



Dear Potential Jr. Queen Contestant:

In the information provided below you will find the contestant information sheet, checklist, photo release, sample paperwork and additional information. Confirm your participation right away with a phone call, text or email.

Please email your questionnaire, quick facts, & photo as soon as complete or available. Next email or mail your photo release. **Everything must be postmarked or emailed by JUNE 20th!**

For emailing, please send to mlhunt1997@gmail.com. If mailing, please return to P.O. Box 269, Columbus Junction, IA 52738. When I receive your entry, you will be sent additional information about orientation. **Make sure to request membership in our contestant group on Facebook.** Important information will be posted there.

NEW FORMAT!! Judging will take place the weekend BEFORE the Fair (indoors & onstage) with coronation the first night the Fair as has been done in previous years. There will be no judging on the night of coronation, however you will appear onstage in Semi-Formal Wear (cocktail/party dress).

As always if you have any questions or need help in your preparation you can call me at any time. My cell number is 563.260.0864. You can also email me via mlhunt1997@gmail.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Michelle Hart

Executive Director



CONTESTANT CHECKLIST

The items below must be sent to me via email or at P.O. Box 269, Columbus Junction, IA 52738 no later than JUNE 20th. Do not wait! I would like your paperwork as soon as possible so that I have time to prepare documents for the judges.

- ❑ Contestant Questionnaire—May Attach Extra Pages – See sample included.
- ❑ Quick Facts
- ❑ Photo & Photo Release—Head & Shoulder (Color or Black/White) **can be emailed – jpg or png format please.

Each contestant will compete in the following competitions and should wear the noted attire.

- ❑ Personal Interview—Job Interview Attire (trendy/youthful professional attire)
- ❑ 1-Minute Short Answer Interview—Interview Attire
- ❑ Group Discussion—Interview Attire
- ❑ Opening Introduction—Fair Queen T-shirt & Coordinating Attire
- ❑ Semi-Formal Wear— Cocktail Dress (Homecoming)



CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Each Contestant Will Receive:

1. T-shirt
2. Certificate of Participation
3. Gifts
4. Contestant Tiara
5. Contestant Sash

Attire Required for each Event on Judging Day (off the Fairgrounds):

1. Luncheon with Judges: Interview Attire (not an official competition but will be in presence of judges)
2. Interview: Job Interview Attire (Trendy and Youthful...WATCH length of skirts!!)
3. 1-Minute Short Answer Interview: Interview Attire
4. Group Discussion: Interview Attire
5. Opening Introductions: Fair Queen t-shirt and coordinating attire.
6. Semi-Formal Wear: Cocktail Dress (Homecoming)

Attire Required for Coronation Day (on the Fairgrounds):

1. Semi-Formal Wear

Personal Interview:

The personal interviews will last FIVE minutes, there will be 3-5 judges, and their questions for the most part will be based on your fact sheet—KNOW YOUR COUNTY! We will post info in the group that you should know.

1-Minute Short Interview:

The short interview is a 1-minute interview where contest coordinators will ask a series of pre-determined short answer questions. Each contestant will receive the same questions in the same order. The judges are present to observe and judge contestants. Show your personality! Humor is a great thing!



Group Discussion:

The contestants will be arranged in a semi-circle and given topics (one at a time) to debate/discuss between one another. The judges will be present to observe and judge contestants. They are not to be addressed in any way. This is a time for the contestants to discuss youth related issues. This competition may sound a bit strange, but most contestants feel it is the most relaxed and fun portion of the competition. Contestants must not interrupt each other or argue.

Semi-Formal Wear:

You will need to wear a tasteful cocktail style formal or dressy dress that is cocktail length – age appropriate please. Homecoming style dresses are perfect for this competition.

If you are crowned the Louisa County Fair Jr. Queen:

You must make numerous appearances at the fair, hand out awards, ride in parades, and return to crown the new Louisa County Fair Jr. Queen.



PHOTOGRAPHER RELEASE & MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby grant permission to the Louisa County Fair Queen Contest to use my photograph on their official printed publications, website and news releases without further consideration, and I acknowledge their right to crop or treat the photo at its discretion.

PERMISSION TO USE COPYRIGHT NEGATIVE OR PRINT

PHOTOGRAPHER NAME <small>Please Print</small>	
PHOTOGRAPHER ADDRESS	
PHOTOGRAPHER PHONE	
As photographer and copyright owner of the attached photo, I grant permission for my photo to be used solely for the purpose of publicity in print and digital media for all activities and events sponsored by the Louisa County Fair Queen Contest or the Louisa County Fair.	
PHOTOGRAPHER SIGNATURE	
DATE	

IF CONTESTANT IS UNDER 18, please complete the following:

I hereby grant permission to the Louisa County Fair Queen Contest & Louisa County Fair to allow media to photograph my daughter at any activity related to the contest. In addition to use her photograph on their official printed publications, website and news releases without further consideration, as well as acknowledge their right to crop or treat the photo at their discretion.

CHILD'S NAME <small>Please Print</small>	
PARENT'S NAMES	
ADDRESS & PHONE	
PARENT(S) SIGNATURE	
DATE	



SAMPLE PAPERWORK

CURRENT GPA: 4.0

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List leadership positions):

- ★ National Honor Society (10-12) – Vice President
- ★ Talented & Gifted Program
- ★ Student Government – Senior Class President, Junior Class Vice President
- ★ FFA (7-12) – President, Vice President, & Secretary
- ★ FFA Livestock Judging Team (9-12)
- ★ Volleyball (7-12) – Team Captain
- ★ Basketball (7-12) – Team Captain
- ★ Track (7-12) – Team Captain
- ★ Softball (7-12)
- ★ Concert, Marching, Pep & Jazz Band (7-10)
- ★ Choir (7-10)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (List leadership positions):

- ★ United Presbyterian Church & Youth Group Member
- ★ 4-H (4-12) – Club President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian & Photographer
- ★ Louisa County Beef Committee Member & Assisting with 4-H Beef Weigh-In
- ★ *Volunteer Work:* Muscatine Soup Kitchen, Haiti Disaster Relief, Lions Club Breakfast, Memorial Day Cemetery Flowers, LCF Clean-up Days, LCF Soup Supper Fundraiser, FFA & NHS Blood Drives, FFA Auction, Youth Basketball Camp and Keep Columbus Beautiful
- ★ *Employment:* Lifeguard

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WON IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY:

Academic:

- ★ Co-Valedictorian.
- ★ 4.0 Honor Roll (7-12)
- ★ Governor's Scholar Award
- ★ IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarship
- ★ ISU Academic Recognition Scholarship
- ★ ISU Future of Ag Scholarship
- ★ FFA Stine Seed Scholarship



- ★ Louisa Co 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- ★ Agriland FS Foundation Scholarship
- ★ District 7 Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship
- ★ Louisa Co Farm Bureau Scholarship
- ★ Louisa Co Soil & Water Conservation Scholarship
- ★ Showmaster SE Iowa Showdown Scholarship
- ★ United Presbyterian Church Scholarship
- ★ P.E.O. Chapter CX Scholarship
- ★ Nancy Brown Memorial Scholarship
- ★ Shellabarger Educational Trust Scholarship
- ★ Everett Howell Memorial Scholarship
- ★ Roundy Charitable Foundation Scholarship
- ★ Louisa County Fair Queen Scholarship
- ★ Featured Graduation Speaker

FFA:

- ★ FFA Star Greenhand, FFA Greenhand, Chapter & Iowa Degrees
- ★ Livestock Judging Team – Pork Congress, 12th Overall Individual & 3rd Overall Team (over 500 competitors); Iowa Beef Expo, 33rd Overall Individual.
- ★ FFA CDE's – Ag CSI (Advanced to State); Ag Impact (Advanced to State); Conduct of Meetings; Parliamentary Procedure; Ag Issues and Perceptions (Advanced to State & Placed 2nd Overall).

Athletic:

- ★ Volleyball – Team Captain, 3 Year Letter Winner, 2nd Team All-Conference
- ★ Basketball – Team Captain, 4 Year Letter Winner, 1st Team All-Conference, Coaches' Choice All-Star Team & MVP, SEISC All-Star Team
- ★ Track – Team Captain, 4 Year Letter Winner, 3 Year State Qualifier
- ★ Softball – 5 Year Letter Winner, 1st Team All-Conference

Other:

- ★ Louisa County Fair Queen
- ★ Louisa County Fair Queen, Miss Leadership
- ★ Louisa County Fair Queen, Miss Personality
- ★ Louisa County 4-H Queen

HOBBIES:

While I have participated extensively in competitive athletics and enjoy reading, my passion over the last nine years has been raising, working with and showing cattle. I have always had a love for agriculture and being able to show my calves throughout the state and region has been a truly amazing experience.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE (Give details of coming year and five years from now—goals, work, school, etc.):

I have been accepted into the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences where I intend to double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications. While at Iowa State, I also plan to become involved in agricultural clubs such as Block and Bridle and the agricultural business sorority, Sigma Alpha. These organizations will help promote my professionalism and improve my knowledge of the agriculture industry while preparing me for a career in this field.

My primary interest in the agricultural industry is cattle. After college, I look forward to working as a livestock feed nutritionist. However, I am also interested in journalism and public relations, which is why I decided to double major in Agricultural Communications. In addition, I would like to earn a master's degree in some aspect of the agricultural field.

ESSAY – Please explain, in one typed/written page or less, how you could best represent the Louisa County Fair by being selected the LCF Jr Fair Queen. In addition, please explain why you would like to be chosen as queen.

Nothing is as important as passion. No matter what you want to do with your life, be passionate. - Jon Bon Jovi

The finest ambassadors are the ones who truly have a passion and a love for what they represent. The Iowa State Fair Queen is a young lady who positively portrays the Iowa State Fair and all that it stands for, and ultimately, all of Iowa. She should possess extensive knowledge of the fair and its history but most importantly, I believe the Iowa State Fair Queen should have a passion for the fair, its values, and everything that it represents.

The Iowa State Fair is undoubtedly the largest event in Iowa, and it is for good reason. It is “the heartbeat of the Midwest, unequalled and unduplicated.” It is a salutation and a way to honor the best agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement the state has to offer. It is also an event built around community, family and friendship, all of which I greatly believe in.

Though the Iowa State Fair is my favorite event of the year, it is also so much more to me than that. It is a tradition and a legacy that has been a part of my family for over 50 years. I have never missed a State Fair and my father has only missed one. It is a place where I have learned life lessons, met new people and made amazing memories. I desire to be the Iowa State Fair Queen because I want to promote the experiences that I have had with others, so they will have the opportunity and desire to experience the State Fair for themselves. It is not just a place that we visit every year, it is a piece of me.

My true passion, dedication and understanding of the fair will allow me to communicate to others with enthusiasm, honesty and sincerity. My experience with cultural diversity from living in my home town of Columbus Junction has allowed me to become comfortable with speaking to people from all different walks of life. I have also gained numerous public relations, communication and leadership skills through the organizations that I am and have been involved in such as FFA, 4-H and National Honor Society. My life's motto is “give 100%.” That is exactly what I plan to do as the Iowa State Fair Queen.