

2026 Southern Iowa Fair Queen Application



Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Age: _____ Address: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Email: _____

Candidates must exceed the following, per the Iowa State Fair Queen Competition Rules and Regulations:

1. Must be at least 16 years old, and no older than 21 by **August 13, 2026**
2. Must reside in Mahaska County or an adjoining county as long as a majority of her activities are in Mahaska County.
3. Must be an active member of at least one service organization in the community, such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H and FFA members)
4. Must never have been married or had children. If married during the reign, your title goes to the 1st runner up.
5. Must be able to be at the Southern Iowa Fair July 13-18, 2026
6. Must be able to bake and present a pie to be auctioned off at the conclusion of the on stage portion of the Southern Iowa Queen Fair Contest.

Attached to this application, please submit the following:

- List all school & community activities/honors/leadership positions in a resume format.
- List all hobbies, interests, and work experiences in a resume format.
- Typed responses to the following questions:
 - What are your plans upon graduation from high school?
 - How have you participated in the Mahaska County Fair?
 - Why would you like to be the Southern Iowa Fair Queen?
- If you have any events that conflict with the judging portion of the contest on Monday, July 13th, please list them on your application resume.
- If you have any food allergies, please list them on your application.

- Please include a wallet-sized photo with your application

If selected as Southern Iowa Fair Queen, you will have various duties throughout the year. These will require you to make public appearances representing the Southern Iowa Fair and Mahaska County. Listed below are events where your attendance will be expected. More may be added at the discretion of the Fair Board, Queen Coordinators, or the Queen herself.

- Daily events during the duration of the Southern Iowa Fair:

Check in to the office at 8:30 am each morning for assignments

Livestock Shows

Free Stage Events

Participating in shifts at Little Hands on the Farm

Positively representing the fair throughout the day and evening

- Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant: **August 11 – 15, 2026**
- Community & County events throughout the year
- The Queen must be available to attend the State Fair from August 13th through August 23rd, 2026, to participate in the judging and all Queen Contest events. If crowned Iowa State Fair queen, would be required to stay through the remainder of the State Fair.

I, _____, have read the above duties of the Southern Iowa Fair Queen and understand that if chosen as Queen, I will appropriately represent Mahaska County and the Southern Iowa Fair at the above activities. I also meet the requirements listed at the top of this application.

Candidate Signature

Date

Please submit this form, alongside the required additional materials, no later than

Wednesday, June 24th

An informational meeting will be held at the fair office on Wednesday, June 24th, at

5:30 pm.

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to:

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