

Dear Contestant,

Hello! Attached you will find information for the 2023 Posey County Royalty Pageants. Please be sure to read this entire packet because it contains valuable information about becoming a contestant. You will find rules about pageant attire, sponsorship, personal resume, calendar of events, and the rules & responsibilities for contestants and future Royalty. **Entry deadline is Wednesday, May 31, 2023.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact Keely or Ashley.

Contact Keely @ 812-319-5452 or Ashley @ 812-483-0614 pocoroyaltypageants@gmail.com

Miss Posey Co. Queen contestants must be seventeen years old by June 1, 2023 and cannot have had her twenty-first birthday as of June 1, 2023. (17-20)

Posey County Teen Queen must be at least fourteen years old and cannot have had her seventeenth birthday before June 1, 2023. (14-16)

Posey County Duchess contestants must be at least eleven years old and cannot have had her fourteenth birthday as of June 1, 2023. (11-13)

Posey County Princess contestants must be at least eight years old and cannot have had her eleventh birthday as of June 1, 2023. (8-10)

Contestants will find all needed paperwork, possible questions to practice, and helpful tips on our fair website, under the Royalty Pageants Tab.

www.poseycountyfair.com

AREAS OF COMPETITION

Queen & Teen Queen Contestants will compete in the following areas:

1. **INTERVIEW (3X3 Min)** (40 pts)
2. **PROFESSIONAL WEAR** (20 pts)
3. **EVENING GOWN** (20 pts)
4. **ONSTAGE QUESTION** (10 pts)
5. **PREPARED SPEECH** (10 pts)

Duchess & Princess Contestants will compete in the following areas:

1. **INTERVIEW (4 Min)** (40 pts)
2. **PERSONALITY WEAR** (20 pts)
3. **EVENING GOWN** (30 pts)
4. **ONSTAGE QUESTION** (10pt)

POINTS AND SCORE SHEETS ARE FOR JUDGES' ASSESSMENT ONLY.

FINAL SELECTION IS THE JUDGES' DECISION.

A winner and court members will be selected by the judges in each contest. The number of court members will be determined by the number of contestants. The new Royalty and court will represent Posey County at the Posey Co Fair July 15-22, 2023 and other events determined by the Royalty Directors.

Miss Posey County will go on to compete at the Miss Indiana State Fair Pageant held January 2024.

PAGEANT APPAREL QUEEN/TEEN QUEEN

INTERVIEW - Each contestant should wear a skirt or pant suit. Each contestant will have three minutes with each judge to answer impromptu questions.

PROFESSIONAL WEAR - Contestants should wear a dress, skirt, or pant suit. A suit does not have to be the same fabric - separates are allowed. Attire worn by the contestant in the interview and speech may also be worn/judged in the Professional Wear category. Props are not allowed. **A good example of modern professional attire, look at newscasters outfits.**

EVENING GOWN - At least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or foot). Other portions of the dress may be tea length depending on the design of her dress. A gown with a skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the knee cap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut inappropriate for the pageant may be discounted by the judges. Dresses that show midriff will not be allowed, this includes crop tops and sheer fabrics.

DUCHESS/PRINCESS

INTERVIEW - Each contestant should wear a nice dress or skirt outfit. Contestants will each have a four minute interview with the judges.

PERSONALITY WEAR - Each contestant is encouraged to choose an outfit of her choice that expresses her personality. Contestants should wear something colorful and accessorize the outfit with a purse, backpack, hat, etc. Props will be allowed if they can be carried; for example baseball bats, tennis rackets or pompoms. The outfit should be age appropriate.

EVENING GOWN - Gowns may be tea-length or longer and can be any color. Please keep in mind that dresses and accessories should be age appropriate. If you have questions please feel free to ask!

SPONSORSHIPS

QUEEN/TEEN QUEEN/DUCHESS/PRINCESS

Each contestant is required to have at least **SIX** sponsors. You may have as many as you wish. The contestant with the most sponsorship **money** in each pageant will become a member of the court. (Top Sponsor)

A sponsorship fee is at least \$25.00. Sponsors do not have to be from Posey Co. and they may be a business or individual. Sponsors may pay by check or in cash. If paying by check please make payable to **Posey Co Fairboard**.

Sponsorships may be used as a tax deduction. Please inform your sponsors of this. Receipts are available upon request.

Sponsor names will be listed in the pageant program. They will also be announced as your sponsor the night of the pageant. You may want to inform possible sponsors of this.

Sponsors are now able to donate towards contestants using PayPal. We hope that this will be an easy way to reach more friends and family by being able to easily donate with no contact! Although we encourage contestants to directly speak to businesses, we understand that reaching out to family and friends can be time consuming. Social media is a great way to reach more people that may be willing to sponsor you.

It is **CRITICAL** that when submitting a donation through PayPal, donor **MUST** include Contestant's name and **pageant they are competing in** in order for the contestant to receive that sponsorship. **ALL DONATIONS WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN TOTAL FOR TOP SPONSORSHIP!** We ask that only **ONE LUMP** payment is submitted per contestant, this will make it easier to track PayPal donations for all contestants. Please make sure that **ALL** sponsor information is submitted correctly on sponsor list and form so that individual donors receive appropriate recognition.

ALL PAYPAL DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO AVOID FEES - this will allow contestants to receive the full donation towards their top sponsor amount.

Paypal: pocoroyaltypageants@gmail.com

Sponsorship money makes our pageant possible and helps with the scholarship program for Miss Posey County. Sponsorship money will go into a Pageant fund with the Fair Board. Money raised goes directly to the pageant and funding special projects/improvements at the fairgrounds.

****Contestants will fill-out a paper with the names of their sponsors and the amount donated when they turn the money in as well as an online form!****

ROYALTY RESUME

QUEEN/TEEN QUEEN/DUCHESS/PRINCESS

Each contestant will be responsible for submitting a copy of their royalty resume via Royalty Resume Google Form. **The resume MUST be attached as a ready to print PDF.** Writing a resume is a life skill that contestants will need to use in their future and this excellent practice for them. You should include any special activity, hobby, and volunteer service you have been involved in. You may also include your future goals for yourself. Do not list everything - only the most recent and most important activities. Once you turn your resume in, it will be placed in the judges binder. This will be the judges' first impression on you so be sure to check your work before submitting. The judges will use this information to ask you questions during your interview and possibly your onstage question.

List the school and grade you will be in for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have graduated from high school please list where you went to high school and where you will be attending college.

GOOGLE FORMS

QUEEN/TEEN QUEEN/DUCHESS/PRINCESS

Each contestant will be responsible for submitting FOUR google forms. The link to these forms can be found on the fair's website page. <http://www.poseycountyfair.com/posey-county-royalty-pageants.html> Please make sure that you submit only ONE of each form and that it is the correct pageant (ex. Princess, Duchess, Teen Queen and Queen). **You may have completed the first form already - this is the personal contact form that was presented at the start of the meeting.** The second form that you will submit will be the sponsor form. In this form you will be asked to submit a list of your sponsor names. The third form is a personal information form. This form will be similar to your resume and will be read the night of the pageant while the contestant models. The fourth form will be the royalty resume. Contestants will attach a PDF of their resume in the form and submit.

PRINCESS & DUCHESS CONTESTANTS will be asked to complete a short description of their Personality Wear on their personal information form to be announced when modeling it the night of the pageant. You could describe what you are wearing and tell why you chose it.

PREPARED SPEECH

QUEEN/TEEN QUEEN

Each Queen and Teen Queen contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one 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 1 point deducted for each 5 seconds going over one minute or under one minute. Props, music, and audio-visuals will NOT be allowed. Speeches will be delivered with a microphone, either on a stand or hand-held during the afternoon before/after the interviews on July 15th in front of the 3 judges and contestants. These will not be delivered the night of the pageant.

Be sure and complete all paperwork on time, the judges will be given a list of contestants that failed to complete their paperwork on time. Remember that we are here to help you in whatever way we can. Just let us know how we can help!

Thanks! We look forward to working with you!
Keely Burkhart and Ashley Dorsam