



2026-2027 Dubuque County Fair Queen & Fair Princess Rules & Regulations

1. Each contestant must be a female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2027 Iowa State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married.
3. Contestants must be attending or have graduated from High School.
4. Contestants must reside in Dubuque County or an adjoining county if most of her activities are in Dubuque County.
5. 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, FFA etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership).
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 state competition.
7. Any contestant who has competed in Dubuque County Fair Royalty Finals **is not** eligible to compete again.
8. It is the responsibility of the contestant to make arrangements for transportation to attend all required events.
9. The Finalists will be the guests of the Dubuque County Fair from Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – Friday, July 31, 2026.
10. The final selection will take place on Friday, July 31, 2026. The Queen and Princess will reign the final two days of the 2026 fair and thru the crowning of the 2027 Fair. The 2026-2027 Queen will compete in the 2027 Iowa State Fair Competition.
11. The Dubuque County Fair will provide a sash and crown for selected Queen and Princess. This must be worn after she is crowned on Friday, July 31, 2026 and throughout any appearances as scheduled throughout her reign. The Iowa State Fair will supply a sash and crown to be worn at the Iowa State Fair competition.

12. A competent committee will select the “Dubuque County Fair Queen & Princess”. Judging comments are not available to the contestants. Judging will be based on the following:
 - a. Personality, Attitude, Appearance & Awareness
 - b. Leadership and Citizenship – Contribution to Community
 - c. Overall Appearance, Charm and Poise
13. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress such as street dress or suit, evening dress and casual wear.
14. Each contestant is required to provide an Escort who should be dressed appropriately for the contestant’s attire for Opening Ceremony on July 28, 2026.
15. All contestants must have a Business Sponsor. The sponsor must agree to pay the \$50 registration fee, must be turned in with application.
16. The winner of the Dubuque County Fair Queen & Dubuque County Fair Princess competition must agree to appear at all designated Dubuque County Fair Association events as requested in official capacities throughout the year and until her successor is crowned. The Dubuque County Fair will not arrange transportation for these events.
17. The Dubuque County Fair reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.
18. Candidates may be required to attend events prior to the Fair. They may also be required to perform service work or volunteer to become acquainted with the Dubuque County Fair Association.
19. Each candidate is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Dubuque County Fair. Should the reigning “Dubuque County Fair Queen or Dubuque County Fair Princess” become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Dubuque County Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up.
20. The 2026-2027 Fair Queen will also receive a \$500.00 scholarship to the college of their choice.
21. **Each candidate must be present for the interview day starting on July 12, 2026 at the Dubuque County Fair Grounds Ballroom. Time of interview will be chosen closer to the date.**



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Registration Due: June 19 th , 2026 Please submit a colored photo headshot to alisonkruse18@gmail.com which will be used for promotional and social media.	Please Submit To: Dubuque County Fair % Competition Committee 14569 Old Highway Road Dubuque, IA 52002 or alisonkruse18@gmail.com
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Name: _____ Age by July 6, 2026: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent /Guardian Names: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Community Organization Memberships: _____

(You must submit a letter of reference from one organization stating that you are an active member in good standing with that organization.)

School Organizations/Activities & Honors: _____

(You must submit a letter of character reference from a current teacher, guidance counselor, coach etc.)

Typed responses to the following questions:

- What are your hobbies and interests and what accomplishments do you have relating to them?
- What are your future plans upon graduation from high school?
- How have you participated at the Dubuque County Fair ?
- Why would you like to be the Dubuque County Fair Queen?

ESCORT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____

Any questions or concerns please contact Fair Royalty Chair, Alison Kruse at 563-451-9810 or alisonkruse18@gmail.com