



Shiawasse County Fair
2024 Queen Application

The 2024 Pageant will be held on:
Saturday August 3, 2024,
in the **Free Show Tent at 5:30 pm**

A Queen and an Attendant will be chosen.

Interviews will be held:
Thursday, July 25, 2024,
starting at **4:00 pm.**



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INFORMATION PACKET Application Deadline is 5:00 PM Friday, May 31, 2024

MISCELLANEOUS AND PAGEANT INFORMATION: The 2024 pageant will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, in the Free Show Tent at 5:30PM. A Queen and attendant will be chosen. Interviews will be held Thursday, July 25, 2024, starting at 4:00 PM. You will be contacted via email with your scheduled time.

PURPOSE OF SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND ATTENDANT: The Queen and her attendant are selected to represent the Shiawassee County Fair at events throughout the State of Michigan. The Queen and/or her attendant will participate in parades and join with other fair officials at receptions, luncheons, and similar activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Candidates must be actively showing in the Shiawassee County Fair.
2. Candidates must have reached their 16th birthday, but not their 21st birthday, on or before January 1, 2024.
3. Since this is a Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant, the candidates must never have been married, and must have no children. The queen and her attendant must remain so for the entire duration of their reign.
4. Candidates must NOT have a current reigning title that requires personal appearances – UNLESS APPROVED BY THE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN COMMITTEE.
5. Candidates must NEVER have been a Shiawassee County Fair Queen. Previous attendants may re-apply.

SPONSORSHIP

Each completed application must be accompanied by a \$50.00 sponsorship fee. Any business, organizations, civic group, or individual may sponsor a candidate. Candidates may also have more than one sponsor. However, the total sponsorship must remain at \$50.00. Benefits of being a sponsor are listed on the sponsor form. Make sure the form is completed and signed by your sponsor(s)! If you need more copies for additional sponsors, the original may be copied. If you have more than one sponsor, each must have a separate form.

JUDGING

Judging will be done by a panel of judges from the Shiawassee County Area. Judging will be done on poise, personality, speaking skills and response to the questions asked.

REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES OF THE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND ATTENDANT:

1. The Queen and/or her attendant will be required to be available for trips and appearances. These will be scheduled by the Queen Committee during her reign. The attendant will not necessarily always travel with the queen. Most of these appearances will be made during the months of May through August. Some possible appearances that may be scheduled are usually on Saturdays and could be: Laingsburg Parade, Durand Railroad Days Parade, both Curwood Parades, Elsie Parade, Corunna 4th of July Parade, Holiday Parades and of course the week of the Shiawassee County Fair, where you will be required to attend many daily events.
2. The Queen and/or her attendant will be required to make some of their appearances in formal gowns. It is the responsibility of the young ladies to acquire an appropriate gown for these occasions.
3. The Queen and her attendant will be required to sign and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Queen Committee. If the young lady is under 18 years of age, a parent's signature is necessary.

The contest consists of 4 segments with each segment counting towards points:

1. Personal Interview

Each contestant will meet privately with a panel of three judges. The interview is judged on conversational ability, the answers to a variety of questions, appearance/poise, activities and knowledge of the Shiawassee County Fair and the fair industry. (Business casual attire) (40 points)

2. Introduction

This segment is conducted in front of guests and three judges. Each contestant will introduce herself to the audience. This introduction should be similar to that which a Fair Queen would give when visiting a fair or other public event. The introduction must be under one minute. This event is judged on content, stage presence and appearance. (15 points)

3. Speech Presentation

The timed 2-minute oral presentation is given in front of the audience. The speech should explain **“how would you influence other youth to get involved in our fair”**. This speech should be appropriate for an audience of adults. Contestants are judged on the effectiveness of their public speaking skills, not “entertainment”. It is judged on content, persuasive quality, speaking ability and poise/presence. (30 points)

4. Impromptu question

Each contestant will be required to answer the same impromptu question in front of the panel of three judges and audience. (15 points)

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NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____ AGE: _____

(As of January 1, 2024 (16 yrs. – 21 yrs.)

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR: _____

PROJECT AREA(S): _____

PARENTS NAMES: _____

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION YEAR: _____

COLLEGE: _____ NUMBER OF YEARS: _____

MAJOR: _____ GRADUATION: _____

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

1. The short biography is a required part of the application. It will be used for the 2024 Shiawassee County Fair Queen Program and press releases.
2. Submit a double-spaced typed biography. Handwritten biographies will not be accepted. A sample is included below. Please keep paragraph to this length. The committee reserves the right to edit the biography paragraph to the proper size to fit beside the photo of the contestant.

Example of Biography: Amy Smith – Amy is the 18-year-old daughter of John and Mary Smith of Corunna. Amy is an Honor Student at the Corunna High School and will be graduating in May of 2020. Amy is an active member of the Student Council, FFA, 4-H, Band, etc. In her spare time, she enjoys skiing, swimming, dancing and reading. Amy is being sponsored by _____

TWO (2) PHOTOS - Each contestant must submit two 4” x 6” digital photos sized at 300 dpi submitted via email to the Fair Office - shiacofair@gmail.com. No later than 5:00 PM May 31, 2024.

The photos will not be returned to the contestant and become property of the Fair.

The Shiawassee County Fair Queen and Shiawassee County Fair Attendant will receive 3 casual shirts to be worn during fair week – please circle the appropriate size S M L XL

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND ATTENDANT

PURPOSE

Shiawassee County Fair Queen and her attendant are selected to represent Shiawassee County and the Shiawassee County Fair at events throughout the area. The queen and/or her attendant will participate in parades and join other fair officials at receptions, luncheons, and similar activities. They may also speak at various community events. They are at all times official Shiawassee County Fair "Goodwill Ambassadors", and they are expected to act in a manner compatible with their title.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

All appearances must be scheduled through the pageant director; at no time may either of the young ladies agree to make appearances on their own. Any request made directly to the queen and/or attendant must be forwarded to the pageant director.

If the queen or her attendant is unable to attend more than two of the events, the person who received the next highest score will assume the young lady's title. Exceptions must be approved by the pageant director or the Executive Board of the Board of Directors, with each case being treated individually. Anyone that is dismissed, and wishes to appeal the dismissal, may submit a 500-word explanation in writing to the pageant director which, if necessary, will be reviewed by the Executive Board of Directors, with the decision of the pageant director and the Executive Board being final.

MAKING AN APPEARANCE

Attending a festival should be planned as a full day's outing. No return time is guaranteed, as travel time, parade time, etc. are too hard to determine accurately.

The queen and/or her attendant will be chaperoned at all times by the pageant director or by someone appointed by them. The chaperone's decision is final in ALL matters.

At no time will the queen and/or her attendant be allowed to have any guest in their company. This includes traveling to and returning from a festival or appearance. The queen and/or her attendant will be in the company of their chaperone only. Boyfriends, friends, etc. will not accompany them. Exceptions must be approved by the pageant director.

At no time will the queen and/or her attendant be allowed to remain at a festival with friends. If her parents choose to meet her at the festival and escort her home, arrangements must be made with the pageant director prior to departure for that event.

PROPER ATTIRE FOR APPEARANCES

Proper attire is required at all times during an appearance by the queen and/or her attendant. This includes traveling to and from appearances. The pageant director will determine what type of attire is deemed appropriate for an appearance. Basic guidelines are as follows:

1. Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.)
2. No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program.

If the chaperone feels the outfit of the young lady is not appropriate for the appearance, the chaperone may request that the outfit be changed. Remember the decision of the chaperone is final.

IMPROPER CONDUCT AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

When attending an event/making an appearance you are the official representative of not only the Shiawassee County Fair, but of our county, and you are expected to act in a manner compatible to your title. When not in an "official capacity", you are still expected to act in a manner compatible with your title. Remember, whether or not you have a crown/sash on, people will still recognize you and associate you with the fair.

Any young lady who during her reign displays improper conduct that could damage the reputation of the Shiawassee County Fair, will be temporarily suspended, pending action of the Board of Directors to remove her title.

No later than 5:00 PM, Thursday May 31, 2024.

ITEMS TO BE RETURNED WITH APPLICATION

- ___ 1. Application Form
- ___ 2. Short Biography for Program Booklet and Newspaper Release
- ___ 3. Two (2) 4" X 6" digital photo sized at 300 dpi submitted via email to the Fair Office - shiacofair@gmail.com. School appropriate head shot pictures are most appropriate.
- ___ 4. Signed Understanding of Rules and Regulations of Shiawassee County Fair Queen Contest
- ___ 5. Sponsorship form and payment
- ___ 6. Shirt size has been filled out on application front page?