

As we approach the **2026 Montgomery County Fair**, we warmly invite you to participate in the **2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest**, which will be held on **Monday, July 20, 2026**.

The **first 12 girls to submit their completed applications** will be selected as contestants competing for the **2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen title**. For your convenience, a copy of the **rules and regulations**, including eligibility requirements, is enclosed. Contestants may participate in the pageant more than once, with the exception of former Montgomery County Fair Queens.

To help ensure a successful and enjoyable experience, contestants will be expected to attend a bonding night as well as rehearsal activities. Contestants must also participate in the **Fair Parade and various events throughout fair week (July 20–25, 2026)**. Additional details will be provided during **Orientation Night**.

Each contestant is required to obtain a **sponsor**. Enclosed is a letter you may present to potential sponsors that provides information about the contest. It is the contestant's responsibility to secure a business, organization, or individual willing to sponsor them. The **sponsorship fee is \$150.00**. All required paperwork and the sponsorship fee must be submitted by no later than orientation night.

Contestant applications must be submitted to the committee by April 30, 2026.

Also included is a **questionnaire**. Your responses will be used during the **coronation ceremony** as you walk across the stage. Please type your answers in **THIRD PERSON** and email them to **ekmueller112@gmail.com** no later than **June 1, 2026**.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the contest, please contact:
Elizabeth Mueller at **(573) 284-4848** or
Chasity Lichtenberg at **(573) 694-6054**.

Details regarding **Orientation Night**, including the date and time, will be shared soon. Attendance is **required**, and contestants must attend with a **parent or legal guardian** and submit a **headshot for the advertising purposes**.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the **2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest**.

Sincerely,
2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Committee

I give my daughter, _____, permission to enter the **2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest**.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Contestant's Address _____

Contestant's Phone # _____ Contestant T-Shirt Size _____

Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest
Elizabeth Mueller & Jessica Bickmeyer, Co-Chairperson
Rules & Regulations

1. There will be a limit of 12 queen contestants accepted per year.
2. Female contestants must meet one of the following requirements: they should have either lived in Montgomery County, MO, or within the Montgomery County R-II School District for a minimum of six months, **OR** be a member of a Montgomery County 4-H club, Montgomery, Wellsville, or Hermann FFA chapter, **AND** have exhibited in Montgomery County for at least the past two years.
3. Contestants must not have ever been married, nor had a marriage annulled. Contestants who are pregnant or have been pregnant are ineligible (State Fair Rules).
4. A contestant must have never been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
5. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 years.
6. Conduct deemed to be improper and detrimental to the Montgomery County Fair and/or the Queen Contest will be reason for disqualification and dismissal by the Chairperson or Fairboard.
7. Each contestant must have a sponsor. A sponsor can be a business, organization, or individual. A \$150 sponsor fee is due at the time of application. Checks payable to Montgomery County Fair – Queen Contest. Sponsorship is NOT due at time of application. If you are having trouble finding a sponsor, please contact chairpersons for help.
8. All contestants are required to sell season passes for the 2026 Fair to participate in the competition.
9. Each contestant will be required to attend all Pre-Fair Events, the coronation, and ALL preselected activities/events during the week of the fair. For each event that you do not attend, points will be deducted from your final score the night of coronation (Pre-Fair Events).
10. All contestants are required to wear their sponsorship sashes and t-shirts to all Pre-Fair Events as well as activities/events during the week of the fair, regardless of competition placement.
11. Should the fair queen fail to complete her term, the title will be passed to the runner-up, in order of rank, beginning with the first runner-up.
12. Selection of the Montgomery County Fair Queen will be based upon the following categories: Personal Interview, Talent or Speech, Evening Wear, and Final Question. This will be in addition to your Pre-Fair Events score.
13. Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance and personality within each category of competition.
14. All contestants are to be available immediately following the coronation for publicity photographs.
15. The Montgomery County Fair Queen will have the opportunity to represent Montgomery County in the Missouri State Fair in August 2027 in Sedalia and other possible community functions. The First Runner-Up may participate in the queen's place, if necessary.

PRIZES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

Queen: Receives a \$1000 cash prize, plaque, sash, crown, and bouquet of flowers.

1st Runner Up: Receives \$250 cash prize, plaque, sash, and bouquet of flowers.

2nd Runner Up: Receives a local boutique gift card, a plaque, sash, and a bouquet of flowers.

Miss Congeniality: Receives a sash and a gift basket.

Top Evening Gown: Receives a plaque & a local boutique gift card.

Top Speech/Talent: Receives a plaque & a local boutique gift card.

Top Interview: Receives a plaque & a local boutique gift card.

Top Pass Seller: Receives a local boutique gift card & a gift basket



2026 Montgomery County Fair - QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent (or Guardian) Names: _____

Names & Ages of Siblings: _____

Education

High School District: _____ Graduation Year: _____

College: _____ GPA: _____

Degree or Major: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Employment Experience: _____

Fair Information:

Talent(*if-known*) (include type of speech or song title): _____

Why did you choose to become a Montgomery County Fair Queen
Contestant? _____

What are some qualities/interesting facts you would like others to know
about you?

Dear Sponsor,

We trust this message finds you well. The Montgomery County Fair is scheduled to commence on July 20, 2026, presenting a week-long series of events including the esteemed Queen Contest, livestock auction, truck and tractor pull, Agri-Land, grandstand entertainment, and various other engaging activities for attendees. This year, the crowning of our Queen is set to take place on the evening of Monday, July 20, 2026. The success of the queen contest relies heavily on the generous support and active participation of sponsors such as yourself. Sponsors play a vital role in encouraging the contestants to excel while providing essential financial contributions. To foster a connection between sponsors and contestants, we invite you to an exclusive dinner event where you can interact with the contestants and their parents.

As you are aware, our crowned Queen represents Montgomery County at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The Queen receives a cash prize to support her endeavors, and contestants are awarded numerous prizes. This pageant offers a unique and unforgettable experience for the participants.

We extend an invitation for your esteemed company to sponsor a contestant at a fee of \$150.00. In return, each contestant will proudly wear a sash and t-shirt adorned with your company name throughout the fair's activities. Your business will receive maximum visibility through our promotional efforts during the fair. To secure your sponsorship and ensure inclusion in our promotional materials, kindly complete the information below and return it by May 1, 2025. Please make checks payable to Montgomery County Fair – Queen Contest.

We look forward to your positive response and are confident that your support will contribute significantly to the success of this year's Queen Contest. For any inquiries or further details, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Mueller at (573) 284-4848 or Chasity Lichtenberg at (573)694-6054.

Thank you for considering this sponsorship opportunity. We eagerly anticipate your presence at the Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest, making it a memorable event for all.

Best regards,
2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Committee

Please complete the following and mail your sponsorship contribution to:
Montgomery County Fair - Queen Contest
PO Box 11
Montgomery City, MO 63361

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company Address: _____

Sponsor Sash Should Read: _____

Fair Queen Questionnaire

Kindly email your responses to ekmueller112@gmail.com.

Please present your answers in paragraph form and in **third person (as if someone was speaking about you, ie: "Elizabeth is the daughter of...")**, ensuring that your response is concise and within a 1-2 minute timeframe. Remember, this information will be used during the coronation night as you make your stage appearance. Rest assured, you will not be judged based on these responses.

Submission deadline: July 1, 2026

Fair theme: "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights"

1. Tell us about yourself: How old are you? Who are your parents? Where is your hometown and what are the names and ages of your siblings?
2. Share your scholastic achievements, aspirations, and career goals.
3. What motivated you to participate in the Montgomery County Fair Queen Contest?
4. Your interpretation of this year's fair theme is important to us. What does "Where Small Town Charm Meets Big Time Fun" mean to you?
5. Provide an interesting fact about yourself.
6. If you wish, feel free to share any additional details about yourself in this optional section.

Ensure your responses reach Elizabeth Mueller by July 1, 2025 to allow ample time for our preparations. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to learning more about you through your thoughtful responses.

Sincerely,
2026 Montgomery County Fair Queen Committee