

March 20, 2026

To: Prospective 4-H Queen Candidates  
Re: 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant

Dear 4-H Member,

2026 marks the 66th year for the Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant, and the committee would like to invite you to be a part of this year's pageant.

We are looking forward to having many participants this year. The contest provides an excellent opportunity to make lasting friendships with other contestants throughout the county. It is our desire that the events leading up to the pageant will be some of your most meaningful 4-H memories.

Participation in the pageant activities will require your commitment to attend the practices.

To be eligible, a contestant must be 16 years old and no more than 20 years old by June 1, 2026. To be eligible, a contestant must be a current member of Hamilton County 4-H or completed her previous year in Hamilton County 4-H. No professional model is eligible for the State Contest. A professional model is someone who earns her livelihood by modeling. A contestant who works for a high school or college fashion board is not considered a professional model. A contestant who has competed at the State Fair finals cannot compete again.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of personality and beauty. This judging is divided into three (3) categories with a total of 200 points as follows:

Category I Professional Wear- Black dress bottoms and white dress shirt (40 points)

Category II Five minute interview with judges only (100 points)  
Categories: Ability to converse, professionalism

Category III Formal Wear (60 points)  
Categories: Modeling, stage presence, poise  
\*Please note, at least one portion of the dress must touch the floor.

This year's pageant will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. All the representatives will be expected to attend the daily events throughout the week of the 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 16-July 21. As the representative of Hamilton County 4-H, they will be expected to attend 4-H functions during the year until the next Hamilton County 4-H Fair Representative is selected.

Practice dates for this year's pageant are attached.

Our first meeting will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00pm in the dining hall with desserts served. This meeting is for contestants only.

If you would like to enter the pageant, please return the entry form by **May 15, 2026**. If you have any questions concerning the pageant, please contact one of the committee chairpersons.

Sincerely,

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