



## 2023 GENERAL INFORMATION

As of October 24, 2022

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Congratulations on representing your county in the 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant! Please be sure to **THOROUGHLY** read through all information sections below. All Queen Pageant activities will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Questions? Email [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com)

### **PAGEANT DATES**

Pageant Weekend is **January 6-8, 2023.**

In the event the pageant cannot be held on the original dates due to severe, dangerous winter weather, the alternate "snow dates" are January 13-15, 2023. The same agenda will apply, just one week later. All contestants will be notified via email no later than January 5, 2023, at 10pm EST if pageant weekend will be postponed to the alternate dates. The postponement will also be posted on the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Facebook page. Please "like" the page to receive these and other (much more fun) updates and follow the reigning Miss Indiana State Fair on Instagram: @MissINStateFair!

**NOTE:** Contestants *shall not* meet privately with parents, friends, or stylists in any Fairgrounds facilities to have their hair done, exchange goods, etc. Please see a pageant staff member if something is being dropped off for you after you have checked in.

### **AGENDA**

See the Agenda document for further details. Agenda is subject to change.

#### Friday, January 6

8:30am – 9:45am	Contestant Check-in & Registration: <i>Discovery Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</i>
10:00am – 11:30am	Contestant Orientation
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 4:50pm	Interviews & Prepared Speeches (#1-54)
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Rehearsal – Public Preliminary Judging (#55-82)
5:15pm – 6:00pm	Dinner
6:18pm – 8:45pm	Interviews & Prepared Speeches (#55-82)
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Rehearsal – Public Preliminary Judging (#1-54)
10:00pm	Roll Call Taken
10:30pm	Lights Out in the dorms

Saturday, January 7

9:00am – 10:00am	Light Breakfast & Staging Review
10:00am – 11:15am	Free Time
11:30am – 1:00pm	Queen’s Luncheon in honor of Alyssa McKillip, Miss Indiana State Fair 2022

Contestants have the opportunity to purchase lunch tickets for family & friends. See the General Information Packet. Walkups on the day of the luncheon will not be allowed.

2:30pm – 3:30pm	Rehearsal on stage – Public Preliminary Judging
3:30pm – 4:45pm	Preparation Time – Public Preliminary Judging
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Public Preliminary Judging
8:30pm	Contestants return to Discovery Hall
9:00pm	Pizza Party!
10:30pm	Lights Out in the dorms

Sunday, January 8

8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast
10:00am – 11:00am	Staging Review – Pageant Finals
11am – 12:45pm	Preparation Time – Pageant Finals
1pm – 3:30pm	2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant

Immediately after....	Photos – Queen, Court, Top 16 Semi-Finalists, Miss Congeniality, Queen’s family, judges, etc.
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3:30pm – 4:30pm	Contestants check out of Discovery Hall Public may assist contestants in carrying items from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor; however, visitors are NOT allowed beyond the Common Room or in the Dorm Rooms.
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4:30pm – 5:30pm	2023 Queen meets with the QP Coordinator
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**COMPETITION ORDER, Interview Schedule, One-Minute Prepared Speech Schedule**

See the Interview Schedule document in the left column of the Contestant Portal home page for your scheduled time.

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| 1. Martin   | 9. Scott        | 17. Huntington |
| 2. Vigo     | 10. Delaware    | 18. Adams      |
| 3. Pike     | 11. Whitley     | 19. Jefferson  |
| 4. Brown    | 12. Newton      | 20. Rush       |
| 5. Hamilton | 13. Switzerland | 21. Clay       |
| 6. Floyd    | 14. Warren      | 22. LaPorte    |
| 7. Wabash   | 15. Vermillion  | 23. Howard     |
| 8. Steuben  | 16. Noble       | 24. Lawrence   |

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| 25. Grant      | 45. Clinton    | 65. Tippecanoe  |
| 26. Warrick    | 46. Montgomery | 66. Harrison    |
| 27. Marion     | 47. Boone      | 67. Tipton      |
| 28. Greene     | 48. Elkhart    | 68. Parke       |
| 29. Porter     | 49. Wayne      | 69. Fulton      |
| 30. Ripley     | 50. Jasper     | 70. Posey       |
| 31. Jackson    | 51. Putnam     | 71. DeKalb      |
| 32. Fountain   | 52. LaGrange   | 72. Johnson     |
| 33. Jay        | 53. Carroll    | 73. Benton      |
| 34. Cass       | 54. Pulaski    | 74. Clark       |
| 35. Morgan     | 55. St. Joseph | 75. Owen        |
| 36. Kosciusko  | 56. Crawford   | 76. Allen       |
| 37. Jennings   | 57. Wells      | 77. Knox        |
| 38. Orange     | 58. Decatur    | 78. Hancock     |
| 39. Miami      | 59. Henry      | 79. Bartholomew |
| 40. White      | 60. Madison    | 80. Vanderburgh |
| 41. Fayette    | 61. Shelby     | 81. Dubois      |
| 42. Washington | 62. Franklin   | 82. Gibson      |
| 43. Daviess    | 63. Monroe     |                 |
| 44. Sullivan   | 64. Blackford  |                 |

### **CONTESTANT ACCOMODATIONS**

The Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center is located at 1202 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205 at the corner of East 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Fall Creek Parkway (also called Binford Boulevard north of the Fairgrounds).

**Pageant contestants and staff will be housed in Discovery Hall at the northwest corner of Indiana State Fairgrounds on Friday & Saturday nights.**

Several former Indiana State Fair Queens and Fairgrounds staff will serve as Queen Pageant staff and chaperones throughout the pageant weekend. Contestants will not provide their own personal chaperone.

Housing will be dormitory style with bunk beds and shared restrooms at the end of the hall. Think of it as Pageant Camp!

**Please remember to bring your own: bedding (twin sheets, blanket, etc.), pillow, towels, washcloth, and toiletries.**

Contestants are encouraged to bring a robe, slides or shower shoes, and a toiletry caddy to carry to the restrooms.

Hanging racks will be available for gowns & competition attire. Please try to limit additional attire/belongings to one large suitcase, if possible, in addition to your toiletries bag and the make-up bag you'll take to the Preliminary and Finals judging site.

Contestants should include their name & county on each competition garment and bag with luggage tags, labels, etc. This will be particularly helpful in keeping your things straight among the dormitory arrangement and at the Preliminary and Finals judging site.

Contestants are not allowed to leave the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the pageant weekend.

Roll Call will be taken by pageant staff at "lights out" each night AND each morning. Discovery Hall exterior doors will be locked from the outside at all times, except the front door which is unlocked during daytime hours. ISFC Security personnel are on the Fairgrounds 24 hours a day.

Discovery Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor includes a Common Room where contestants can gather, chat, relax, mingle and become acquainted with other county representatives. This is essential, as you will vote for the Miss Congeniality Award on Sunday. Please take advantage of this opportunity to converse with others and unwind.

Discovery Hall does not include television/cable. It does have limited Wi-Fi access.

Complimentary snacks, soda and water will be provided Friday afternoon through Saturday evening in Discovery Hall. You are welcome to bring games, cards, etc. to play with other contestants if you wish.

Smoking is NOT permitted inside any building on the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

### **ARRIVAL at the FAIRGROUNDS**

Each contestant is responsible for their own transportation to the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. You may be dropped off at Discovery Hall (dorms) OR drive yourself. You will NOT need your personal vehicle during pageant weekend.

If driving yourself and your vehicle will be parked at the Fairgrounds during the pageant, Contestant Parking will be designated to leave your vehicle during the weekend.

Enter the Fairgrounds from Gate 1 (38<sup>th</sup> Street) or Gate 6 (Fall Creek Parkway). Signage will direct you to Discovery Hall at the northwest corner of the Fairgrounds.

Access to Discovery Hall is limited to contestants and Queen Pageant staff ONLY.

**The only exception: each contestant may bring ONE person to the Discovery Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor to assist them in carrying luggage during these times:**

- **Registration (arrival) on January 6, 2023, from 8:30am-9:45am**
- **Check Out (departure) on Sunday, January 8, 2023, from 3:30pm-4:30pm.**

PLEASE limit those assisting contestants in carrying items to and from Discovery Hall to ONE PERSON. Visitors are NOT allowed access beyond the Common Room, which is not large. To avoid congestion, we ask those helping contestants with their luggage to depart when load-in is complete.

### **ON-SITE CHECK IN**

Contestants are required to check in on Friday, January 6, 2023, between 8:30-9:45am EST (see Agenda) in Discovery Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Upon check-in and registration, all contestants must remain with the pageant through the final event on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

**NOTE:** Contestants *shall not* meet privately with parents, friends, or stylists in any Fairgrounds facilities to have their hair done, exchange goods, etc. Please see a pageant staff member if something is being dropped off for you after you have checked in.

### **MEALS**

The Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will arrange meals from lunch on Friday through a light lunch on Sunday. Contestants are welcome to bring snacks with them to enjoy in the dorms.

Attendance is required at all meals; attendance will be taken. Announcements are made and instructions given when everyone is together at the meals. Failure to attend meal(s) is documented, and judges will be notified of absences.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Competition order was selected at random and does not affect the way contestants are judged. Failure to comply with judging requirements may result in the loss of judging points at the judges' discretion.

Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. Score sheets are destroyed after the final decision is made and will NOT be made available. The contestant with the highest overall final score is not automatically the winner; final selection is the judges' decision.

Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be judged based on the ability to converse, speaking ability, poise and personality.

All contestants will take part in the Preliminary Judging, divided into four categories. Please refer to the official 2023 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant terms & conditions.

### **INTERVIEW 45% of total combined score**

Interviews will be conducted on Friday, January 6, 2023, are private and not open to the public. Ability to converse, Poise and Personality will be considered

**Attire: Solid black pants or skirt, and solid white top (blouse, jacket, etc.).** Shoe choice/color and accessories (if worn) are the contestant's choice.

With each contestant wearing black on bottom & white on top, this puts the emphasis on the interview and speaking skills rather than a contestant's "look".

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. You may be asked the same question multiple times. Qualities of a good interview are sincerity, honesty, poise, ability to articulate, being relaxed and self-confidence.

Like “Round Robin” judging, interviews will take place in the same large room, with each judge at a different table. A staff member will keep time and ring a bell at the end of three minutes. When the bell rings, each contestant will rotate to the next judge until they have interviewed with all three judges.

**PREPARED SPEECH                    15% of total combined score**

Comfortable, natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality will be considered

**EDIT to the 2023 terms & conditions (10/21/22)**

**Attire: Solid black pants or skirt, and solid white top (blouse, jacket, etc.).** Shoe choice/color and accessories (if worn) are the contestant’s choice. **SAME as worn for the Interview.**

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Each speech 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 privately to one panel of three (3) speech judges – different individuals than the primary judges – immediately after their Interviews on Friday, January 6, 2023.**

Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will deliver their Prepared Speech during the public pageant Finals on Sunday, January 8, 2023. The Top 16 Semi-Finalists will deliver their Prepared Speech wearing their Professional Wear attire.

**PROFESSIONAL WEAR                20% of total combined score**

Posture, Poise and Overall Impression will be considered

**Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress**

A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed. The same attire worn for Interview may also be worn for the Prepared Speech and Professional Wear judging.

All contestants will be judged in Professional Wear during the public Preliminary Judging on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will be judged in Professional Wear during the pageant Finals on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Professional Wear attire worn during Preliminary Judging must be the same worn during the Finals. The Top 16 Semi-Finalists will also deliver their One-Minute Prepared Speech in their Professional Wear on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

**FORMAL WEAR                        20% of total combined score**

Posture, Poise and Overall Impression will be considered

**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 if they feel the gown or tuxedo is inappropriate for the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.

All contestants will be judged in Formal Wear during the public preliminary judging on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Only the Top 10 Finalists will compete in Formal Wear during the pageant Finals on Sunday, January 8, 2023, which will also include one (1) impromptu on-stage question. Formal Wear attire worn during Preliminary Judging must be the same worn during the Finals.

### **NOTE for ALL competition attire**

If you have ANY questions as to whether any of your competition attire is appropriate, please ask your county director or contact Bobbi Bates, Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator, [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com). I am happy to review photos of possible attire if you like.

Contestants should include their name & county on each competition garment and bag with luggage tags, labels, etc. This will be particularly helpful in keeping your things straight in the dorms and at the Preliminary and Finals judging sites.

There are no “rules” about what style or type of attire you should wear, only guidelines. Please keep in mind: this is the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Formal Wear should be appropriate to your age, State and County Fair audience(s) and representative of both your county and the Indiana State Fair.

In general, if you like something, feel confident wearing it, your parents/guardians and committee are comfortable with you wearing it and it looks great on you – then go for it!

It is entirely up to you what to wear, just as it is the judges’ preference in what they prefer to see. We do not ask the judges to exclude contestants who do not wear a certain type, style or color of attire. We do, however, ask them to look for inappropriate attire (unusually high skirt slits and hems, low cut bodices, etc.), ill-fitting attire, etc., and use their own preference & judgement when scoring.

### **PUBLIC INTRODUCTION ATTIRE – Saturday Night Preliminary Judging**

During contestant introductions at the start of the public Preliminary Judging on Saturday night, each contestant will wear the 2022 Queen Pageant t-shirt provided at registration. The T-shirt color is daisy yellow.

In addition, contestants will wear **blue jeans** and accessories & footwear of their choice: color, style, heels, tennis shoes, sandals. Remember to bring these items with you.

Your pageant t-shirt will not be worn during the pageant Finals on Sunday.

### **ADDITIONAL WEEKEND ATTIRE**

Contestant beds/sleep accommodations will be located in the Discovery Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor dormitories. Contestants are encouraged to bring a robe, slides or shower shoes, and a toiletry caddy/bag to carry to the restrooms at the end of the hall.

Casual clothing should be included in your wardrobe for any free time during the weekend – jeans, t-shirts, sweaters, sweatpants, etc. Attire for pageant rehearsals is casual.

Your county crown and sash will not be worn at any time – please leave them safely at home.

Identical sashes will be provided to each contestant at registration: white with black text. These sashes are yours to keep and will be worn during the Saturday Luncheon, public Preliminary and Finals judging.

There are brief times you will be walking outside: from Discovery Hall to the Interview & Preliminary Speech sight in the building next door; to and from shuttles to the Coliseum, etc. In January, it is likely to be cold, and there may be snow on the ground. Feel free to bring winter boots – you can carry the shoes you'll wear for judging if needed. Be smart & safe!

### **SHOES**

We suggest heels for the competition if you're comfortable wearing them, though footwear choice is completely up to you. Practice walking in your shoes to feel at ease in them during the pageant. If wearing extremely high heels or platform shoes, be sure you're able to walk easily and *naturally* in them.

Despite what you may have heard – taupe shoes are not required with all attire; and open-toed shoes are acceptable if appropriate to your attire. Again, there are no “rules” in the ISF Queen Pageant terms & conditions regarding shoes: it is entirely up to you what to wear and the judges' preference as to what they personally like to see.

### **MAKE-UP**

You will likely want your make-up for the pageant stage to be more extensive than you wear every day. Keep the production/stage lighting in mind when planning your make-up. The Coliseum venue and stage are large – there will be a greater distance between you and the judges/audience than during the one-on-one interviews.

### **HAIR**

**Be sure to select a style you can do yourself.** Contestants *shall not* meet privately with parents, friends, or stylists in any Fairgrounds facilities to have their hair done, exchange goods, etc.

There is not much time to fuss with a complicated hairstyle or one that requires a great deal of effort – especially if selected as a Semi-Finalist or Finalist on Sunday. Be sure the style you choose to wear is one you can do yourself.

Queen Pageant staff will be available to *assist* contestants before Preliminary Judging and pageant Finals: check the back, pins in places you're not able to reach. However, they are NOT stylists. Do not depend on these staff members or other contestants to style your hair for you.

### **JEWELRY**

Jewelry is the contestant's choice and should be appropriate to the attire worn in competition.

### **HOSIERY**

The ISF Queen Pageant terms & conditions do not require contestants to wear hosiery. Choose what looks best with your attire and your personal preference.

### **TATTOOS and PIERCINGS**

Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant terms & conditions do not exclude tattoos and/or piercings. Judges reserve the right to base their scores in “overall impression” on what they personally like to see (or not). Keep in mind you are representing your county, and if you and/or your committee feel it best to remove piercings or cover tattoos, please do.



## **MIRRORS**

A make-up mirror or make-up case that includes one is highly recommended, especially with limited restroom counter space in the Discovery Hall dorms. Your own make-up mirror will also come in handy when preparing for judging in the Coliseum dressing room(s).

Rooms used for dressing areas in the Coliseum are locker rooms year-round... which means limited mirrors. While the Queen Pageant will provide full-length mirrors in which contestants can check their attire, individual table-top make-up mirrors will not be provided.

Please do not bring a full-length mirror with you. They are cumbersome to carry from location to location. Several full-length mirrors placed throughout the Discovery Hall dorms.

## **MODELING**

No particular modeling “style” is required. Remember, good posture is a must. Practice walking in each of your competition shoes so you’re comfortable in them and can walk naturally. Walk tall and straight, shoulders back, head up and looking ahead. Be confident! And do PRACTICE SMILING! 😊

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to the Fairgrounds on Friday and from the Fairgrounds on Sunday is the responsibility of each contestant. You may have someone drop you off on Friday morning, OR if you drive yourself, you will be given instructions at check-in as to where to park your personal vehicle on the Fairgrounds throughout the weekend.

## **WINTER WEATHER**

In event the pageant is not able to be held January 6-8, 2023, due to severe, dangerous winter weather, the alternate “snow dates” are January 13-15, 2023. The same agenda will apply, just one week later. IF the pageant must be postponed one week, the announcement will be made in the following ways on Thursday, **January 5, 2023, no later by 10pm EST:**

1. All contestants will receive an email on January 5, 2023, after 10pm EST (to the address provided when they register through the Contestant Portal) if the pageant weekend will be postponed to the alternate dates.
2. If the pageant is postponed, the announcement will also be posted on the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Facebook page on January 5, 2023, after 10pm EST. Please “like” the pageant page to receive these and other updates.

If, due to winter weather, you question whether the pageant will continue as planned, check your email (Inbox & junk folder) and the Queen Pageant Facebook page and @MissINStateFair on Instagram throughout the day on January 5, 2023, AND after 10pm EST when the final decision will be made.

## **SATURDAY LUNCHEON**

Contestants have the opportunity to invite up to SEVEN (7) total guests to join them for lunch on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. This is the only opportunity family and friends will have to visit with contestants in person during the pageant weekend until after the public Finals on Sunday afternoon.

The buffet luncheon will be held at 11:30am in the 4-H Exhibit Hall auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). The building is located at the northwest the Fairgrounds.

The Fairgrounds facility parking fee is \$10 per vehicle. There are no pass-outs.

Luncheon tickets will not be mailed. Guests will check in at the 4-H Exhibit Hall auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) using the contestant's name/county. The check-in desk will open at 11am.

Contestants' meals are complimentary – *Do not order/purchase a ticket for yourself.*

Contestants may purchase up to SEVEN (7) total meal tickets – the cost is \$25 each. The order link will be posted in the portal when available. **Deadline to order is December 23, 2022** and must be purchased through the contestant portal online with a credit card. No exceptions to the maximum number or the deadline date. Lunch tickets are non-refundable.

Walk-up tickets *will not be available* on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Seating will be assigned.

To order and purchase additional meal tickets for family & friends, please see the optional "Saturday Luncheon Tickets" portion of the online portal.

### **SATURDAY – PUBLIC PRELIMINARY JUDGING**

**Saturday, January 7, 2023:** Indiana Farmers Coliseum on the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. Lobby & Box Office open: 3pm EST; seating open: 4pm; Preliminary Judging begins at 5pm EST. Concessions will be available for purchase.

The event is open to the public – please invite your family and friends! Tickets are \$10 each (ages 5-under FREE) and will go on sale November 1, 2022: available online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com) or in person at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Box Office in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum lobby.

Additional fees apply if purchasing through Ticketmaster. There are no additional charges for tickets purchased on-site at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office, either prior to or day of the event(s).

Seating is General Admission.

Ticketing Questions? Call the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office: 317-927-7601.

Contestants do not require a ticket for themselves.

The Fairgrounds facility parking fee is \$10 per vehicle. There are no pass-outs. See the section above regarding the purchase of a Weekend Parking Pass.

During contestant introductions at the start of the public Preliminary Judging on Saturday night, each contestant will wear the Queen Pageant t-shirt provided at check-in on Friday. In addition, contestants will wear blue jeans, and accessories & footwear of their choice: color, style, heels, tennis shoes, sandals.

All contestants will compete in the Professional Wear and Formal Wear categories during the public Preliminary Judging. The personal introductions submitted by each contestant during the online entry process will be read by pageant emcees and may be edited for length.

Access to the backstage area and stage are limited to pageant contestants and Queen Pageant staff ONLY. Security will be in place.

## **SUNDAY – PUBLIC PAGEANT FINALS**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023:** Indiana Farmers Coliseum on the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. Lobby & Box Office open: 11am EST; seating open: 12pm; Finals begin at 1pm EST. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Each contestant will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the pageant Finals. These will be held at Will Call in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum lobby for your guests to pick here.

Contestants do not require a ticket for themselves.

The event is open to the public – please invite your family and friends! Tickets are \$10 each (ages 5-under FREE) and are on sale NOW: available online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), any Ticketmaster outlet or in person at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Box Office in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum lobby.

Additional fees apply if purchasing through Ticketmaster. There are no additional charges for tickets purchased on-site at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office, either prior to or day of the event(s).

Seating is General Admission and not reserved.

Ticketing Questions? Call the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office: 317-927-7601.

The Fairgrounds facility parking fee is \$10 per vehicle. There are no pass-outs. See the section above regarding the purchase of a Weekend Parking Pass.

At the beginning of the Pageant Finals, all contestants will introduce themselves wearing their Formal Wear competition attire, followed by the announcement of the Top 16 Semi-Finalists.

Keeping their original Interview scores, the 16 Semi-Finalists will compete a second time in Prepared Speech and Professional Wear, after which, the Top 10 Finalists will be announced. These 10 contestants will move on to compete in Formal Wear and answer an impromptu on-stage question.

At the conclusion of the Pageant Finals, Miss Congeniality, the Queen's Court (four Runners-Up) and Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 will be announced.

Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. Contestants' scores will not be made available. Final selection is the judges' decision.

Photos of Miss Indiana State Fair 2023, her four Court members, Top 10 Finalists, Top 16 Semi-Finalists and Miss Congeniality will be taken on-stage immediately after the pageant. Stage access will be limited during this time.

Access to the backstage area and stage limited to pageant contestants and Queen Pageant staff ONLY. Security will be in place.

Contestants must check out of the Discovery Hall dorms by 4:30pm EST. Access beyond the check-out lobby is limited to Queen Pageant staff and contestants ONLY.

Miss Indiana State Fair 2022 and her family will meet with the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator in her office at 4:30pm on Sunday, January 9, for approximately one hour prior to leaving the Fairgrounds.

### **Additional Fairgrounds events**

In addition to the Queen Pageant, there are several events scheduled on the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, January 6-8, 2023. Please ask your guests to be mindful of the additional traffic on the grounds when arriving/parking for Saturday's Luncheon, Preliminary Judging, and the pageant Finals.

### **MISS INDIANA STATE FAIR 2023**

The pageant winner will be crowned Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 and must agree to reign over the 2023 Indiana State Fair (July 28-August 20, 2023) and serve as an Official Ambassador of the 2023 Fair. Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 will earn an hourly wage as a paid employee of the Indiana State Fair Commission.

The 2023 Queen must be at least 18 years of age and not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday before or on June 1, 2023, and employable by the State of Indiana.

The 2023 Queen will be asked to read and sign a form with the ISFC Human Resources office, acknowledging they have received her job description, duties, and behavioral expectation.

The 2023 Queen's official portraits will be taken in the spring (approximately March/April) of 2023.

The 2023 Queen will be required to do extensive traveling throughout the state visiting approximately 40-40+ Indiana county fairs and events in June/July 2023 promoting the upcoming Indiana State Fair. Lodging, meals and transportation will be provided for Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 and her traveling companion during official summer appearances, and for the Queen during the Indiana State Fair, **July 28-August 20, 2023**.

Understand, the position of Miss Indiana State Fair *is a job*. Treat the entire Queen Pageant weekend as an interview for THE BEST communications internship you could ever have!

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Contestants and their families & friends are encouraged to like or follow our Facebook page: [Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant](#) and Instagram @MissINStateFair for updates and fun posts throughout the event weekend!

There is also a group associated with our Facebook page: [County Fair Queen Pageant CHAT](#) if you're interested in joining. This is a place to ask questions, opinions, and look for assistance if you'd like to reach out to your peers, county directors and other group members. Remember to answer the required question when requesting to be part of the group.

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As always, if you have concerns about the contest requirements, time commitment or any aspect of serving as Miss Indiana State Fair OR have questions regarding anything related specifically to the pageant weekend, please don't hesitate to contact Bobbi Bates, Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator: [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com). You may also call Andrew Stinson in the office at 317-927-7521. Good luck to you, and Congratulations – We look forward to hosting you in January!!