

## **2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant**

January 7-9, 2022

Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **FOR CONTESTANTS selected by November 1, 2020 (the 2020 county representative)**

1a. Each 2020 county representative must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2021.

1b. Each 2020 county representative's name, email address, legal mailing address, date of birth, and age on June 1, 2021 must be submitted to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator at [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com) by November 1, 2020.

1c. If, on or after November 2, 2021, the 2020 county representative becomes ineligible for or decides not to compete in the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, the county will not be allowed to substitute another individual as their 2020 county representative.

#### **FOR CONTESTANTS selected November 2, 2020 or after (the 2021 county representative)**

1d. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2022.

#### **FOR ALL CONTESTANTS**

2. Each contestant must be certified as their county fair's representative to the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Any 2021 county representative who does not meet the Terms & Conditions outlined below may participate in the pageant if their county pageant director so chooses, but will not be eligible to compete.
3. At the time of their selection as the county representative, each contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent their home county (county of legal residency). The 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. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties or an adjoining county.
4. If, on January 7, 2022, the contestant has not reached the age of 18, one of the contestant's parents or legal guardians must be an Indiana resident.
5. Each contestant must be employable by the State of Indiana.
6. Any contestant who has competed or participated in a prior Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete or participate again.

7. Transportation to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant in Indianapolis is the responsibility of each contestant.
8. Each contestant must stay in their assigned room/dorm at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center throughout the pageant.
9. Contestants will be chaperoned by adult, female event staff selected by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
10. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
11. If any of the previous terms and conditions listed in their brochure are not followed by the contestant and/or county, the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.

*The contestant or county fair may appeal the Coordinator's decision to the Executive Director of the Indiana State Fair Commission by written appeal. The written appeal must be received in the Indiana State Fair Board office no later than 10amEST on December 3, 2021. The Executive Director or his/her designee will render a decision by December 10, 2021. The Indiana State Fair Board will conduct a hearing on the appeal and render a final determination no later than December 17, 2021. The contestant or county fair president will be given a written copy of the Board's findings and final determination.*

## **FOR COUNTIES**

1. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, counties having selected a 2020 county representative prior to November 1, 2020 may enter that representative to the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Counties may also enter their 2021 county representative (selected November 1, 2020 or after) into the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Thereby making it possible for a county to enter two representatives into the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Counties intending to enter their 2020 county representative into the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant must notify the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant coordinator at [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com) by November 1, 2020 with the representative's name, email address, legal mailing address, date of birth, and age on June 1, 2021. No entry fee is required at that time. Should the 2020 county representative become ineligible, unavailable, or choose not to compete or participate in the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, a substitute representative (ie: the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up) will not be allowed.
3. All Indiana county fairs intending to send a representative to the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant shall ENTER their county and pay the ENTRY FEE online. Details with the online entry website will be available in June 2021.

The county queen pageant director shall make the entry/entries online with entry fee(s) paid by credit card. In the event the county entry fee cannot be paid by credit card when the online entry made, a check in the amount of the entry fee must be mailed to: **Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, ATTN: Bobbi Bates; 1202 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street; Indianapolis, IN 46205.**

*Mailed checks must be postmarked within the same date range as the online entry. **Additional fees will be assessed for payment postmarked after the deadline prior to which the county online entry was made.***

Entry and payment by: September 1, 2021 require a \$65 entry fee. Entries made September 2-15, 2021 require a \$75 entry fee. Entries made September 16-30, 2021 require a \$90 entry fee. Entries made October 1, 2021 or later require a \$120 entry fee. *Regardless of the date the county online entry was made, mailed checks must be postmarked by the date in the above fee schedule.*

4. Each county is encouraged to select its representative(s) on the basis of public speaking, the ability to converse, poise and personality in a competitive contest.
5. Regarding the 2020 county representative: Each 2020 county representative's name, email address, legal mailing address, date of birth, and age on June 1, 2021 must be submitted to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator at [queenpageant@indianastatefair.com](mailto:queenpageant@indianastatefair.com) by November 1, 2020. If, on or after November 2, 2021, the 2020 county representative becomes ineligible for or decides not to compete in the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, the county will not be allowed to substitute another individual as their 2020 county representative.
6. Regarding the 2021 county representative: If the 2021 county winner is unavailable or ineligible, the county is encouraged to send another eligible representative of their choice to the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Recommended: First Runner-Up, followed by the Second Runner-Up, etc. if the county representative does not meet the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant terms & conditions, the representative may participate in the event but will not be eligible to compete, if their county pageant director so chooses.
7. During the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, county representatives will be divided into groups, with each group assigned to an adult, female chaperone selected by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.

## **FOR THE STATE PAGEANT**

1. Personal Entry & Information Packets will be issued directly to contestants who have been entered by their county directors, and entry fee(s) paid into the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, by means of the contact information submitted by the county fair entry. Information will be issued to contestants via email/online in late October 2021.
2. Contestants are required to submit their personal entry and other required information to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant no later than November 30, 2021. Details and "how to" will be included with the Information Packet issued in late October.
3. The 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds: January 7-9, 2022. NOTE: Should it be deemed unsafe for contestants to travel to and/or hold the Queen Pageant as originally scheduled due to severe winter weather, the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be held January 14-16, 2022.
4. Contestants are required to register with the Queen Pageant at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center on Friday, January 7, 2022 and remain through the final event (Finals & Crowning) on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

5. The Indiana State Fair Commission will provide accommodations on Friday and Saturday night (January 7 & 8, 2022) for each contestant. Contestants will be housed at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center in Discovery Hall. Contestants must bring their own bedding, towels, toiletries, etc.
6. The Indiana State Fair Commission will provide transportation for contestants to any public outing/activity away from the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the Queen Pageant, January 7-9, 2022.
7. Each contestant will receive an official 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant t-shirt as part of their paid entry (provided by the county), distributed during registration on-site on Friday, January 7, 2022.
8. Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be scored on the basis of the ability to converse, speaking ability, poise, personality, and the judges' overall impression.

All contestants will take part in the Preliminary Judging, divided into four categories:

**INTERVIEW – 45 percent of scoring**

Attire: Solid black pants or skirt; Solid white top (blouse, jacket, etc.)

Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.

**PREPARED SPEECH 15 percent of scoring**

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

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, 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 (3 points total) for speeches going over one-minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed. Speeches will be delivered at a microphone on a stand as part of the Professional Wear competition during the Preliminary Judging. Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will deliver their Prepared Speech during the pageant Finals.

**PROFESSIONAL WEAR 20 percent of scoring**

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Prepared Speech)

A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed.

**FORMAL WEAR 20 percent of scoring**

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), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the State pageant may be discounted by the judges. Formal Wear worn during Preliminary Judging must also be worn during the pageant Finals.

9. Selection of the Top 16 Semi-Finalists is the judges' decision. The Top 16 Semi-Finalists will be announced during the public Queen Pageant Finals. Only the Top 16 Semi-Finalists will compete again (with new scores given by the judges) in Prepared Speech and Professional Wear. Those scores

will be combined with the Top 16 Semi-Finalists' original Interview scores to determine their semi-final point total. Those semi-final point totals will determine the Top 10 Finalists.

10. Only the Top 10 Finalists will compete in Formal Wear during the pageant Finals, also answering one (1) impromptu on-stage response, to be scored by the judges.
11. Selection of Miss Indiana State Fair 2023 and the four Queen's Court members are the judges' decision and may not be based solely on the Top 10 Finalists' overall point totals awarded during the pageant finals. The judges' decision shall be final and binding.
12. Prior to the Finals, contestants will vote to select a county representative to receive the Miss Congeniality award.
13. Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only and will not be available to view following the pageant.
14. The Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.

#### **FOR THE 2022 WINNER**

1. The winner of the State pageant will receive the title "Miss Indiana State Fair 2022" (2022 Queen) and must be prepared to spend the entire 17-day period at the 2022 Indiana State Fair: August 5-21, 2022.
2. The winner will become an employee of the Indiana State Fair Commission throughout their 12-month year of service, must qualify to be employable by the Indiana State Fair Commission and the State of Indiana, and will be asked to complete a USCIS Form I-9. The winner will keep and submit a time sheet and be paid an hourly wage for time spent at work during appearances scheduled by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
3. The Indiana State Fair will be responsible for expenses incurred by the Queen during the period of the 2022 Indiana State Fair and non-Fair appearances scheduled on behalf of the Indiana State Fair Commission by the Queen Pageant Coordinator (ie: lodging, meals and transportation). The Queen will be responsible to the Queen Pageant Coordinator, who will schedule appearances and serve as the Queen's supervisor.
4. The winner must agree to appear for the Indiana State Fair Commission and Indiana State Fair Board in official capacities as required throughout their year of employment until a successor is crowned. All appearances made by Miss Indiana State Fair 2022 in official capacity must be approved by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator. Transportation and expenses for official appearances scheduled by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator will be arranged by and/or reimbursed to the Queen by the Indiana State Fair Commission.
5. The winner will be required to travel extensively throughout Indiana during June & July 2022 in promotion of the 2022 Indiana State Fair.

6. The winner must agree not to accept another pageant title or endorse any commercial product as “Miss Indiana State Fair 2022” for 12 months following the 2022 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant without the written permission of the Indiana State Fair Commission.
7. The winner will receive all prizes, gifts and awards at the conclusion of the pageant finals.
8. If at any time the Indiana State Fair Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the winner is unable to perform the official duties and obligations of Miss Indiana State Fair, the winner shall relinquish the Queen title, crown, sash(es), duties, and remaining benefits of the position to the First Runner-Up or next Court member in the line of succession.