

2017 Great Jones County Fair Queen Contest

Congratulations on stepping out of your comfort zone and into a new and exciting experience. We are so pleased that you would like to be a part of the 18th Annual Great Jones County Fair Queen Contest. Our goal is for you to learn life lessons, make new friends, be creative, confident, and original and have a great time.

Please feel free to phone Marcia Kray at 319-465-5775 (home) or 319-480-4012 (cell) or 319-975-0465 with questions or concerns. You may also contact the Fair Office at 319-465-3275.

Application – Your application is attached. Please note it is very important that you tell your story. Your application is sent to the judges before the pageant so they are able to read and decide on the questions they want to ask you in the interview. The application is their window to get to know you and be aware of your interests and accomplishments. You may add a page if necessary, remember to highlight things that are most important to you. **Applications are due Monday, June 5th, 2017** to John Harms, PO Box 150, Monticello, IA 52310 or you may hand deliver to the Fair Office.

Fair Kickoff Party –June 14th, 2017 The Great Jones County Fair Kickoff party will be **June 14th** at the Youth Development Center in Monticello. We encourage all queen contestants and their parents to attend, please be present around 6:30 pm. This is the night showcasing the 2017 fair and awards. At this event, as a contestant you will come up front, introduce yourself and your parents, tell where you are from and your future plans. This is a chance for everyone to get to know you, because one of you will be representing the fair as the 2017 Great Jones County Fair Queen. Dress for this event is dressy casual (in the past contestants have worn dresses, casual dresses, skirts, capris). Remember this is your time to shine and yes, the media will be at this event.

Workshop and Spa Day –8am to 5pm - June 19th A workshop will be from 8:00 am to noon at the Monticello Eagles Club, 102 Linder Ct, Monticello, Ia..where the pageant will be held. You will have a chance to practice on the stage with your heels(shoes) and learn how the pageant will flow. I strongly encourage you to attend. I recommend you bring the clothes you are considering wearing for the pageant (if you are undecided or want an opinion). This will be fun and helps to take the unknown out of the pageant day. We will also be making a sash for you to wear at the 4th of July parade and the pageant. At noon we will move to Oasis Salon and Spa, 204 S. Cedar Street in Monticello for a spa afternoon. This will be a great bonding experience, a chance to practice interviews, ask questions and pamper yourself. Dress is casual but cameras will be present. We should finish around 5pm.

July 4th parade – Queen finalists are encouraged to attend and ride in the parade on the Great Jones County Fair flatbed. (wear sash)

Pageant Day – Sunday – July 9, 2017

Our Great Jones County Fair Queen Pageant will be Sunday, July 9th. 2017. We will begin with interviews that will last 5 minutes each. We will have a panel of three judges. All contestants are judged on the following criteria as set forth by the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest: Personality, Attitude, Appearance, Leadership, Community Involvement, Overall Appearance and Poise. After the interviews the pageant will begin. Please invite your family and friends to come and watch you on stage at the Monticello Eagles Club 102 Linder Ct Monticello, Iowa; this event is open to the public. You are asked to prepare a costume relating to the Great Jones County Fair. The idea will be all yours, let your creativity run wild with anything related to the fair that represents you (should be 2 minutes or less). If you have questions we can discuss them in more detail. Please keep your idea a secret from the other contestants (don't want anyone to copy your idea). Also, there will be an evening gown portion in this competition. We will discuss all of this in detail at the workshop and spa day. Feel free to contact me – Marcia Kray with any questions.

Crowning – Tuesday, July 18, 2017 Great Jones County Fair (Sneak-a-Peek night))

On Tuesday, July 18th, 2017 we will crown our 2017 Great Jones County Fair Queen at the fairgrounds, on stage in front of the grandstands at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Youth Development Center at 6 pm and then be transported with the people mover to the stage.

If you are crowned the Great Jones County Fair Queen, you will be expected to make various appearances at the fair July 18 - 23, including handing out awards, interviews and other events to be determined. You are required to compete in the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant starting August 8th thru Sat. August 12th. The Great Jones County Fair will pay your entry fee. Your lodging will be provided by the Iowa State Fair, during the State Fair Competition. Your year as The Great Jones County Fair Queen will end when you return to crown the new queen at the 2018 Great Jones County Fair. If for some reason the Queen cannot fulfill her duties, the Princess will become Queen.

Now that you have all the information, I look forward to meeting and working with each of you. Thank you for being a part of the Queen contest and The Great Jones County Fair!

Marcia Kray - Great Jones County Fair Queen Coordinator