



2024 Parke County Queen and Princess Pageant Rules and Expectations

1. Age requirements
 - a. Princess: 14 years old by June 1, 2024 and younger than 18 years old on June 1, 2024.
 - b. Queen: 18 years old by June 1, 2024 and younger than 22 years old on June 1, 2025.
2. Each contestant must be a resident of Parke County, have a parent or legal guardian that is a permanent resident of Parke County, or a current Parke County 4-H'er.
3. Eligibility does not require 4-H enrollment, but the contestant cannot be enrolled/compete within another county's 4-H program.
4. A former county Fair Queen or Princess is not eligible to compete for the same title. A former Princess is eligible to compete in the Queen Pageant once age eligible. If a reigning Princess chooses to compete in the Queen Pageant, she will not pass down her crown and the reigning Queen will crown the new Princess.
5. All workshops, scheduled events and fair events are mandatory. Workshops and rehearsals are closed to anyone other than contestants, pageant committee, and guests invited by the committee. If missing a workshop or event were to occur, the contestant is responsible for contacting the pageant director in advance.
6. All contestants should have thoughtful considerations to their use of social media. Any derogatory statements, pictures or videos could result in a violation and be reviewed by the Fair Board.
7. Each contestant and their family members are to conduct themselves in a respectful manner throughout the pageant season. The Youth Behavioral Expectation will be enforced for 4-H members. Pageant season begins on the day of the Queen and Princess Tea, continues through fair week, and ends at the conclusion of the fair.
 - a. Any reports of disrespectful behavior or a violation of the Pageant Rules and Expectations will be reviewed by the Fair Board and /or the 4-H Council.
 - i. If the offense is found to be a violation, the contestant or family member will have one or more of the following consequences, depending on the severity:
 1. Given a verbal warning
 2. Removed from the pageant program.
 3. No future participation in the pageant program.
 4. Removed from the fairgrounds.

- ii. If the violation is prior to the pageant, a report will be given to the judges for their review.
8. Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, personality, communication skills, overall impression and stage presence. Divisions of judging are as follows:
 - a. Queen
 - i. Interview - attire can be a dress, pant suit, skirt suit, blouse and skirt/slacks. A sleeveless dress or blouse is required to have a shoulder width minimum of two inches. Skirt and dress length is to be no shorter than fingertip length.
 - ii. Speech - queen contestants will give a 1 minute speech to judges about a topic that you are passionate about, something that has impacted you, someone who inspires you, etc. - speech topic must be approved by the queen committee by June 25. This speech will not be given on stage - it will be given during the interview portion of the day.
 - iii. Professional Wear - attire the contestant wore for the interview portion of the pageant.
 - iv. Evening Gown - evening gowns with high slits, a low-cut front/back or a two-piece gown showing significant midriff are not acceptable.
 - v. On-Stage Question - all contestants will draw a word on stage and describe the meaning of that word to themselves to the best of their ability.
 - b. Princess
 - i. Interview - attire can be a dress, pant suit, skirt suit, blouse and skirt/slacks. A sleeveless dress or blouse is required to have a shoulder width minimum of two inches. Skirt and dress length is to be no shorter than fingertip length.
 - ii. Professional Wear - attire the contestant wore for the interview portion of the pageant.
 - iii. Evening Gown - evening gowns with high slits, a low-cut front/back or a two-piece gown showing significant midriff are not acceptable.
 - iv. On-Stage Question - all contestants will draw a question on stage and answer to the best of their ability.
9. Each contestant is to have a sponsor for the pageant. This can be a 4-H Club, organization or business. The sponsorship fee is \$50 for each contestant and needs to be collected by the contestant and included with the application by the stated due date. Make checks payable to the Parke County Fair Board.
10. Parents, relatives, friends, hairdressers, make-up artists etc.; are not allowed in the dressing rooms prior to or during the pageant.
11. All pageant attire must be approved by the pageant committee prior to the pageant.
12. Signing below allows the pageant committee the use of any photos obtained during workshops, events and the pageant.

13. Fair Week

- a. Queen, Princess, and Court must be prepared to spend their days and evenings at the Parke County Fair.
- b. Queen, Princess, and Court are to wear their sash, crown and a sundress/romper/jumpsuit, or jeans without rips and appropriate (dressy) shirt while attending the fair. All attire must be fingertip length and no strapless attire is to be worn. Participating in any livestock events will require the attire listed above, with the addition of closed toed shoes.
- c. Queen, Princess and Court should arrive on time, dressed and ready to represent Parke County. This not only applies to attire but overall appearance as well.
- d. No phones are to be used while participating in fair shifts or events.
- e. There is to be no PDA at any time while on the fairgrounds.

14. The Queen will represent Parke County at the Indiana State Fair Pageant.

15. Scholarship checks will be awarded at the conclusion of fair week.

Application and sponsorship fees are due by June 11, 2024 at the workshop.

***Applications will be printed at the June 25 workshop for contestants to sign**

Applications need to be TYPED.

Please email finished applications to joneshallie25@gmail.com

***Rules and Expectations page must be signed and submitted by June 11. Contestants may make copies, and copies will be provided at the tea and June 4 workshop.**

**Please have sponsorship checks mailed or hand delivered to
Parke County Extension Office
1472 N US 41
Rockville, IN 47872
PO Box 146**

Contestant Signature

Contestant printed name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian printed name

Date

***Please direct all questions to
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