2026 - 2027 Winneshiek County Fair Queen
Rules and Terms of Agreement

Contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age by the start of the 2026 Iowa State Fair.

Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization, such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, Church, FFA, etc.

Contestant must reside in Winneshiek County or an adjoining county, with the majority of her activities in Winneshiek County.

No professional models are allowed to compete in the Queen competition.

Any contestant that has ran in past years is eligible to run again.

All transportation must be arranged by the contestant to and from all required events.

Contestants must never have been married or have children.

All contestants must be present for crowning on Monday, July 13th at 6:30 pm.

All contestants are required to sign up to assist at fair contests and events no matter the outcome of the crowning of Queen and Princess on Monday, July 13th. (A contestant shirt will be provided to all to wear throughout the week)

Each contestant must have an escort for the Queen crowning on Monday, July 13th at 6:30 pm. They must arrive at the fair office by 6:00 pm.

The Winneshiek County Fair Queen must represent us at the 2026 Iowa State Fair Queen competition in August. (More information will be provided to the Queen)

The selected Winneshiek County Fair Queen and Princess are expected to give the Winneshiek County Fair Board 100% participation in County and State events as assigned by the royalty coordinators.

The selected Winneshiek County Fair Queen and Princess should not bare another reign or run for a title in any other commodity during their reign. If so, the reign will be forfeited.

Must agree upon all rules of the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest.

I hereby declare that any information stated in my application is the absolute truth. I completely understand that any false information will disqualify me from this and any future Winneshiek County Fair Queen competitions.

In addition, if chosen as the Winneshiek County Fair Queen, I agree to attend and participate in the 2026 Winneshiek County Fair and outside fair events as directed by the royalty coordinators and the Winneshiek County Fair Board. I also understand that I am agreeing to represent Winneshiek County at the 2026 Iowa State Fair.

Lastly, from the application postmark date and the time I may be crowned Queen or Princess (and the duration of my reign), I agree NOT to consume alcohol, drugs, or partake in any other illegal actions. I also agree NOT to post any social media posts deemed inappropriate by the Winneshiek County Fair Board. This also includes any content deemed as bullying. THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIONS. If these noted actions listed above occur, I will forfeit my reign and crown immediately.

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Candidate's Signature Date

I authorize my daughter to compete in the 2026 Winneshiek County Fair Queen competition. I understand if my daughter is crowned, she must represent Winneshiek County at the 2026 Iowa State Fair Queen competition. I also understand that she must abide by the stated rules and if they are not met, she will forfeit her reign immediately.

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Parent/Gaurdian's Signature Date

The Rules and Terms of Agreement pages must be signed and returned with your typed application, essay, and letters of reference.

Please send applications to **one** of the Fair Queen Coordinators by Friday, June 19th, 2026.

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Name:

Age (By start of 2026 Iowa State Fair):

Address:

City/Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

Parent/Gaurdian Names:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone Number:

School/College:

Grade Level Completed:

T-shirt Size:

Escort Name:

Please answer the following statements below and attach extra pages as needed.

1) List school and/or community activities and any leadership positions held:

2) List any honors, awards, or scholarships from school and/or community participation:

3) List service organization involvement and any leadership positions held: (FFA, 4-H, Church, Girl Scouts, etc.)

4) List any hobbies:

5) Plans for the future:

Additional Application Information:

- You MUST submit an essay of 250-500 words on why you would like to become the Winneshiek County Fair Queen and how you would represent our county. Please type the essay on an additional sheet of paper.

- You MUST also turn in TWO Letters of Reference with your application. One MUST be a character letter of reference from a current teacher, coach, and/or guidance counselor. And the other MUST be from a community organization individual, 4-H county youth coordinator, 4-H leader, FFA advisor, etc.

  LETTERS OF REFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE WRITTEN BY ANY FAMILY MEMBERS.