

## IOWA COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST

Show Location: Jacobson Exhibition Center

May Arrive: Friday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m.  
Must be in: Friday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.  
**Show Location - Jacobson Exhibition Center**  
Show: Friday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Released: Friday, August 14 after show  
The Show Office will open at Noon and will close at 5:30 p.m.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry Fee - \$25 (includes stall)

### IOWA COWGIRL QUEEN 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 15.** Entries must be postmarked on or before July 15 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 15.** 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, belt buckle and embroidered chair

**Four Attendants** - \$100 and embroidered chair

Additional awards to be announced.

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, belt buckle and embroidered chair.

**Four Attendants** - \$100 and embroidered chair

Additional awards to be announced.

Ribbons awarded to all participants.