

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

Eligibility Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age by June 13, 2026. (COUNTY CONTEST)

1. Each contestant cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2027 to compete in the 2026 Wayne County 4-H Queen Contest. You must be 18 years of age by June 1, 2026 to participate at the Indiana State Fair. (STATE FAIR RULE)
2. The reigning 2026 Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will be highly encouraged to participate at the Indiana State Fair Contest in January, 2027. (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 Program cannot compete or participate again. (STATE FAIR RULE)
6. Transportation to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Program 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 Program 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)**

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

**Division 2: Private Interview                      45 Points                      (STATE FAIR RULE)**

**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. Interviews are private and are not open to the public.

**Division 3: Evening Gown                      20 Points                      (STATE FAIR RULE)**

**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 is inappropriate for the State Program may be discounted by judges.

**Division 4: Impromptu                      10 Points                      (STATE FAIR RULE - TOP 16)**

**Division 5: Prepared Speech                      15 points                      (STATE FAIR RULE)**

**Speech:** Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on a topic on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted from each judge (up to 3 points total) for speeches going Over one-minute. Props, music, and audio-visuals will not be allowed.

## Duties

### Queen and Court

1. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will reign during the 2026 Wayne County 4-H Fair. Duties may begin as early as the week of judging, but no later than Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the last day of the fair on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Alternate(s) 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 20<sup>th</sup>. This form must also be signed by a parent/legal guardian if participate is under 18 years old.
3. NEW - Miss Congeniality will be voted on by her peers in the Queen Division only and she may hold a dual title. Miss Congeniality will not be required to assist during fair week.

### Queen ONLY

1. The Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen will be requested to participate in the “County Queen Day” at the 2026 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 2027 Wayne County 4-H Fair Queen Contest and crown her successor. Date to be determined.

## Participant Information

Based on the total number of winning eligible participates, the following is the breakdown of alternates:

5 participates or less – Queen, First Alternate, Miss Congeniality (position may be doubled)

6 participates or more – Queen, First Alternate, Second Alternate, Miss Congeniality (position may be doubled)

## Dates to Remember

Registration Deadline – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Orientation – May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Better Homes & Garden Depot Grand Hall

Practice – June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm

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Practice – June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Practice – June 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

Contest – June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 2pm (tentative) and return from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Public Contest starts at 7pm. Centerville High School Auditorium.

County Fair – June 20<sup>st</sup> thru June 27<sup>th</sup>