

# Lawrence County Fair Queen & Lawrence County Fair Princess Pageant Rules

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant is two-fold. First is the selection of one girl to represent Lawrence Co. at the Indiana State Fair, and to participate in other Lawrence Co. activities throughout the year. Equally important is the opportunity for all the contestants to develop or enhance qualities of leadership, self-confidence, self-esteem, poise, public speaking abilities and many other activities and skills.

**All contestants are asked to attend all scheduled meetings.  
REHEARSAL WILL BE MANDATORY!**

## **Queen Contest Rules:**

1. Queen contestants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2017. Princess contestants must be 14-17 years of age on or before June 1, 2017.
2. Contestants must currently be active in at least one worthwhile organization in her community. (for example: 4-H, church groups, Girl Scouts, etc.)
3. Each contestant must submit an entry form to the Lawrence Co. Purdue Extension Office, 924 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Bedford. Entry deadline is June 5, 2017 along with entry fee, No Later. Only the first 15 entries will be accepted for each pageant category.
4. Contestant must be a resident of the state of Indiana, a United States citizen, and represent Lawrence County, which must be the county of legal residency. A copy of their driver's license must be submitted with application.
5. **Each contestant will have an entry fee of \$25. *Make checks payable to Lawrence County Fair Board.***
6. No professional model is eligible for the contest. A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling. A girl who works for a high school or college fashion board is not considered a professional model.
7. Any contestant who has competed at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
8. Clothing requirements: (failure to comply with these requirements could result in the loss of judging points). The committee reserves the right to critique and reject any articles of clothing deemed inappropriate. Props are NOT allowed.
9. The Queen is judged on the basis of personality, poise and the ability to converse. Judging is divided into four divisions:

**Division 1 – Interview (Total of 50 points)**

**Ability to Converse 20 points**

**Personality 15 points**

**Poise 15 points**

**Attire: Black pants or skirt and white blouse**

Each contestant will have one, three-minute interview with each of the three judges (total of nine minutes).

**Division 2 – Formal Wear (Total of 20 points) \*\*Queen Division Only\*\***

**Stage Presence 20 points**

**Overall Impression 20 points**

**Attire: Formal Gown or Tuxedo**

When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the evening gown's hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee length, depending on the design. Gowns 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 county/state pageant may be discounted by the judges. Any style of tuxedo is acceptable and must include pants, jacket and tie.

**Division 3 – Professional Wear (Total of 20 points) \*\*Queen Division Only\*\***

**Posture and Poise 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 4 – Prepared Speech (Total of 10 Points) \*\*Queen Division Only\*\***

**Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for Professional Wear judging)**

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on a 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 for speeches going over one-minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed. Speeches will be delivered with a microphone, either on stand or hand-held.

**\*\*Princess division will be judged 50% on interview and 50% on formal wear. Will not need to have professional wear. \*\***

**10. The winning contestant Queen, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, Miss Congeniality and Princess of the Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant must be prepared to spend the entire period of the Lawrence County Fair (July 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 2017) in attendance at 4-H Fair activities. Arrangements with employer, etc., must be made in advance. Personal escorts and other friends are not appropriate.**

11. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior. Along with this, cell phone usage during Fair events while performing duties is not appropriate.

12. The Queen will be entered as Miss Lawrence County in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, and will be required to spend Friday, Jan. 5th, 2018 and remain through the final event on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7, 2018 competing for State Fair honors. The Indiana State Fair will provide hotel accommodations, meals, and transportation for each contestant during the State Fair competition. The winning contestant of the State Fair Contest must be available the entire period of the fair as the official hostess for the Indiana State Fair.

13. Miss Indiana State Fair must agree to accept no other title except "Miss Indiana State Fair" nor endorse any commercial product for a period of 12 months following the Indiana State Fair, except with prior approval of the Indiana State Fair Publicity Department.

14. **Each contestant must comply with all rules of eligibility listed above. Failure to do so will forfeit her right to be a contestant.**

15. Scholarship awards will be given to the Miss Lawrence County Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up and Miss Congeniality upon proof of one semester completion with a passing GPA. Money will be forfeited back into the fund if not used within two years following high school graduation.

16. Any rule introduced at the organizational meeting of the Fair Queen Pageant Committee will precede any of the above rules.

***If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ryan at 812-278-4133.***

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I, the undersigned, do hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Lawrence County Fair Queen and Princess Pageants, and if the winner, she agrees to abide by the rules for the 2018 Indiana State Fair Queen Contest.

I grant permission to the 4-H Youth Development Program of Lawrence County and Lawrence County 4-H Clubs and Fair Association, Inc. to use videos or photographs of my child for education purposes or promotion of 4-H and/or Purdue Extension programs and the Lawrence County 4-H Clubs and Fair Association, Inc.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to abide by the rules of the contest.

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Contestant Signature

## Lawrence County Fair Queen and Princess Official Entry Form

**Please type or print neatly-Judges receive a copy.**

Name\_

Phone\_

Home Address\_

City\_

Zip \_

E-mail address\_

Birthday\_

Age\_

Hair Color \_

Eyes\_

Grade Most Recently Completed in School \_

School\_

Name of Parents or Guardians you want mentioned \_

Brothers or Sisters\_

Previous titles, honors, and special awards \_

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Organizations (include HS clubs) \_\_\_\_\_

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Ambition \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities and Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a short paragraph to tell us about you. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rules for Queen Escort

Each Queen's Escort must be ages 6-8 on or before June 1, 2017.

Must be a Lawrence County resident.

Must be willing to assist the queen court on an assigned day at the Lawrence County Fair from Sunday, July 15, 2017 through Saturday, July 22, 2017.

Clothing for Pageant will be an age appropriate.

Girl: Sundress

Boy: Khaki shorts and a collared shirt.

Escorts will not be interviewed prior to pageant, but will be asked a simple question on stage.

Must attend at a minimum the Mandatory meeting the week of the Pageant, and the Dress Rehearsal. It is recommended that the Escort attend at least one other meeting.

There will be a \$25.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to the Lawrence County Fair Board.

All entry forms are to be turned into the Purdue Extension Office, 924 16<sup>th</sup> St., Bedford, IN 47421, **no later than** June 5, 2017, along with the entry fee.

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Parent or Guardian

# Lawrence County Fair Queen's Escort Entry Form

Name\_

Birthday\_

Age\_

Address\_

Parents or Guardian\_

Email\_

Phone\_

Cell \_

School \_

Grade Recently Completed \_

Activities and Hobbies \_

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Pets \_\_\_\_\_

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Awards and Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorites \_\_\_\_\_

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