

2023 Colorado County Fair Queen

Rules and Regulations:

1. The Fair Queen contest is open to single girls between the ages of 15 - 18 as of September 1, 2023, and who are residents of Colorado County and attend public, private, or home school.
2. Contestants pay an entry fee of \$75.00, provided by a Sponsor (civic club, business, school, or service organization, etc.). Contestants may select a sponsor or be selected by a sponsor. A headshot photo of the contestant will be required and used for news and print for the Fair.
3. Contestants are required to sell a minimum of 50 tickets in Season Passes to the Fair. Contestants are encouraged to sell as many Fair passes, lifetime memberships, and carnival vouchers as possible. The contestant selling the largest total dollar value will be crowned Membership Recipient. If flyers/posters/social media/email are used all contact information should be that of an 18 or older/or parent for safety. Call or email directors for assistance.
4. The Membership Scholarship Recipient will receive the Pamela Potter Honorary Scholarship of \$2,000.00, a Lifetime Membership pin, and a buckle. The Membership Scholarship Recipient Runner-up will receive \$500.00.

The contestant chosen Fair QUEEN will receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00 and a buckle. The Queen Contestant chosen Runner-Up will receive a Megan Bloecher Memorial Scholarship of \$500. Scholarships will be payable upon high school graduation, proof of enrollment in a college, a business, the military, or a trade school, and participation in Fair Association sponsored activities. *Should a contestant win both titles, one buckle will be provided.

5. Contestants who have previously won the Membership Queen contest may compete in the Fair Queen contest only. Former Fair Queens may compete in the Membership Scholarship contest only. Once a contestant has won either Fair Queen or Membership contests, she is ineligible to compete in either contest again.
6. Contestants are expected to represent Colorado County by attending Fair functions throughout the year, as well as ride on the Colorado County Fair Float in area parades. Parents/guardians are expected to help with maintenance and pulling of the Fair float in area parades. If a Queen is unable to attend a parade function it is their responsibility to find a replacement starting with the first runner-up, then second-runner-up until a replacement has been found for each event. If a Fair Contest winner is unable to complete their position on the Fair Court by not attending/representing her position, they will forfeit the scholarship

and the first runner-up winner will take that position and will be awarded the scholarship and will fulfill the duties of the position for the remainder of the term.

7. Contestants should be in good standing within the school and community and promote a positive image for themselves and Colorado County. Contestants must be single, never married or divorced, not have given birth, or expecting a child. A contestant must be of good moral character and not engage in inappropriate or illegal activities that would be an embarrassment to the Fair Association or community of Colorado County. Activities to promote and engage in profanity, nudity, illegal drugs, alcohol, or inappropriate social media posts will result in forfeiture of title and awards. The Board of Directors reserves the right to make the final decision if this situation arises.
8. The contest will take place on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Colorado Co. Fair grounds on stage in the Founders Hall and consist of two parts: private interviews with judges and a contest open to the public with contestants in FORMAL ATTIRE around 7:00 p.m. (following Jr. Queen contest).

CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE AT FAIRGROUNDS NO LATER THAN 5:30 P.M.

Membership Queen Recipient will be crowned Thursday, September 14, 2023, and can sell tickets and memberships towards their totals until turn-in on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

9. The Open registration window will begin in June. Contestants can register online via the Colorado County Fair Website or by calling one of the directors below. The Contestant or parent must attend an informational meeting at the Fair Grounds office on Wednesday July 5 OR Thursday July 6 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. for sign-up, information, and season passes to sell. If unable to attend, contact one of the following volunteers to get the information packet before the DEADLINE.

Shannan Gerik at 979 732-0865 or Heidi May at 832-588-5525

DEADLINE TO ENTER PAGEANT: Tuesday, July 18.

10. Out-of-County Judges' selection of Fair Winner is based on public presentation (stage presence, response to questions, and appearance), private interview (personality, poise, and appearance), and Fair participation. Judges' decisions are final.

Contact Shannan Gerik at 979 732-0865 or Heidi May at 832-588-5525 for questions or further details.