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Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your request to enter your "Mighty" Howard County Fair Queen Contest. Attached are the county fair queen contest regulations and an entry form.

Registration fee for the contest is \$75. You are asked to secure a sponsor who in return for paying your entry fee will receive special recognition by way of press releases and advertising done promoting the contest. A sponsor might be a business that you frequent or a service organization such as Kiwanis, a community club, social club or church group. The sponsor fee is to accompany your entry.

Judging will take place on the Wednesday prior to Fair week. A letter detailing the judging process will be sent to all candidates.

The results of the judging will be not released until Wednesday night of the Fair. All contestants and their parents will be introduced at 5:30 p.m. on the Scheidel Plaza Stage. The results of the contest will then be announced. Each contestant will receive a corsage and gift. Contestants themselves will vote for "Miss Congeniality".

The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen will be needed during this year's Fair at the various contests, livestock shows, grandstand shows and other events. In addition, the Queen will be representing the Fair at community events throughout the county and area during the year.

The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen will represent the Fair at the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant. The Fair Queen shall abide by the rules and schedule of the Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant and shall not take part in any other events or competitions during the time involved in the State Fair Queen Pageant.

The Mighty Howard County Fair Princess shall assist the Queen at the Fair and can accompany her during the year at other county events and activities.

Attached are the contest guidelines and application. Send completed application with supporting items as noted in the guidelines via first class mail to The Mighty Howard County Fair, PO Box 83, Cresco IA 52136. *Contest entry deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Questions, please call Janice Ollendick at 563-419-0623 or Heather Slifka at 515-341-6613. Again, thank you for your interest in your Fair. We wish you the best in the contest.

Respectfully,

Thomas Barnes, Executive Secretary

# THE MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## *Fair Queen Contest Guidelines*

- ⇒ Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of Iowa State Fair.
- ⇒ Contestants must never have been married nor have children.
- ⇒ Contestant must reside in Howard County OR adjoining county if most of the contestant's activities are in Howard County.
- ⇒ Contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in the county such as church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited just to 4-H or FFA members.
- ⇒ A person who is a professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job and/or has received payment for the person's likeness that has been used to promote a business, organization or similar) is not eligible to enter in the Howard County Fair Queen contest.
- ⇒ Past Mighty Howard County Fair Queens cannot enter the contest again. Previous contestants selected as Runner-Up or Princess may enter the contest again.
- ⇒ The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen will be expected to represent Howard County in the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest and abide by the rules and guidelines of the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest.
- ⇒ The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen and Princess shall represent the Fair at activities throughout the area during the year of their reign.
- ⇒ Contestants will be judged on the Wednesday prior to Fair week.
- ⇒ The introduction of contestants and coronation of the new Fair Queen will be held on Wednesday (the first day of the Fair) at 5:30 p.m. on the Scheidel Plaza Stage.
- ⇒ Registration fee for the contest is \$75. Contestants are asked to secure a sponsor. A sponsor might be a business that you frequent or a service organization such as Kiwanis, a community club, social club, or church group. The sponsor fee is to accompany your entry.
- ⇒ The Fair Queen Contest entry will include the following:
  - Completed Contest Application form (page 5), included in this application.
  - Signed Consent & Agreement form (page 6), included in this application.
  - \$75.00 entry fee
  - A short essay, not to exceed 1 typed page, titled ...
    - *"Why I want to be the Mighty Howard County Fair Queen".*
  - A character letter of reference from a current teacher, coach, guidance counselor or from a community organization that the candidate is involved in.
  - A recent picture of yourself to be used for publicity (maximum 4" x 6"). Photo will not be returned.

**Application and supporting items shall be returned by June 1 to**

**The Mighty Howard County Fair, P.O. Box 83, Cresco, Iowa, 52136**

**Any questions call: Janice Ollendick at 563-419-0623 or Heather Slifka at 515-341-6613**

# THE MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## *Fair Queen/Princess Information*

### **QUEEN:**

As Queen, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positivity on herself and The Mighty Howard County Fair. Should the reigning Mighty Howard County Fair Queen become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, or The Mighty Howard County Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown and title and the Queen title would be awarded to the Princess of The Mighty Howard County Fair.

As Queen, you are expected to make numerous appearances throughout The Mighty Howard County Fair and help with as many events as possible during the fair. The Queen Coordinators will supply you with a daily schedule. You will be attending all the livestock shows and will be handing out awards to the exhibitors. If you are an exhibitor at the show, other arrangements will be made so you can take part in the show. In the evenings, you will be making your appearance at the grandstand events.

As Queen, you are expected to take part in several parades that take place in our area. A list will be provided. You may be asked to help at other events that are associated with The Mighty Howard County Fair, such as races at the Cresco Speedway and the Holiday Craft Fair.

In August, you will represent The Mighty Howard County Fair at the State Fair in Des Moines and compete for the Iowa State Fair Queen. More information will be provided to you.

The contest judges as appointed by the Fair Board choose the recipient of this title.

The Queen will receive a cash stipend to help offset some expenses. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the Fair Board.

### **PRINCESS:**

As Princess, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positivity on herself and The Mighty Howard County Fair. Should the reigning Mighty Howard County Fair Princess become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, or The Mighty Howard County Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown and title and the Princess title would be revoked.

As Princess, you are expected to make numerous appearances throughout The Mighty Howard County Fair and help with as many events as possible during the fair. The Queen Coordinators will supply you with a daily schedule. You will be attending all the livestock shows and will be handing out awards to the exhibitors. If you are an exhibitor at the show, other arrangements will be made so you can take part in the show. In the evenings, you will be making your appearance at the grandstand events.

As Princess, you are expected to take part in several parades that take place in our area. A list will be provided. You may be asked to help at other events that are associated with The Mighty Howard County Fair, such as races at the Cresco Speedway and the Holiday Craft Fair.

The contest judges as appointed by the Fair Board choose the recipient of this title.

The Princess will receive a cash stipend to help offset some expenses. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the Fair Board.

### **MISS CONGENIALITY:**

Miss Congeniality is typically awarded to one candidate who is seen as the friendliest, most approachable and most kind-hearted among the candidates.

Throughout the day, the ladies really get to know each other well and have several chances for interaction. At the end of the day, the candidates vote for who THEY feel should be awarded this title.

# THE MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## *Fair Queen Contest - Additional Expectations*

- Candidates, and current and past royalty agree to allow the Mighty Howard County Fair to use photos taken during the contest and reign of the Queen/Princess as the Fair Board sees fit. This includes, but is not limited to, promotion on social media, forms of advertising media and printed materials.
- All photos will not be returned to the contest candidates, Queen and Princess, and become property of The Mighty Howard County Fair Board.
- The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen and Princess should not bare another reign or run for a title in any other community during their reign with the Mighty Howard County Fair. If they do so, their reign for the Mighty Howard County Fair will be forfeited.
- The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen and Princess must agree upon all rules of the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest.
- All contestants must be present for the crowning on the opening day of the Fair.
- All transportation to and from all required events must be arranged by the candidates and current/past royalty.
- The Mighty Howard County Fair Queen contestants must have a character letter of reference from a current teacher, coach, guidance counselor or from a community organization that they are involved in.
- The selected Mighty Howard County Fair Queen and Princess are expected to give The Mighty Howard County Fair Board 100% participation in County and State events as assigned by royalty coordinators.

## *Behavior Policy*

The following will be considered violations of the Policy and there will be grounds for immediate disqualification, dismissal and/or being banned from future competitions.

- Any infractions of the Mighty Howard County Fair and Iowa State Fair contest rules.
- Smoking, drinking alcohol beverages, foul language and/or public displays of affection to dates/boyfriends while wearing crown and/or sash and representing the Queen Program.
- Engagement in any illegal, nonpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the Internet such as social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.).
- Use of any illegal controlled substances.
- Any defamation of the Queen Contest, its winners and contestants, The Mighty Howard County Fair or the Iowa State Fair Queen Program and their directors, committee members, or staff.
- Any uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after the competition.
- Appearing in crown and sash at any event without an official invitation from an authorized event coordinator or fair board member.

# THE MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## FAIR QUEEN APPLICATION

*Please write or print clearly ...*

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Name:       | Name You Go By: |
| Address:    | City & Zip:     |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone:     |

Parents' Name & Occupation:

Your Contest Sponsor:

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| High School Attended: | Grade Completed or Year Graduated: |
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School Activities Involved in:

If graduated from high school give brief description of what you have done since high school:

What organizations are you an active member of (4-H; FFA; Scouts; church groups, etc.):

What activities do you take part in outside of school:

Honors and Special Recognitions (i.e. honor societies, offices held, academic or athletic achievements):

Hobbies, et al:

# THE MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## *Fair Queen Contest - Candidate Acknowledgement*

- I understand that if I am selected as the Howard County Fair Queen, I will be expected to represent Howard County at the Iowa State Fair Queen Contest.
- I will be expected to represent the Howard County Fair at various community events and parades during my reign.
- I do hereby agree to the rules, guidelines, expectations and behavior policy as outlined in this application.

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*Signature of Applicant*

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*Date Signed*

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*Print Name of Applicant*

## *Parent or Guardian Acknowledgement*

I, as the candidate's parent or legal guardian, acknowledge reading, understanding, and agree to comply with all rules, regulations, expectations and behavior policy as outlined in this contest application.

**This includes:**

- Accepting the decisions of the contest judges and committee as final.
- Accepting responsibility for the contestant's participation, including health and well-being.
- Consenting to the use of the contestant's image for promotional purposes.
- Consenting to allow the contestant to participate in activities as defined in the attached application.

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*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian*

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*Date Signed*

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*Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian*