

## **2025 Warrick County Fair Royalty Contest Official Rules**

- 1.** Applications are due by May 2, 2025 by 4:00 PM to the Purdue Extension Office at 107 W. Locust St., Suite 111, Boonville, Indiana 47601. Be sure to include a wallet sized photo and the \$15 registration fee.
- 2.** Contestants must be an active member of a Warrick County 4-H club and in good standing; including that 4-H enrollment fees for the current year are paid. Contestants must also enter at least 1 “completed” project into the current Warrick County 4-H Fair.
- 3.** County contestants must be 16 years of age by June 1, 2025. State Fair contestants must be at least 18 years of age and not older than 23 years of age on or before June 1, 2025, to compete.
- 4.** Contestants must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen and represent Warrick County. One of the contestant’s parents or legal guardian must also be an Indiana resident.
- 5.** Professional models are not eligible to enter the Warrick County Fair Royalty Contest. (A professional model is one who earns their livelihood by modeling). A contestant that has had training or schooling in the field is not considered a professional model. A contestant who has been paid on occasion is not considered a professional model. A contestant who works for a school fashion board is not considered a professional model.
- 6.** Contestants who have competed prior in the Indiana State Fair Pageant cannot compete in the Warrick County Fair Royalty Contest.
- 7.** Contestants will be judged based on personality, poise and beauty.
- 8.** Only contestants need be present for the interview. No additional family members or friends will be able to attend the interview.
- 9.** Throughout the course of the competition as contestants are assessed, the Fair Royalty Contest judges will use score cards to document the contestants’ performance. All decisions made by the Judges are final.
- 10.** Contestants will need to provide their own transportation to and from all contestant workshops, the contest competition, the Warrick County 4-H Fair daily to perform duties and any other reasonable appearances throughout her term.
- 11.** The queen of the Fair Royalty Contest will be selected and crowned upon completion of the contest on Saturday, July 12, 2025. A contestant can only be crowned Miss Warrick County one time throughout her 4-H membership years.
- 12.** Monetary gifts and/or presents will not be given to the queen candidates, other than those presented by the Fair Royalty Contest Committee.
- 13.** The Warrick County 4-H Center Board or its’ representative will be responsible for providing clarification of rules. The board’s decision will be final.
- 14.** Contestant’s clothing options must be approved by a member of the pageant committee prior to the contest date. By following the pre-approval process, this helps to ensure that the contestant’s outfits are suitable for competition, and this also helps to prevent possible embarrassment of the contestant due to stage lighting and other issues of fit and style.

15. Only the crowned Warrick County 4-H Fair Queen may represent the county at the Indiana State Fair Queen Contest. If the crowned queen is ineligible, the right to represent Warrick County would be given at the discretion of the Fair Royalty Contest committee.
16. The crowned Warrick County 4-H Fair Queen must be accompanied to the Indiana State Fair Queen Contest by a chaperone. If the contestant's parent/guardian is unable to attend as chaperone, another chaperone may be appointed. Said chaperones must be a female who is at least 25 years old and approved by the Warrick County Royalty Contest Committee, the Warrick County 4-H Center Board, and the Indiana State Fair Pageant Director. Professional pageant coaches and trainers are not eligible to act as chaperone.
17. The crowned Indiana State Fair Queen will be required to spend time at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis as designated by the Indiana State Fair Board.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 2025 Royalty Contest Queen and Court will be required to be present at all daily 4-H Fair activities and should plan to stay until the close of the fairway. Duties may include helping to conduct games, airing radio spots to promote the Fair, etc. Also, the Queen will represent Warrick County at the Indiana State Fair Pageant in January of 2026 in Indianapolis. The Queen's Court will also be asked to be present at all events throughout the Fair. The Queen and Court are responsible for arranging their own transportation for fair and for any parades in which they participate. (More on this later.)

***As with any Program, any inappropriate behavior can be brought to the Warrick County 4-H Center Board for consideration of the removal or forfeiture of the Queen's title, awards or other action deemed appropriate by the Warrick County 4-H Center Board. Please remember this is a highly visible spokesperson and role model position for our fair and the local community as well.***

The judging score cards will be divided as follows:

I. Evening Wear	25 points
II. Professional Wear	25 points
III. Interview	50 points
a. Poise	15 points
b. Personality	15 points
c. Ability to Converse	20 points

### **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

**MISS CONGENIALITY:** Flowers, trophy and sash. (Miss Congeniality is selected by the contestants.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Flowers, trophy and sash.

**2<sup>nd</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Flowers, trophy and sash.

**1<sup>st</sup> RUNNER-UP:** Flowers, trophy and sash.

**MISS WARRICK COUNTY:** Tiara, Queen pin, flowers, trophy and sash.

The tiara and sashes are to be worn only by the recipient of the award. Prizes may not be exchanged without prior consent of the pageant committee.

## GUIDELINES

Each contestant must realize that once they choose to participate in the Warrick County Fair Royalty Contest, the contestant is representing our county in a highly visible way. Therefore, the contestants should look and behave accordingly.

Contestants are asked to attend the workshops and dress rehearsal. Attendance will be taken and given to the judges the day of the pageant. If you need to miss for any reason, please communicate the reason so that it can be marked on your attendance sheet properly. If you have questions, contact the pageant director, Alissa Enright at 812-629-4580.

Contestants will not receive their score sheets for the pageant. Contestants should contact the Pageant Director for information contained on their individual score and comment sheets that include suggestions for improvement and pointers. Please ask the Pageant Director to see if the judges are willing to discuss your pageant performance **BEFORE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE JUDGES.**

The expenses for the pageant will vary depending on each contestant's selection of attire. We suggest, however, that each contestant borrow all they can from previous contestants or friends. This way, much, or all, of the expense can be eliminated.

Each contestant is required to have the following:

- 1) ONE SUIT, PANT SUIT OR DRESSY DRESS to be used for both the interview and on stage during the professional wear modeling. This should help reduce the cost of participation. Ask if you can borrow from other's closets. Be sure your selection makes you look neat and attractive. Props are not allowed.
- 2) ONE PIECE EVENING WEAR, at least one portion of the gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). Gowns with the skirt split more than 2" above the knee and/or low-cut bodices will be discounted by the judges. Wear a gown that you are comfortable in and can model easily. **BORROW! BORROW! BORROW!** No extreme cuts will be allowed on stage at the discretion of the Royalty Contest Committee. Remember when choosing a gown that if it has a train, it will be more difficult to model, and model turns on the stage.
- 3) Shoes for all attire. We recommend a 2" pump, closed toe and heel. This aids in a secure walk on the runway. If you coordinate your outfits, you could just have one pair of shoes. Think ahead!
- 4) Personal items such as make-up, hosiery, jewelry, etc.
- 5) Remember that the Royalty Contest Committee will try to assist you in any way possible. However, we cannot be responsible for finding you the proper attire.

**Failure to comply with these requirements could result in a loss of judging points.**