

IOWA COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST

May Arrive: Friday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.
Must be in: Friday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Show: Friday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. (Jacobson Exhibition Center)
Released: Friday, August 11 after show

The Show Office will open at Noon and will close at 5:30 p.m.

Each contestant will receive two ribbons for admittance into the Jacobson Exhibition Center. **ADDITIONAL RIBBONS WILL NOT BE SOLD IN THE HORSE BARN OFFICE.** Tickets can be purchased at the Jacobson Exhibition Center ticket office on the day of the show.

Tickets for Cowgirl Queen Contest in the Jacobson Exhibition Center:

General Admission for 12 and older\$5
Children 6-11 years of age.....\$2
Children 5 years and under Free

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry Fee - \$25 (includes stall)

RULES

1. Each contestant is to be sponsored by a local or regional saddle club, saddle club show association, rodeo association, pony club or a state or district breed association which is located in Iowa. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs are also eligible. Privately owned stables and farms and horse racing associations are NOT eligible to send a representative. Eligible associations are strongly encouraged to hold a local contest to select Iowa State Fair representatives. Only one representative will be allowed in each division from each club or association. Contestant must be a resident of Iowa.
2. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 14.** Entries must be postmarked on or before July 14 and addressed to Iowa State Fair, Cowgirl Queen Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003. **Contestants participating in qualifying contests which occur after the entry deadline must contact the Iowa State Fair Horse Department prior to July 14.** All fees must accompany entry. The Iowa State Fair accepts no responsibility for entries not received.
3. Two club or association officers are required to sign the entry form. Forms without BOTH signatures will be voided. **The persons signing the entry form as club representatives shall not be immediate family members of the contestant or the contestant herself.** Club officials' daytime phone numbers and/or e-mail address must accompany the entry.
4. Clubs or associations who misrepresent a contestant's age will be barred from future sponsorship. Persons who misrepresent a club or association will be barred from future participation in Cowgirl Queen Contests.
5. No stallions are allowed in the Cowgirl Queen Contest.
6. Exhibitors must have health papers for their horse upon arrival at the Fair. No exceptions will be made.
7. Any horse or exhibitor not under control and/or causing a safety concern will be excused from the ring by the division superintendent.

STALLING

8. **ALL COWGIRL QUEEN CONTESTANTS WILL BE STALLED IN THE HORSE BARN.** Showing out of a trailer will not be permitted. Stall assignments will be available at the Horse Barn Office at check-in. Horses entered in the 4-H Horse Show may retain their 4-H stall for the Cowgirl Queen Contest. Horses entered in the FFA Horse Show must move to the Horse Barn. All contestants must pay the \$25.00 entry fee for the Cowgirl Queen Contest, including those entered in 4-H or FFA.
9. **Horse Show Management decisions on stalling assignments are final.** Cowgirl Queen Contestants arriving on Friday will not have access to the Fairgrounds prior to 10:00 a.m. Contestants arriving prior to 10:00 a.m. may be asked to wait outside the Fairgrounds.

JUDGING CRITERIA

10. Judging will be based 50% on beauty, attractiveness and appropriateness of Western attire and 50% on horsemanship (horses not to count). Finalists will be asked to demonstrate the "Queen Salute" and perform a pattern.

COWGIRL QUEEN DIVISIONS

IOWA JUNIOR COWGIRL QUEEN

Contestant must be 10-15 years old, determined as of January 1 of the year of the contest, a resident of Iowa and sponsored by an Iowa saddle club or association as defined in the above rules. A copy of contestant's birth certificate must accompany the entry. Past Junior Cowgirl Queen winners are not eligible.

Junior Queen - \$500 sponsored by **Dewey Ford Ankeny**, a belt buckle sponsored by **Cemen Tech, Inc.** (Indianola, IA) and a monogrammed chair sponsored by **Ellsworth College Equine Program**.

Four Attendants - \$100 sponsored by **Dewey Ford Ankeny** and a monogrammed chair sponsored by **Ellsworth College Equine Program**.

Bill Moorman Cowgirl Queen Sportsmanship Award - \$100 sponsored by **Red Rock Riders Drill Team**.

Ribbons awarded to all participants.

IOWA SENIOR COWGIRL QUEEN

Contestant must be 16-26 years old, determined as of January 1 of the year of the contest, a resident of Iowa and sponsored by an Iowa saddle club or association as defined in the above rules. A copy of contestant's birth certificate must accompany the entry. Past Senior Cowgirl Queen winners are not eligible.

Senior Queen - \$500 sponsored by **Dewey Ford Ankeny**, a belt buckle sponsored by **Cemen Tech, Inc.** (Indianola, IA) and a monogrammed chair sponsored by **Ellsworth College Equine Program**.

Four Attendants - \$100 sponsored by **Dewey Ford Ankeny** and a monogrammed chair sponsored by **Ellsworth College Equine Program**.

Bill Moorman Cowgirl Queen Sportsmanship Award - \$100 sponsored by **Red Rock Riders Drill Team**.

Ribbons awarded to all participants.

General rules, regulations and health requirements in the Horse & Pony Premium Book apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Cowgirl Queen Department general or specific rules, the latter shall govern.

IOWA STATE FAIR

Fair Dates: August 10-20, 2023

Cowgirl Queen Contest Entry Form

Contest Date: Friday, August 11

Entry form must be postmarked on or before July 14.

Mail form to: Iowa State Fair, Cowgirl Queen Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003

Phone: 515-262-3111 ext. 241

E-mail: horse@iowastatefair.org ♦ Web: www.iowastatefair.org

JUNIOR SENIOR

Contestant Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone (Area Code _____) _____
 Cell Phone (Area Code _____) _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Birth Date ____/____/____

Sponsoring Club or Association:

Club/Association _____
 Contact Person _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____

Office Use Only	
Exhibitor Number _____	Receipt Number _____
Adult Ticket Number _____	Child Ticket Number _____
Vehicle Permit Number _____	Wristband Number _____
Date Tickets Sent _____	

- Both pages of entry form must be complete.
- Form must be signed by two club or association officers and the contestant.
The officers signing the form shall not be immediate family members of the contestant or the contestant herself.
- **A copy of the contestant's birth certificate must be included.**
- Incomplete forms will be voided.

ENTRY FEES	Quantity	Total Amount
Cowgirl Queen Entry Fee (required; includes stall)	1 @ \$25.00	\$ 25.00
Tack Stall (limit of one)	_____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____

ADMISSION FEES	Quantity	Total Amount
Discount Admission Ticket (required)	1 @ \$11.00 each	\$ 11.00
Additional Discount Admission Tickets	_____ @ \$11.00 each	\$ _____
Children's Admission Tickets (6-11 yrs.)	_____ @ \$7.00 each	\$ _____
Vehicle Permit (day of contest)	_____ @ \$10.00 per vehicle	\$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE.....\$ _____

Form of payment: Cash/Money Order Check MasterCard Visa **Make checks payable to: Iowa State Fair**

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date ____/____ Security Code _____

Card Holder's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Entries must be accompanied by all fees. There will be a \$20 charge for each returned check and issuer could be liable for up to three times the amount of the check. Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order will be required if a check is returned for insufficient funds. No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued. Admission tickets and vehicle permits are non-refundable.

STALLING PROCEDURES

ALL COWGIRL QUEEN CONTESTANTS WILL BE STALLED IN THE HORSE BARN. Showing out of a trailer will not be permitted. Stall assignments will be available at the Horse Barn Office at check-in. Horses entered in the 4-H Horse Show may retain their 4-H stall for the Cowgirl Queen Contest. Horses entered in the FFA Horse Show must move to the Horse Barn. All contestants must pay the \$25.00 entry fee for the Cowgirl Queen Contest, including those entered in 4-H or FFA.

(4-H/FFA exhibitors who wish to stay over Thursday night for the Cowgirl Queen Contest must receive permission from the Open Western Horse Show Superintendent or risk being evicted from the Horse Barn Thursday night. Permission is not automatic or guaranteed. Exhibitors may be requested to change stalls to accommodate the Open Horse Show exhibitors. Consideration will be given to those with the greatest travel distances and will be based on stall availability in consultation with the Open Horse and State Fair Maintenance Staffs. Stall fee is required.)

Horse Show Management decisions on stalling assignments are final. Cowgirl Queen Contestants arriving on Friday will not have access to the Fairgrounds prior to 10:00 a.m. Contestants arriving prior to 10:00 a.m. will be asked to wait outside the Fairgrounds.

CONTESTANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN WITH ENTRY:

Check all that apply:

- I am a 4-H exhibitor and am requesting permission for my horse to stay on the Iowa State Fairgrounds until after the Cowgirl Queen Contest and/or for the Open Western Horse Show. I understand that permission is not automatic or guaranteed and that I may be asked to change stalls.
- I am a 4-H exhibitor and am leaving with my horse after the 4-H Show and will be returning on Friday for the Cowgirl Queen Contest. I understand that I have forfeited the stall that my horse occupied during the 4-H Show and will be assigned a different stall upon arrival.
- I am a FFA exhibitor and am requesting permission for my horse to stay on the Iowa State Fairgrounds until after the Cowgirl Queen Contest and/or for the Open Western Horse Show. I understand that permission is not automatic or guaranteed and that I will be asked to change stalls.
- I am a FFA exhibitor and am leaving with my horse after the FFA Show and will be returning on Friday for the Cowgirl Queen Contest. I understand that I have forfeited the stall that my horse occupied during the FFA Show and will be assigned a different stall upon arrival.
- I am also showing in the Open Western Horse Show.
- I am showing only in the Cowgirl Queen Contest and will not be arriving with my horse before Friday, August 11.
- I am sharing a horse with another Cowgirl Queen contestant: _____
(other contestant's name)

If the horse is entered in either the 4-H or FFA show, what is the **owner's** name? _____

Date and Place of Local Qualifying Competition (if applicable): _____
(date) (location)

CLUB OR ASSOCIATION SIGNATURES & CONTESTANT SIGNATURES

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We the undersigned certify that the information contained on this entry form is true and correct and that we have read and understand the 2023 Cowgirl Queen Contest rules.

1. _____
(Signature of Club Representative)

2. _____
(Signature of Club Representative)

(Name Printed)

(Name Printed)

Office Held: _____

Office Held: _____

Day Phone: (Area Code _____) _____

Day Phone: (Area Code _____) _____

Eve. Phone: (Area Code _____) _____

Eve. Phone: (Area Code _____) _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____