

Iowa Horse Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest

March 2024 Application deadline: February 1, 2024

Iowa Horse Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest Rules

Requirements:

Contestants must be ages 10-15, 16-26 to compete in Junior and Senior divisions by January 1, 2023.

This is an open contest, no title required.

The first 20 applicants will be accepted in each division. Contestants will be finalized within 3 days of the deadline.

All application requirements will be available online at www.iahorsefair.com. Deadline is the first day of February. Once your entry has been processed and paid on the website, the coordinator will receive an email with your information. All emails will be kept in order received until final entries have been made final. You will get an email stating you have a spot or not. If under 18 your parent or legal guardian needs to sign you up. ** No refunds will be issued, exceptions must be approved by the Horse Fair Committee.

If you are sharing a horse each contestant must pay entry with a stall to maintain fairness. The other contestant will put in special notes- sharing horse-stall not needed.

Contestants must live in Iowa.

All contestants will be required to sign up for 1 volunteer slot at the fair.

All contestants will be required to wear sponsored t-shirt excluding contest or other presentations or clinics.

All contestants will adhere to sportsmanlike conduct during the contest in and out of the arena.

All contestants are required to wear western show attire: Show blouse, jacket, or vest. Show pants, jeans, and chaps. Cowboy hat or helmet with appropriate western tack. Helmets are not required but are strongly encouraged. There is no penalty for showing with a helmet. No training equipment. No stallions allowed.

Contest rules:

Each age division will complete a 50-question multiple choice test based on general horse, horse industry and Iowa Horse Fair knowledge. It will count for half of the total score. Test will be held Saturday evening at 5pm next to the Horse Fair office.

On Sunday each contestant will complete a horsemanship pattern along with a queen salute. The Junior division will walk/Jog in their pattern, while the Senior division will be walk/jog/lope. Other elements will be included. A total of 50 points available, for the remaining of total score. A copy of judges' cards will be available after the contest has ended.

Judging will be based on the AQHA scorecard and rulebook. All grievances will be reviewed by the coordinator, judge, rulebook and member of the Horse Fair board. Any slander will not be tolerated and may be subject to disqualifications.

Crowning- We will award a queen title and 3 attendants. If for any reason the queen is not able to keep her title it will be passed to the first attendant. The queen shall receive a crown, sash, belt buckle and bucket of prizes. Each attendant receives a bucket of prizes. Requirements of 2023 queens- contract signing (immediately after crowning of senior queen), paid membership to the Iowa Horse Council and return for appearances at the 2024 horse fair.

Patterns will be available after the written test.

All contestants must be available for introductions at the Saturday rodeo performance unless prior commitments are relayed beforehand.

All contestants must be checked in by noon on Saturday.

Contestants will receive a packet at check in with the coordinator including extra tickets, thank you sheet, shirt, photographers' information and misc.

Contest will be held in the Jacobsen Arena. There will be a warm up period in the arena before the contest.

Any other information or questions will be posted on the Facebook page or by contacting the coordinator, Crystal Brown.