Attire: Formal Gown or Tuxedo

Any style tuxedo is acceptable and must include pants, shirt, jacket and tie. When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the State pageant may be discounted by the judges. Formal Wear worn during Preliminary Judging must also be worn during the pageant Finals.

9. Selection of the Top 16 Semi-Finalists is the judges' decision. The Top 16 Semi-Finalists will be announced during the public Queen Pageant Finals. Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will compete again (with new scores given by the judges) in Prepared Speech and Professional Wear. Those scores will be combined with the Top 16 Semi-Finalists' original Interview scores to determine their semi-final point total. Those semi-final point totals will determine the Top 10 Finalists.
10. Only the Top 10 Finalists will compete in Formal Wear during the pageant Finals, also answering one (1) impromptu on-stage response, to be scored by the judges.
11. Selection of Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 and the four Queen's Court members are the judges' decision and may not be based solely on the Top 10 Finalists' overall point totals awarded during the pageant finals. The judges' decision shall be final and binding.
12. Prior to the Finals, contestants will vote to select a county representative to receive the Miss Congeniality award.

13. Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only and will not be available to view following the pageant.
14. The Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.

FOR THE WINNER

1. The winner of the State pageant will receive the title "Miss Indiana State Fair 2023" (2023 Queen) and must be prepared to spend the entire 18-day period at the 2023 Indiana State Fair: July 28-August 20, 2023 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays).
2. The winner will become an employee of the Indiana State Fair Commission throughout their 12-month year of service, must qualify to be employable by the Indiana State Fair Commission and the State of Indiana, and will be asked to complete a USCIS Form I-9. The winner will keep and submit a time sheet and be paid an hourly wage for time spent at work during appearances scheduled by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
3. The Indiana State Fair will be responsible for expenses incurred by the Queen during the period of the 2023 Indiana State Fair and non-Fair appearances scheduled on behalf of the Indiana State Fair Commission by the Queen Pageant Coordinator (ie: lodging, meals and transportation). The Queen will be responsible to the Queen Pageant Coordinator, who will schedule appearances and serve as the Queen's supervisor.
4. The winner must agree to appear for the Indiana State Fair Commission and Indiana State Fair Board in official capacities as required throughout their year employment until a successor is crowned. All appearances made by Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 in official capacity must be approved by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator. Transportation and expenses for official appearances scheduled by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator will be arranged by and/or reimbursed to the Queen by the Indiana State Fair Commission.
5. The winner will be required to travel extensively throughout Indiana during June & July 2023 in promotion of the 2023 Indiana State Fair.
6. The winner must agree not to accept another pageant title or endorse any commercial product as "Miss Indiana State Fair 2023" for 12 months following the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant without the written permission of the Indiana State Fair Commission.
7. The winner will receive all prizes, gifts and awards at the conclusion of the pageant finals.
8. If at any time the Indiana State Fair Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the winner is unable to perform the official duties and obligations of the Indiana State Fair Queen, the winner shall relinquish the Queen title, crown, sash(es), duties, and remaining benefits of the position to the First Runner-Up or next Court member in the line of succession.