

## 2026 Brown County Fair Queen & Princess Competition ~Rules, Responsibilities, and Judging Guidelines~

The 2026 Brown County Fair Queen and Princess will be **crowned at the Brown County 4-H Fair, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Participants must meet the following rules & responsibilities:

1. Queen contestants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before **June 1, 2027**. A Queen representative may be 17 at the time of the State Fair Queen Competition (January 2026), provided she turns 18 before or on June 1, 2026.
2. Contestants no less than 16 but not reaching 18 as of **June 1, 2027**, 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 2026 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 2027.
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 2026 Brown County Fair Queen, the contestant named First Runner Up will assume the title of the 2026 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

Divisions 1&2 happen Sunday Morning/Afternoon, Preliminary portion

## **Division 1: Personal Interview – 45 points**

This portion will be held in a preliminary judging setting. Each contestant will have a 10-minute interview with a panel of judges. The contestant should wear **Professional Wear**.

## **Division 2: Speech – 15 points**

A **1-3 minute** original speech will be given by the contestant on the topic of their choice. Props are not allowed. **Attire is the same as Professional Wear**.

The next portion (Divisions 3-5) is the evening part of the pageant, onstage

## **Division 3: On-Stage Introduction - Not Formally Judged**

Contestants will introduce themselves to the crowd at the beginning of the pageant, wearing a black t-shirt, and a choice of blue denim bottoms (no shorts) and shoes. Have FUN & show your personality!

## **Division 3: Professional Wear – 20 points**

A **skirt suit, pant suit, or appropriate style dress** must be worn for this division. Suit does not have to be the same fabric or color. Professional wear will be worn for the evening portion of judging. Contestants will give a brief description of their ambitions and goals for the near future and/or careers (1-2 sentences).

## **Division 5: On-Stage Formal Wear – 20 points**

Evening gown, formal jumpsuit, or tuxedo that includes pants, jacket, and tie will be acceptable. When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the gown's hemline must be floor length. Any gown with the skirt split more than 2" above the knee and/or a low-cut bodice or back may be discounted by the judges.

Contestants will also answer an on-stage question at this point.

## **Rehearsals and Practices**

1. Rehearsals are TBD. 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:

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Active Member of the following community organizations(s):

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

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Hobbies and Special Interests:

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

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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 Lily Voils 812-345-1624 or Jessica Wagers 812-606-0101.**

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I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and responsibilities printed in the 2026 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: \_\_\_\_\_