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COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
6:30 P.M.



2026 COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST

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2025
SENIOR COWGIRL
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Cowgirl Queen Exhibitors

Junior

100	Brookelynn Beener	Clarke County 4-H Fair Association
95	Paisley Benda	Murray Saddle Club
56	Bristol Bernhard	Johnson County 4H Horse and Pony
80	Gia Bingham	Marion County 4-H
41	Kayleigh Bradbury	Clarke County Saddle Club
99	Bailey Breheny	Adair County Saddle Club
58	Tessa Campbell	Indianola FFA
46	Zoe E. Cavalier	Guthrie County Saddle Club
70	Luka Chehak	Midwest Horseman's Association
87	Bella Dickinson	Lockridge Rough Riders
26	Kaylee Dykstra	Warren Co Wranglers
64	Paisley Emerson	Iowa Horse Fair
35	Dawsyn Fix	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
81	Tenslee Fonken	Hamilton County Saddle Club
38	Marlie Frederick	Carlisle Ridge Rider
24	Lexi Gerels	Cedar County Saddle Club
13	Ella Giegerich	Great Jones County Fair
69	Kenlyn Grenis	Cedar Rapids Horsemen's Club
59	Jaedyn Gripp	New Virginia Saddle Club
54	Sadie Hollatz	3 Rivers Pony Express, IA
63	Maizie Hosch	Quad City All Breed Horse
79	Marin Janke	Iowa Associated Saddle Club
103	Kathryn Johnson	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair
9	Katie Kiburz	Silver Spur Equestrians
21	Aubrey Kramer	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
97	Kenzington McAlexander	MSC Horse & Rider
53	Ashlyn Murray	Plum Creek Bit & Saddle Club
5	Mollie Myer	Warren County Saddle Club
39	Grace Myers	Iowa Appaloosa Association
82	Hannah Neleman	Jasper County Equine Experience
22	Claire Nibe	Iowa American Saddlebred
3	Gracie Niccum	4-H Warren County Ride Night
104	Mackenzie Ogden	Flying Arrow Saddle Club
66	Cecilia Regennitter	Lake Darling Saddle Club
94	Royal Renner	Silver Spurs Saddle Club
43	Carli Roth	Iowa Pinto Horse Association
28	Aubrey Rozycki	Des Moines Polo Club
44	Ellie Schmitt	Rockford FFA
83	Nora Schroder	Mahaska County Saddle Club
106	Emerson Shields	Iowa NBHA District 5
65	Haylie Stewart	Double C Saddle Club
92	Faith Subia	Pine Lake Saddle Club
71	Lina Suchanek	Iowa NBHA District 3
17	Maggie VanManen	Iowa Equestrian Team
23	Ella VanThournout	BGM-HLV FFA
78	Phyra Wolfe	Yale Saddle Club
2	Francesca Wong	Iowa Arabian Horse Association
4	Kaylee Wuebker	Horsemen of Iowa
68	Remey Zaputil	South Central Iowa Saddle Club

Senior

96	Riley Benda	Murray Saddle Club
88	Brooklynn Biddle	Midwest Horseman's Association
10	Amanda Blanchard	Horsemen of Iowa
57	Lydia Brackin	ICHO
51	Vivian Brown	Des Moines Polo Club
6	Kennedy Cheney	Dallas Center-Grimes FFA
73	Harleigh Cross	Jasper County Equine Experience
40	Sandra Dawson	Pony Express Rider (Green)
36	Aylah Fix	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
16	Kara Flickinger	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
90	Genevieve Foreshoe	Pine Lake Saddle Club
1	Alayna Foulke	New Virginia Saddle Club
86	Josie Fuerstenberg	Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club
15	Caroline Harwood	Quad County Saddle Club
27	Emerson Hiemstra	Iowa Ranch Horse Association
84	Brooke Hol	Mahaska County Saddle Club
74	Kendall Jones	Johnson County 4H Horse and
62	Gracie Kaufman	Lynnville Saddle Club
33	Bailey Kiefer	Chariton FFA
72	Taylor Laughery	Adair County Saddle Club
19	Rylee Leighty	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
101	Savannah Leonard	Clarke County 4-H Fair Association
32	Kailor Mae Lown	English Valleys FFA
47	Taryn Luftman	Yale Saddle Club
52	Shelby Lynch	Iowa Color Breed Club
12	Rylee Mauss	Grinnell FFA
61	Danica McCall	Silver Spurs Saddle Club
42	Mickayla McCarty	Chariton Saddle Club
8	Taylor McCreedy	Iowa Pinto Horse Association
89	Maddie Meyer	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
105	Kirsten Milczski	Flying Arrow Saddle Club
60	Brylee Miller	Lake Darling Saddle Club
49	Frances Miller	Jefferson County 4-H/FHA Horse
37	Brooke Myers	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
77	Olivia O'Donnell	Double C Saddle Club
85	Delaney Paulson	Hamilton County Saddle Club
48	Ryen Jelaney Pepper	Waco FFA
31	Victoria Pliler	Warren County Saddle Club
29	Samantha J. Plorins	Guthrie County Saddle Club
67	Brooklyn Marie Prokes	South Central Iowa Saddle Club
34	Madeline Robinson Valley	Cedar Rapids Horsemen's Club
30	Amani Roche	Iowa Equestrian Team
14	Zoey Sarsfield	Great Jones County Fair
20	Savanna Saylor	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
7	Kylee Smith	Iowa Quarter Horse Association
45	Kassi Speer	Iowa Horse Shows Association
98	Kenzie Stark	MSC Horse & Rider
18	Madison Stewart	Redfield Saddle Club
55	Lola Suec	Iowa Arabian Horse Association
93	Desirae Theilen	Iowa Horse Fair
11	Alissa Van Hall	Cedar County Saddle Club
75	Reese Wagner	Iowa Associated Saddle Club
25	Lila Wall	Muscatine FFA
102	Akeelah Washington	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair
91	Grace Willenborg	3 Rivers Pony Express, IA
76	Rylee Winkelman	Camp Creek Challengers
50	Sophia Wuebker	TOP Rail Saddle Club

COWGIRL QUEEN CLASS SPLITS

Junior Cowgirl Queen – 1st Go

80	Gia	Bingham	Ackworth	Marion County 4-H
41	Kayleigh	Bradbury	Winterset	Clarke County Saddle Club
87	Bella	Dickinson	Ainsworth	Lockridge Rough Riders
26	Kaylee	Dykstra	Indianola	Warren County Wranglers
64	Paisley	Emerson	Alden	Iowa Horse Fair
35	Dawsyn	Fix	Runnells	Iowa Quarter Horse Association - District 5
13	Ella	Giegerich	Anamosa	Great Jones County Fair
54	Sadie	Hollatz	Osage	3 Rivers Pony Express, IA
79	Marin	Janke	Prole	Iowa Associated Saddle Club
9	Katie	Kiburz	Winterset	Silver Spur Equestrians
97	Kenzington	McAlexander	Ellston	MSC Horse & Rider
53	Ashlyn	Murray	New Hampton	Plum Creek Bit & Saddle Club
82	Hannah	Neleman	Kellogg	Jasper County Equine Experience Club
3	Gracie	Niccum	Indianola	4-H Warren County Ride Night
28	Aubrey	Rozycki	Cumming	Des Moines Polo Club
83	Nora	Schroder	Pella	Mahaska County Saddle Club
23	Ella	VanThournout	Hartwick	BGM-HLV FFA

Junior Cowgirl Queen - 2nd Go

100	Brookelynn	Beener	New Virginia	Clarke County 4-H Fair Association
59	Jaedyn	Gripp	Indianola	New Virginia Saddle Club
63	Maizie	Hosch	Maquoketa	Quad City All Breed Horse Association
103	Kathryn	Johnson	Runnells	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair
21	Aubrey	Kramer	Orient	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 7
39	Grace	Myers	Runnells	Iowa Appaloosa Association
22	Claire	Nibe	Melrose	Iowa American Saddlebred Association
104	Mackenzie	Ogden	Ankeny	Flying Arrow Saddle Club
66	Cecilia	Regennitter	Atalissa	Lake Darling Saddle Club
43	Carli	Roth	Mount Pleasant	Iowa Pinto Horse Association
92	Faith	Subia	Latimer	Pine Lake Saddle Club
71	Lina	Suchanek	Cedar Rapids	Iowa NBHA – District 3
17	Maggie	VanManen	Sully	Iowa Equestrian Team
78	Phyra	Wolfe	Neola	Yale Saddle Club
4	Kaylee	Wuebker	Rockwell City	Horsemen of Iowa
68	Remey	Zaputil	Centerville	South Central Iowa Saddle Club

Junior Cowgirl Queen - 3rd Go

95	Paisley	Benda	Decatur	Murray Saddle Club
56	Bristol	Bernhard	North Liberty	Johnson County 4-H Horse & Pony
99	Bailey	Breheny	Greenfield	Adair County Saddle Club
58	Tessa	Campbell	Indianola	Indianola FFA
46	Zoe E	Cavalier	Bouton	Guthrie County Saddle Club
70	Luka	Chehak	Bellevue	Midwest Horseman's Association
81	Tenslee	Fonken	Jewell	Hamilton County Saddle Club
38	Marlie	Frederick	Hartford	Carlisle Ridge Riders
24	Lexi	Gerels	Muscatine	Cedar County Saddle Club
69	Kenlyn	Grenis	Ely	Cedar Rapids Horsemen's Club
5	Mollie	Myer	Norwalk	Warren County Saddle Club
94	Royal	Renner	Maquoketa	Silver Spurs Saddle Club
44	Ellie	Schmitt	Rockford	Rockford FFA
106	Emerson	Shields	Lineville	Iowa NBHA – District 5
65	Haylie	Stewart	Nora Springs	Double C Saddle Club
2	Francesca	Wong	Des Moines	Iowa Arabian Horse Association



2025 Junior Cowgirl Queen – Kailor Mae Lown, North English

Senior Cowgirl Queen – 1st Go

96	Riley	Benda	Decatur	Murray Saddle Club
10	Amanda	Blanchard	Mason City	Horsemen of Iowa
36	Aylah	Fix	Runnells	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 4
86	Josie	Fuerstenberg	Ionia	Iowa Youth Benefit Saddle Club
27	Emerson	Hiemstra	Pleasantville	Iowa Ranch Horse Association
84	Brooke	Hol	Oskaloosa	Mahaska County Saddle Club
52	Shelby	Lynch	Jolley	Iowa Color Breed Club
12	Rylee	Mauss	Grinnell	Grinnell FFA
61	Danica	McCall	Tipton	Silver Spurs Saddle Club
89	Maddie	Meyer	Clarksville	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 3
105	Kirsten	Milczski	Altoona	Flying Arrow Saddle Club
60	Brylee	Miller	Williamsburg	Lake Darling Saddle Club
49	Frances	Miller	Batavia	Jefferson County 4-H/FFA Horse Projects
29	Samantha J	Plorins	Waukee	Guthrie County Saddle Club
7	Kylee	Smith	Humboldt	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 6
98	Kenzie	Stark	Osceola	MSC Horse & Rider
11	Alissa	Van Hall	West Branch	Cedar County Saddle Club
76	Rylee	Winkelman	Mitchellville	Camp Creek Challengers
50	Sophia	Wuebker	Rockwell City	TOP Rail Saddle Club

Senior Cowgirl Queen – 2nd Go

6	Kennedy	Cheney	Dallas Center	Dallas Center-Grimes FFA
40	Sandra	Dawson	Jefferson	Pony Express Rider – Greene County
16	Kara	Flickinger	Earlham	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 5
90	Genevieve	Foreshoe	Mason City	Pine Lake Saddle Club
74	Kendall	Jones	Amana	Johnson County 4-H Horse & Pony
33	Bailey	Kiefer	Chariton	Chariton FFA
72	Taylor	Laughery	Orient	Adair County Saddle Club
19	Rylee	Leighty	Carlisle	Iowa Quarter Horse Association - District 8
101	Savannah	Leonard	Osceola	Clarke County 4-H Fair Association
42	Mickayla	McCarty	Williamson	Chariton Saddle Club
8	Taylor	McCreedy	Atlantic	Iowa Pinto Horse Association
37	Brooke	Myers	Runnells	Iowa Quarter Horse Association – District 7
31	Victoria	Piler	Des Moines	Warren County Saddle Club
20	Savanna	Saylor	Muscatine	Iowa Quarter Horse Association - District 1
18	Madison	Stewart	Panora	Redfield Saddle Club
55	Lola	Suec	Cumming	Iowa Arabian Horse Association
93	Desirae	Theilen	Mason City	Iowa Horse Fair
25	Lila	Wall	Muscatine	Muscatine FFA
91	Grace	Willenborg	Mason City	3 Rivers Pony Express, IA

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88	Brooklyn	Biddle	Lowden	Midwest Horseman's Association
57	Lydia	Brackin	Pella	ICHO
51	Vivian	Brown	Des Moines	Des Moines Polo Club
73	Harleigh	Cross	Laurel	Jasper County Equine Experience Club
1	Alayna	Foulke	Indianola	New Virginia Saddle Club
15	Caroline	Harwood	Madrid	Quad County Saddle Club
62	Gracie	Kaufman	Grinnell	Lynnvile Saddle Club
32	Kailor Mae	Lown	North English	English Valleys FFA
47	Taryn	Luftman	Ames	Yale Saddle Club
77	Olivia	O'Donnell	Mason City	Double C Saddle Club
85	Delaney	Paulson	Boone	Hamilton County Saddle Club
48	Ryen Jelaney	Pepper	Brighton	Waco FFA
67	Brooklyn Marie	Prokes	Pleasant Hill	South Central Iowa Saddle Club
34	Madeline Robinson	Valley	Central City	Cedar Rapids Horsemen's Club
30	Amani	Roche	Norwalk	Iowa Equestrian Team
14	Zoey	Sarsfield	Olin	Great Jones County Fair
45	Kassi	Speer	Oskaloosa	Iowa Horse Shows Association
75	Reese	Wagner	Cambridge	Iowa Associated Saddle Club
102	Akeelah	Washington	Grimes	Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair



2025 Senior Cowgirl Queen – Elivia Papcun, Norwalk

Initial Go

Walk, Jog, and Lope on the rail – both directions and lineup when asked.

Each judge will mark their top 5 exhibitors to come back for the finals.

Scoring system of 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place, and 1 point for 5th place will be used. The five horses with the highest point totals will return for the finals.

At show time, one judge will be designated as the tie-breaker.

Junior Queen Finals

Walk, Jog, and Lope on the rail – both directions and lineup when asked.

Individual work: When called upon, walk to the judges and answer their question. When excused, lope off on the left lead and go to the rail. Lope around the arena doing the queen salute. Stop at the marker and back 5 steps. Then return to the lineup.

Senior Queen Finals

Walk, Jog, and Lope on the rail – both directions and lineup when asked.

Individual work: When called upon, walk to the judges and answer their question. When excused, back 3 steps. Then execute a 360-degree turn to the left. Lope off on the left lead and go to the rail. Lope around the arena doing the queen salute. Stop at the marker and return to lineup.

2026 Junior Cowgirl Queen: _____

Attendants: _____

2026 Senior Cowgirl Queen: _____

Attendants: _____

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The Ellsworth Equine Program strives to encourage all of the young women representing the horse industry at tonight's Cowgirl Queen Contest to pursue their dreams, reach for their goals, and to live a life filled with the horses that they love!

Good luck to all of the queen contestants competing tonight!



Bill Moorman Cowgirl Queen Sportsmanship Award - \$100 sponsored by Abernathy Farms

Congratulations to the 2025 Sportsmanship Award Winners

Junior – Carli Roth, Mount Pleasant

Senior – Kelsi Heath, Muscatine

WISHING ALL THE CONTESTANT'S

Good Luck

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