

2019 Great Jones County Fair Queen Scholarship Contest!

This is our 20th year!! We will be changing things up a little. New this year our 2019 Queen will be awarded a \$500 dollar scholarship!

Who is eligible to run - Contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on Aug 6th, the first day of the 2019 Iowa State Fair.

Contestant must never have been married. A county fair queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership). If you meet these requirements, or have questions concerning these requirements, please contact Marcia Kray or John Harms.

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 20th Great Jones County Fair Queen Contest. Our goal is for you to learn life lessons, make new friends, be creative, confident, original, fun and make memories! Please contact Marcia Kray with questions or concerns or you may also contact the Fair Office at 319-465-3275.

Application – Your application is sent to the judges before the contest, so they are able to review, 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. Please note it is very important that you tell your story. You may add a page if necessary, please remember to talk about the things that are most important to you. Please type. **Applications are due Monday, June 10th, 2019** to John Harms, P.O. Box 150, Monticello, Iowa 52310 or you may hand deliver to the Fair Office.

Fair Kickoff Party – June 12, 2019 – The Great Jones County Fair Kickoff party will be June 12th. We encourage all Queen Contestants and their Parents to attend. Please be present around 6:30pm. This is the night show casing the 2019 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 you could be representing the fair, as

the 2019 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 17th - A workshop will be held from 8:00 am to noon at the Monticello Eagles Club, 102 Linder Ct. Monticello, Iowa, 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. 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 pageant. At 12:30 we will move to La Belle Beauty Lounge at 118 East 1st 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 the pancake breakfast and ride in the parade on the Great Jones County Fair flatbed. (wear sash) We will discuss at our workshop day.

Pageant Day – Sunday – July 7, 2019 – Our 2019 Great Jones County Fair Queen Pageant will be Sunday, July 7th. We will begin with interviews at the Youth Development Center. Interviews will last 5 minutes each, we will have a panel of 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 are completed our pageant will begin at the Monticello Eagles Club, 102 Linder Ct. Monticello, Iowa. Please invite your family and friends to come watch and cheer you on! 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. (Approximately 2 minutes). Please keep your idea a secret from the other contestants (I don't want anyone to copy your idea). Last, but not least, is the evening gown portion of the competition. We will discuss all of this in detail, at the workshop/spa day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me – Marcia Kray.

Crowning – Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – Great Jones County Fair(Sneak-a-Peek-night)

On Tuesday, July 16, 2019 we will crown our 2019 Great Jones County Fair Queen, on the grandstand stage at 6:30pm. We will meet at the Youth Development Center at 6pm and then be transported to the stage.

If you are crowned the 2019 Great Jones County Fair Queen, you will be expected to make various appearances at the fair July 16 through July 21st, including handing out awards, interviews and other events to be determined. You are required to compete at the 2019 Iowa State Fair Queen Competition. Your year as the Great Jones County Fair Queen will end when you return to crown the new 2020 Queen at the Great Jones County Fair. If for some reason the Queen can not fulfill her duties, the Princess will become Queen.

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

Best Regards,

Marcia Kray – Great Jones County Fair Queen Coordinator

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Important dates:

June 10th, 2019 – Applications are due

June 12th – Fair Kickoff Party

June 17th – Workshop and Spa day

July 4th – Parade

July 7th - Pageant Day

July 16th - Crowning

