

2025 Brown County Fair Queen & Princess Competition ~Rules, Responsibilities, and Judging Guidelines~

The 2025 Brown County Fair Queen and Princess will be **crowned at the Brown County 4-H Fair, Sunday, June 8th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Pavilion on the Brown County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Entry fee is \$50. You may obtain a sponsor to help you with this cost if you choose. Your parents/family/friend or a business/organization may sponsor you.

Forms are available at the Purdue Extension Office inside or outside in the Fair Information Box located next to the door. **Applications are due Friday, June 6th, 2025.**

Participants must meet the following rules & responsibilities:

1. Queen contestants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before **June 1, 2026**. A Queen representative may be 17 at the time of the State Fair Queen Competition (January 2025), provided she turns 18 before or on June 1, 2025.
2. Contestants no less than 16 but not reaching 18 as of **June 1, 2026**, will compete in the ***Brown County Fair Princess Competition*** held at the same time as the Brown County Fair Queen Competition. Contestants in the Princess category will participate in the same judging events as the Queen contestants.
3. Contestants must currently reside in Brown County or live in an adjoining county, taking part in activities within Brown County.
4. Contestants must be an active member of at least one organization in her community, such as church group, 4-H, scouts, etc.
5. Any contestant who has competed or participated in a prior Indiana State Fair Queen Competition is ineligible to compete again.
6. Any contestant who has previously been awarded the title of Miss Brown County Fair Queen is ineligible to compete again.
7. The queen and her court must participate in various activities throughout the 2023 Brown County Fair and may be invited to participate in non-fair related activities in the community during her reign.
8. The winning entrant is required to attend and compete in the Indiana State Fair Queen Competition held in Indianapolis, Indiana January 2-4, 2026.
9. Participants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Brown County Queen Competition reviews all participants' internet presence for appropriate behavior.
10. No professional model is eligible (a professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling). A contestant who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling, or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
11. If the crowned queen is not able to fulfill her duties as the 2025 Brown County Fair Queen, the contestant named First Runner Up will assume the title of the 2025 Brown County Fair Queen.
12. Under no circumstances will it be allowed for the contestant to consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any Queen activity or during the Fair. In addition, the use of tobacco products, regardless of age, is not permitted at any Queen activity or during the Fair.
13. Contestants will conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and demonstrate reasonable conflict management skills.
14. **If any of the rules and responsibilities listed above are not followed by the contestant, the Fair Queen chairperson and the Fair Board Executive Committee have the right to disqualify the contestant from the competition.**

Monetary Scholarships will be awarded to the Queen, Court, and Princess

Judging Guidelines

Contestants will be judged based on poise, personality, and the ability to converse.

The judging is divided into three divisions:

1. Interview: Solid black pants or skirt; Solid white top (blouse, jacket, etc.)

Each contestant will have 9 minutes alone before the judges, answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.

<u>Interview:</u>	<u>50 Points Total</u>
Ability to converse	20 points
Personality	15 points
Poise	15 points

2. Professional Wear: Suit, Pant Suit, Jumpsuit, or Dress.

A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed. Suit worn for the interview may also be worn for the Professional Wear category.

<u>Professional Wear:</u>	<u>20 Points Total</u>
Posture and Poise	10 points
Overall Impression	10 points

3. Formal Wear: Formal Gown or Tuxedo.

Any style tuxedo is acceptable and must include pants, shirt, jacket, and tie. When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or top of the contestant's foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design is inappropriate for the competition and may be discounted by the judges upon their decision.

<u>Evening Gown:</u>	<u>30 Points Total</u>
Stage Presence	15 points
Overall Impression	10 points
On-Stage Question	5 Points

Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. Final selection is the judges' decision.

Rehearsals and Practices

1. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 2nd, Wednesday, June 4th, and Friday, June 6th all at 7:30 P.M. at the fairgrounds*. It is recommended that contestants bring shoes they intend to wear in the competition.
2. Rehearsals are NOT required by state, but rather something our county does.
3. It is YOUR responsibility to prepare yourself for the competition whether through attending these rehearsals or practicing on your own.

*Rehearsal dates are subject to change. All contestants will be contacted in the event of a schedule change.

Brown County Fair Queen/Princess Competition Application

Please be as detailed as possible--add more sheets if necessary!

Judges will use this information for your interview.

(Please print in black ink or type)

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

High School: _____

Grade Completed: _____

College (Now and Future): _____

Major(s): _____

Career and Future Goals:

Active Member of the following community organizations(s):

Activities and Honors (School, Community, etc.):

Hobbies and Special Interests:

What is your favorite quote (one you like, wrote, live by or say all the time) and why?:

Obtaining a sponsor is optional! If you have business/organization as your sponsor, complete this section. Parents, grandparents/friend may also sponsor you.

Name of sponsoring business/organization: _____

Representative of business/organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Registration deadline: Friday, June 6, 2025 – midnight for mailing or 4pm for drop off at office.
Include \$50.00 entry fee and application (turn in pages 3-5; keep pages 1 and 2 for your reference).
Fee can be covered by sponsor, if applicable.

Make check payable to:

Brown County Fair Association

Mail application and entry fee to:

Brown County Fair Association
Attn: Queen Contest
P. O. Box 1481
Nashville IN 47448

or may be DROPPED off by 4pm at:

Purdue Extension-Brown County
802 Memorial Drive
Nashville, IN 47448

Do NOT mail to the above address **or** leave money in the drop box, thank you!

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Director, Maggie Evans, at 812-325-0517.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and responsibilities printed in the 2025 Brown County Fair Queen and Princess Competition Application and that I will comply with them in every way. If I am unable or decide to step down from my position as Queen (if awarded) I understand that I will be required to return all materials gifted to me from the Brown County Fair Board (crown, sash, ceptor, and scholarship).

I consent to my picture being displayed as Brown County Fair Queen/Court/Princess/contestant on printed materials and/or digital media.

I hereby, do swear that the statements made in this application and contract are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I have read and understand the rules and conditions governing the competition, and fully agree to adhere to the same.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____