

2026 Guthrie County Fair Queen Competition Rules and Regulations

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2026 Iowa State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. The county fair queen must reside within Guthrie County or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are within Guthrie County.
4. The contestants **MUST** be part 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!)
5. In the event that the selected Guthrie County fair queen is unable to participate fully in the Iowa State Fair Queen competition, alternates will be considered in order of selection.
6. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the Guthrie County Fair Queen Competition.
7. It is the responsibility of the selected fair queen to arrange transportation to and from the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition.
8. The selected fair queen will be the guest of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday, August 11th through the time of the crowning Saturday evening, August 15, 2026 (Tentative Dates). The selected Guthrie County Fair Queen is expected to **fully commit** themselves for the duration of the competition.
9. The candidates will be judged on personality, leadership and beauty.
10. If the winner cannot reign until the 2027 Guthrie County Fair Queen's reign begins, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first runner-up.
11. The reigning 2026 Guthrie County Fair Queen is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Guthrie County Fair. Should the reigning Guthrie County Fair Queen become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Guthrie County Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up.
12. Should the 2026 Guthrie County Fair Queen marry or become ineligible before the 2027 queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title, crown and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up. Should the first runner-up marry or become ineligible, she will forfeit title, crown and rights to the scholarship to the second runner-up.
13. The Guthrie County Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulation at any time as may be deemed expedient.