

Van Buren County Fair Queen Contest

Age Requirements

Contestants must be between 16 and 21 and follow the Iowa State Fair guidelines.

Application and Photo (head and shoulder shot)

This is due with your **sponsorship fee and permission form by 4:30 pm, June 15, 2020** to the Van Buren Co. Extension Office. Your photo will be in the county newspapers a week prior to the contest. THIS DATE IS IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSPAPER & SASH ORDERS.

Sponsorship Fees

You will be responsible for finding a sponsor for the event. There is a sponsorship fee of **\$65, made payable to the Van Buren County Fair Board**. Please have only one sponsor. If you have trouble coming up with a sponsor please let me know as soon as possible. You will be given a sash to be worn during the contest with your sponsor's name on it.

What to expect at the Contest Monday, July 20, 2020

An approximate itinerary is included with this document. The times are subject to change dependent upon the number of entrants received for the contest. You will start out the day in business type attire for interviews. After interviews, rehearsal will be conducted on stage where you may change into something comfortable. We will then break for lunch. You will not be required to return until 3:30 pm. However, if you would like to come watch and help the Junior Miss Contestants, that would be wonderful. After dinner, you will change into a nice street dress, skirt or slacks with a nice blouse for your first on-stage entrance in which you are introduced. At that time, you will change into a casual wear outfit. This will be nice pants such as khakis and a nice blouse. NO BLUE JEANS or TENNIS SHOES. We will tell the audience a little about you, taken from your application. You will then change into an evening dress and the outfit you will be in the remainder of the contest. It will be in your dress that you will answer an impromptu question.

Judging

You will be judged on your interview, congeniality, poise, grace, beauty, contribution to the community and school, as well as your leadership qualities and overall appearance. The new fair queen will be expected to represent Van Buren County in Des Moines at the State Fair in August.

Winner's Packages

The Queen will receive \$100, a piece of jewelry valued up to \$150, and a gift bag valued up to \$50. First Runner Up will receive a \$60 and a gift bag valued up to \$25. 2nd Runner Up will receive a \$40 and a gift bag valued up to \$20. The 2020 Queen will also be required to attend selected Van Buren County Fair events and community parades and events during the year of their reign.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. My cell number is 319-931-8127. No calls after 9 p.m. You may email me at redcowoffice@gmail.com. You can also message me on Facebook!

Kaye Gilbert

Van Buren County Fair Queen/Junior Miss Coordinator

Queen Contest Tentative Itinerary

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Interviews will be conducted at the Roberts Memorial Center. A nice business type attire is strongly recommended.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Rehearsal will be conducted on the stage. You may change into something more comfortable.

3:30 p.m.

Be back to the Roberts Building to go to dinner, provided by the Van Buren County Fair Board. Transportation will be provided.

5:30 p.m.

We will return from dinner and begin prep time for the contest.

6:30 p.m.

Junior Miss Contest begins.

7:00 p.m.

Queen Contest begins.

- ◆ Introduce yourself & sponsor in a nice street dress, skirt or slacks with a nice blouse.
- ◆ Casual wear modeling and we'll read information from your application.
- ◆ Impromptu question in your formal wear.
- ◆ Crowning of the 2020 Van Buren County Fair Queen.
- ◆ Photo shoot on the stage by the local media

Outfits Needed

1. **Business Attire** for Interview. It can be a skirt or slacks with a nice blouse, etc.
2. **Introduction Outfit** – Nice dress, slacks or skirt with a blouse. Nothing formal.
3. **Casual wear** – This would be what some would refer to as business casual. Khakis or colored pants, skirt, shorts (appropriate length) or capris. Nice shirt such as pull over, polo or button down. No t-shirts, no blue jeans and no jean shorts.
4. **Formal wear** – A formal dress and it **MUST** be appropriate. If you do not know if it will be considered appropriate, ASK! Judges will take off points for an inappropriate dress. If you don't have access to one, please let me know and I will find one for you to borrow.