

# 2026 Colorado County Fair Queen Contest

## Rules and Regulations:

1. The Fair Queen contest is open to single girls between the ages of 15 - 18 as of September 1, 2026, and who are residents of Colorado County and attend public, private school.
2. Contestants pay an entry fee of \$75.00, provided by a Sponsor (civic club, business, school, or service organization). 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 fair promotions, and Parent Permission is required.
3. Contestants are required to sell a minimum of 50 Season Passes to the fair. Contestants are encouraged to sell as many FAIR passes and Carnival passes as possible. The contestant selling the largest dollar value in season ticket/carnival passes will be crowned Membership Queen on Thursday of the FAIR.
4. The Membership Scholarship Queen will receive the Pamela Potter Honorary Scholarship of \$2,000.00, and a buckle. The Membership Scholarship Recipient 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up receives a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

The Contestant chosen Fair QUEEN will receive the Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.00, and a buckle. The Queen Contestant chosen 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up receives a Megan Bloecher Memorial Scholarship of \$500.

Scholarships will be payable upon high school graduation and proof of enrollment in a college, a business or trade school, and participation in Fair Association activities such as Fundraisers, parades, Deputy Santa, etc.

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 that contest again.
6. Queens are expected to represent Colorado County by attending Fair events throughout the year, as well as riding on the Colorado Co. Fair Float in 80% of area parades. Parents/guardians are expected to help maintain and decorate the Fair Float for parades. Parents may be asked to pull the float at area parades. Parents and Winners are responsible for fulfilling this role. If a Queen is unable to complete her position on the Fair Court, she will forfeit the scholarship, and the first runner-up 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 that 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 Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, at the Colorado Co. Fairgrounds Founder's Hall, and consists of two parts: a private interview with judges, and then a public interview with contestants in FORMAL ATTIRE around 7:00 p.m. (following Jr. Queen contest).

9. The Contestant, or her parent, must sign up via Colorado Co Fair Website/online or in person with Christy Alonso or Shannan Gerik and attend an Informational meeting with a parent on June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse square. If you are unavailable on that date, please contact Christy Alonso at 979 942-0902/ or Shannan 979 732-0865 to make other arrangements.

DEADLINE TO ENTER PAGEANT: 5 p.m.- Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend the meeting to receive SEASON/CARNIVAL passes to sell and learn important information about the pageant.

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

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