



# 2024 Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant

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**SEND TO:**

Jessica Walters  
 Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant  
 276 S 650 E  
 Valparaiso, IN 46383 or  
 Email application to [jessica.spoljaric@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.spoljaric@gmail.com)

Send a completed application, sponsor form, and entry fee. You are welcome to submit your application online or bring your entry fee with your sponsor form to the first meeting.

(219) 510-3305 this is my cell phone if there is no answer, please leave a voicemail or feel free to text at anytime. I usually can respond quickly with text.

Your Information	Your Sponsor's Information
Contestant's Name:	Contact Person:
Contestant's Parents' Names:	Sponsors' Name:
Contestant's Address:	Sponsor's Address (either home or business where they receive their mail):
City:                      State:      Zip Code:	City:                      State:      Zip Code:
County:                      Your Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell (    )                      -	Sponsor Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell (    )                      -
Shirt Size:                      Date of Birth: /        /	<i>By signing below I certify that the company listed above is sponsoring the queen contestant in this application.</i>
Age:                                  Birthplace:	
High School if Applies:      Graduation Date/Year in School:	Sponsor Signature:                      Date:
College:                                  Major:	Company:



## 2024 Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant Judging Criteria

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### Judging Criteria

<b>Division I: Interview</b>	<b>50 points total</b>
Ability to converse	20 points
Personality	15 points
Poise	15 points
<b>Division II: Prepared Speech:</b>	10 points
<b>Division III: Professional Wear:</b>	<b>20 points total</b>
Posture & Poise	10 points
Overall Impression	10 points
<b>Division IV: Evening Gown:</b>	<b>20 points total</b>
Stage Presence	10 points
Overall impression	10 points
<b>Division V: Impromptu Question</b>	<b>20 points total</b>
	<hr/> <b>Total: 120 points</b>

Points and score sheets are for judges assessment only. **Final selection is the judge's decision.** The Porter County Fair Queen Director reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient. **Scores will not be discussed.** Pointers can be given if a contestant wishes to improve in a certain area.



## 2024 Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant Division Requirements

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### Division Requirements:

#### Division I: Interview

(closed to the public, held the morning of the pageant.)

*Attire: Contestants will interview in black pants or skirt and a white blouse of her choice, putting each on a more even playing field.*

Interviews will be one-on-one with each of the three judges, timed at (3) minutes each. Contestants will rotate to each judge, seated at a separate table in separate areas of a large room. This means each contestant will interview for a total of (9) minutes.

The contestant will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges during the entire interview. Qualities of a good interview: sincerity, honesty, poise, ability to articulate, relaxed and self-confident.

#### Division II: Prepared Speech

*Attire: Same as interview attire.*

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted for speeches going over one- minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed.

#### Division III: Professional Wear (on stage)

*Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress*

Pantsuits or pant separates will be allowed. Suit does not have to be the same fabric-separates will be allowed. Suit or dress worn by contestant in Interview may also be worn in Professional Wear category. Props are not allowed.

#### Division IV: Formal Wear

*Attire: Long evening gown*

At least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestant's foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the dress. A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2 inches) and/or low cut as too revealing are strongly discouraged and may be discounted by the judges.

#### Division V: Impromptu Question

*Attire: Evening Gown*

Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only and will not be available to view following the pageant.

*The application below is exactly what the judges receive!  
Write neatly or type. Make copy for yourself!*



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## Personal Questions

Role Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards or Special Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

Professionally, where do you see yourself in 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_

My Ambition in Life is: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest Achievement: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Humbling Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite part of the fair? \_\_\_\_\_

What three words best describe yourself?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024 Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant Rules and Regulations

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### PLEASE KEEP THE RULES THAT ARE BELOW FOR YOUR RECORDS

As a Miss Porter County Fair Queen Pageant contestant, I agree that all statements below concerning my behavior are true and agree to the following rules and responsibilities for my conduct before, during and after the Porter County Fair Queen Pageant.

1. Contestants must be sponsored by a business, firm, or organization in Porter County.  
  
The sponsor agrees to pay the \$100 entry fee and to make sure all of the rules and regulations are understood at the time of entering the pageant.
2. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before June 1, 2025. A contestant may be 17 to participate in the pageant as long as they reach their 18th birthday on or before June 1, 2025. If the contestant turns 18 on June 2nd 2025, the contestant is not eligible.
3. Contestants must be an Indiana resident, a U. S. Citizen and represent her home county. One of her parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception, she may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of her activities are in the county she enters the contest. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
4. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair. If Miss Porter County becomes pregnant or convicted of a crime anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts and cash prizes.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as a church group, girl scouts, 4-H, eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.
6. Contestant's must be unmarried and must have never been married.
7. No professional model will be considered eligible for the Porter County Fair Queen Contest. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood modeling.)
8. Each contestant will be entered as Miss Porter County, should she win the local title, in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. She will be required State Fair Queen competition. If Miss Porter County should win the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, she will be required to reign from the date of selection throughout the Indiana State Fair and participate in activities as requested. (Indiana State Fair Queen rules apply to Porter County rules.)
9. The contestants will be judged on interview, speech, professional wear, evening gown, and impromptu question.
10. The winner of the county contest will be crowned Miss Porter County and must be prepared to spend the remaining period of the Porter County Fair as a hostess for the Fair. You will basically give up your normal life for the next 10 days. In the event of Miss Porter County not being able to fulfill her duties, all awards and prizes must be relinquished to the next eligible contestant in line.



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11. Any contestant who has competed in a State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
12. Any contestant crowned Miss Porter County Fair Queen shall not compete for any other title while holding the title of Miss Porter County Fair Queen with the exception of running for the title of Miss Indiana State Fair Queen. The Porter County Fair Queen will also be required to relinquish any title that she currently holds and cannot make any appearances as the Porter County Fair Queen unless authorized by the director of the pageant. Any violation of this policy will result in the loss of said title and all prizes awarded must be returned within 10 business days.
13. Contestants must understand that their behavior while participating in the Pageant and if chosen Queen, as well as their behavior at the Indiana State Fair Pageant, is a reflection on herself, her family, her school, and Porter County. She will behave accordingly as a good role model and upstanding citizen.
14. Contestants must understand and agree that any visible body piercing should not be worn while they are representing the Pageant in any capacity (i.e. parades, fair activities, attending other pageants, State Fair Pageant, and other activities she may attend as representative of the Pageant). However, jewelry appearing in the ear appropriately will be permitted.
15. Contestants will **NOT** defame the Pageant, the Porter County Fair, the Pageant Directors and/or Committee, and/or family members of **ANY** director or committee member and/or **ANY** of the Pageant Contestants, and/or any Porter County Queens past or present through any action of her own, whether it be oral, written or otherwise stated before, during or after the Pageant. Contestants understand if they defame any of the above named in any way, they will be banned from future Porter County Fair Queen Pageants and the Porter County Fair Board could seek legal action.
16. The Pageant Directors and Committee expect each Contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the workshops, rehearsals and any Fair or Pageant related activities. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, their school, Porter County and the Pageant. **Unsportsmanlike** conduct could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Porter County Fair Queen Pageant. Any Contestant and/or family member, friend or guest, showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to the disqualification of the contestant.
17. The Porter County Fair Queen Pageant Committee reserves the right to change the foregoing Rules and Responsibilities contract as necessary at any time.



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I \_\_\_\_\_, have read the rules and responsibilities set down by the Pageant Committee and agree to abide by all requests. I understand that falsification of any information on my entry form is justification for immediate disqualification, and that the decision of the pageant directors is final. I also understand and agree not to hold the pageant, pageant directors, committee persons, Porter County Fair or sponsors liable in case of injury or accident during participation in any pageant event or rehearsal. Further, I also grant the Porter County Fair Pageant the right to use any photographs or videos made during any activity connected with the pageant, and to use my name with any of the before mentioned in any promotional efforts on behalf of the pageant or the Porter County Fair. This constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is legally binding.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This form is to be included with your application at the time of entry.**

*Due to the current pandemic, please know any of the above may be subject to change at a moments notice.*





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**SPONSOR:** Please fill out this form and send to Contestant for inclusion in application **OR** send to Jessica Walters (contact information left).

(219) 510-3305 this is my cell phone if there is no answer, please leave a voicemail or feel free to text at anytime.

Your Sponsor’s Information		
Contestant Sponsoring:		
Sponsor Contact Person:		
Sponsors’ Name:		
Sponsor’s Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Sponsor Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell (   )   -		
By signing below I certify that the company listed above is sponsoring the queen contestant in this application.		
Sponsor Signature:	Date:	
Company:		