

## Wayne County **QUEEN** Eligibility, Rules, Duties

Eligibility Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, 2024. (COUNTY CONTEST)

1. Each contestant cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2024 to compete in the 2024 Wayne County 4-H Queen Contest. You must be 18 years of age by June 1, 2024 to participate at the Indiana State Fair. (STATE FAIR RULE)
2. Crowning of the 2024 State Fair Queen is Saturday, June 15, 2024. The reigning 2024 Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will be highly encouraged to participate at the Indiana State Fair Contest in January, 2025.. (INFO ONLY)
3. Each contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. Citizen and represent their home county (county of legal residency). One of the contestant's parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The ONLY exception: the contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county, if the majority of their activities are in the county in which they entered the contest. (STATE FAIR RULE)
4. Each contestant must be employable by the State of Indiana. (STATE FAIR RULE)
5. Any contestant who has competed or participated in a prior Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete or participate again. (STATE FAIR RULE)
6. Transportation to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant is the responsibility of each contestant. (STATE FAIR RULE)
7. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant reviews all contestant's internet presence for inappropriate online behavior. (STATE FAIR RULE)

## Rules

1. Judging will be on the basis of public speaking, the ability to converse, poise and personality in a competitive contest. (STATE FAIR RULE)
2. Two to three judges will be selected by the Queen Committee and the judges' decision will be final.
3. One contestant will be selected to reign as Miss Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen.
4. No mother, relative or friend may be in the dressing room during any of the judging activities or contest.

5. Judging is divided into five divisions:

**Division 1: Professional Wear 20 points (STATE FAIR RULE)**

Poise and Posture: 10 points

Overall Impression: 10 points

**Attire:** Suit, Pant Suit or Dress. A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed.

**Division 2: Prepared Speech 10 points (STATE FAIR RULE)**

Natural Speaking,

Delivery, Poise, Originality: 10 points

**Speech:** Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on a topic chosen by the Queen Committee. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted for speeches going over one-minute. Props, music, and audio-visuals will not be allowed.

**Division 3: Interview 50 Points (STATE FAIR RULE)**

Ability to Converse: 20 points

Personality: 15 points

Poise: 15 points

**Interview:** Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the judges. Therefore, each contestant will give separate interviews (6-9 minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.

**Division 4: Evening Gown 20 Points (STATE FAIR RULE)**

Stage Presentation and

Overall Impression: 20 points

**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 knee cap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the State pageant may be discounted by judges.

**Division 5: Impromptu 10 Points (COUNTY CONTEST; STATE FAIR FOR TOP 16)**

Response/Overall Impression: 10 points

## Duties

### Queen and Court

1. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will reign during the 2024 Wayne County 4-H Fair. Duties may begin as early as the week of judging, but no later than Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the last day of the fair on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Alternate(s) and Miss Congeniality are also required to participate in fair activities during the week. Queen and Court will be asked to assist in making schedule to cover all necessary events.
2. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen and her court must sign and rules and expectation form on or before June 17<sup>th</sup>. This form must also be signed by a parent/legal guardian if participate is under 18 years old.

### Queen ONLY

1. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will be requested to participate in the “County Queen Day” at the 2024 Indiana State Fair. Date to be determined.
2. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen maybe called upon for other upcoming events.
3. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen is requested to participate in the 2025 Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen Contest and crown her successor. Date to be determined.

## Dates to Remember

Registration Deadline – May 19<sup>th</sup>

Orientation – May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at TBD

Practice – June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Practice – June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Practice – June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Practice – June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Contest – June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm (tentative) and return from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Public Contest starts at 7pm. Location to be determined.

County Fair – June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup>