Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your consideration in applying for the 2020 Linn County Fair Queen competition. We are excited for another year of the fair and look forward to what this year has in store for us.

Please review this whole packet, it is important that you and your family are aware of the expectations and requirements that come with being the 2020 Linn County Fair Queen or Princess. By filling out this application you are agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth by the Linn County Fair Queen Committee and Linn County Fair Association. Please mark your calendar now for the events that will be prior to the crowning, it is important to make these events as judging is all part of the events you attend. If there are conflicts with these events please let the Queen Committee know in advance.

Please be sure to check your email after May 15th. We will send an email out to all candidates to give them more details on the events that will proceed in the month of June. We will send a mass text message to the candidate letting her know we have sent an email. It is the candidate’s responsibility to check her email and respond after receiving it. Please be sure to share this information with your parents and/or guardians.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Jennifer Dunn, committee co-chair, 319-929-0300 or jenn@thelinncountyfair.com.

We look forward to having you as a candidate for the 2020 Linn County Fair!

Linn County Fair Queen Committee

Kris Blackford, Susan Clarke, Kathy Clemens, Jean Dunn, Molly Ericson & Jennifer Dunn
2020 Fair Queen Application
DUE BY: May 15th, 2020
(strongly encouraged to type this application)

Candidate’s Full Name: __________________________________________________________

Full Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________

Candidates Email: ______________________________________________________________

Birth date: ___________________ Candidates Cell Phone: ____________________________

Grade Completed in spring 2020: ________________________________________________

School you attend: _____________________________________________________________

Parents/Guardians Names: ________________________________________________________

High School or College Activities: ________________________________________________
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Service organizations and Community Involvement:
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Citizenship and Leadership activities:
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EVENT LIST

5/15 - Application Due
6/6 - Cedar Rapids Farmers Market
    7am-12pm
6/19 - Prep for judging
    “Night of the Queens” (6 pm)
6/20 - Fairfax Days Parade (11:30 am)
6/20 - Judging Evening (5 pm)
6/24 - Fair Opening
    Ceremony/Crowning
    (times & dates could be adjusted, preliminary schedule)

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Special honors, Awards, Scholarships, etc. you have received: __________________________
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What has been your involvement with the Linn County Fair?
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Why do you want to be the 2020 Linn County Fair Queen?

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Future Plans after high school:

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Candidate’s Signature: ____________________________

Color of formal dress: ____________________________

☐ Please enclose wallet size photo

Application must be mailed to:
Linn County Fair-Queen Contest
PO Box 329
Central City, IA 52214
2020 Fair Queen & Princess Expectations

**Queen & Princess:**

- Represent the fair with a smile
- Be at Grandstand events during fair
- Welcome people to the fair
- Be visible, be seen
- Between Queen and Princess all livestock events need to be attended at some point during their event to hand out ribbons & trophies
- Be present during Static judging day (2021)
- Participate in Youth day (Thursday of fair)
- Participate in Community day (Friday of fair)
- Attend livestock auction, work with Auction Committee to help where needed
- See list of 2020 Fair Events, will need to attend most events when possible
- Attend and donate a pie to the 2020 4-H Youth Council Pie Auction held on Sunday of the fair
- When not busy with other events, try and visit the Farm Bureau Free Entertainment pavilion or other events around the fairgrounds
- Queen must be able to attend the 2020 Iowa State Fair (during the queen competition, August 11th-15th) to represent the Linn County Fair
- 2020 Fair Queen & Princess will need to be present at the 2021 Linn County Fair BBQ
- Will need to try and attend parades throughout the year as Queen or Princess: 4th of July Parades in the Linn County area ie. Central City, Fairfax, Alburnett, Sapadapaso parade, Walker, Marion Swamp Fox Parade, 4-H Council Easter Egg Hunt, etc
- Attend events throughout the year (ie. Cattleman’s Banquet, Celebration of Ag, Ag in the Park, 4-H Award Ceremony, attend a fairboard meeting, attend a 4-H clubs meeting, fair clean-up, etc.)
- Linn County Fair fundraising events held throughout the year during your reign

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Recommendations & Events

Below is a list of recommendations when running for the Linn County Fair Queen. Also listed below are events that are expected for the contestants to attend unless other arrangements are made with the fair queen committee.

**Recommendations:**
- Be smart in your clothing and footwear selection for all queen events.
- No use of cell phones at queen events unless
- No P.D.A. with significant other, remember you are a role model for other youth. They are watching you at all times!
- Be friendly and enthusiastic when you are representing the Linn County Fair. Remember many eyes are watching and judging your every move.

**Events:**
(Mark your calendars NOW with these events, working is not an excuse)

- Application due **May 15th, 2020 mailed** to Linn County Fair-Queen Contest PO Box 329 Central City, IA 52214. NO APPLICATIONS will be accepted by committee members.
- Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers Market, this will be (7:00 am- 12:00 pm) - **Saturday June 6th, 2020**
- Prep night “Night of the Queens” **June 19th, 2020 6pm-9pm**: This day will consist of interviewing skills/techniques, health and well-being, self-defense lessons and much more for all fair queen contestants. Location to be determined.

--Fairfax Days parade **June 20th, 2020**: Staging will begin at 10:45 am, parade at 11:30 (706 Linn St in Fairfax)

- Judging Day- **June 20th, 2020 5pm-7:00 pm**: Location to be determined. Public will be allowed to join us at 6:00 to meet the contestants.

- Queen Coronation & 4-H BBQ 5:00 at the Linn County Fairgrounds- **Wednesday June 24th, 2020**. Group photos will be at 4:30 and then concluding coronation.

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2020 Linn County & Iowa State Fair Queen Competition Rules & Regulations

**Linn County Rules:**
1. Contestants must never have been married or have had children
2. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, and be actively involved in/or have been actively involved with the Linn County Fair for at least 2 years
3. 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.
4. She must be able to participate in the Iowa State Fair Queen pageant and be a guest of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday August 11th through the 15th.
5. If you were a past fair queen or princess for the Linn County Fair you are ineligible to run again.
6. If you are currently a commodity queen or princess you are not eligible.

**Iowa State Fair Rules:**
1. Each contestant must be female and at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on August 13th, the first day of the 2020 Iowa State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. A County Fair Queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. If a fair represents more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
4. 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, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.)
5. Each entrant in the State Fair Pageant must be selected from a competitive queen contest at her county fair. If an Iowa county fair does not have a contest, it may sanction another queen contest in their county such as the “Official County Fair Queen Contest.” The winner is then eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair. Only contests sponsored by county fairs who are members of the Association of Iowa Fairs will be eligible to compete at the state level.
6. Only winners as indicated under Rule 5 are eligible to represent counties at the state pageant. In the event the county queen is unable to participate, alternates will be considered in order of selection.
7. No professional models (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) are eligible to compete in the State Pageant.
8. Any contestant who has competed at a State Fair Queen Pageant Finals cannot compete again.
9. Any County Fair Queen selected after the 2018 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2019 pageant.

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10. The Iowa State Fair will accept only one entry per county. Should there be more than one queen contest in the county, it will be the responsibility of the fairs concerned to hold an elimination contest. The only exception to this rule will be in those counties where more than one fair qualifies for membership with the Association of Iowa Fairs. In those cases, both Fairs will be eligible to submit candidates for competition.

11. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make arrangements for transportation to and from Des Moines. Hotel accommodations will be made for county queens only.

12. The county queens will be the guests of the Iowa State Fair, Tuesday, August 11, through the time of the crowning, Saturday, August 15.

13. The Iowa State Fair will provide a sash and crown for each county fair to award to their Queen. This must be worn when she appears at the Iowa State Fair and is included in the $350 entry fee. The entry fee after April 30 is $400. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after June 30.

14. County fairs are requested to select their candidates by competition in which personality, leadership and beauty are judged.

15. A qualified committee will select the “Iowa State Fair Queen.” Judging comments are not available to the contestants or county representatives. Judging will be based on the following: personality, attitude, appearance and awareness, leadership and citizenship, contribution to community, overall appearance, charm and poise.

16. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress, such as street, dress or suit, evening dress and casual wear.

17. The winner of the state competition will be crowned the “2020 Iowa State Fair Queen.” The 2020 Queen will be required to remain at the Fairgrounds for the remaining time of the 2020 Fair.

18. The winner of the state competition must agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the year until her successor is crowned. This will include daily appearances at the 2019 Fair and a couple of days at the 2021 Fair. The Iowa State Fair will help with food and transportation expenses for these appearances.

19. If the winner cannot reign until a new queen is crowned at the 2021 Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first runner-up. She may then accept the title and awards of first runner-up.

20. The winning contestant at the Iowa State Fair must agree to accept no other queen titles nor endorse any commercial product as “Iowa State Fair Queen” for a period of 12 months following the 2020 Iowa State Fair without the written permission of the Iowa State Fair Board.

21. The winning contestant will receive all the prizes at the time of the finals with the exception of the $300 bond and the scholarship. This bond will be presented to her after the 2021 Iowa State Fair Queen is selected.

22. The reigning 2020 “Iowa State Fair Queen” is expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Iowa State Fair. Should the reigning “Iowa State Fair Queen” become involved in any activity, including drugs, alcohol or tobacco-related offenses, that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Iowa State Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up.

23. Should the 2020 Iowa State Fair Queen marry or become ineligible for any reason before the 2021 Queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title, crown and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up. Should the first runner-up become ineligible, she will forfeit title, crown and rights to the scholarship to the second runner-up.

24. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.

ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM THE IOWA STATE FAIR WILL BE EXPLAINED AT ORIENTATION

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