

## **McLean County Fair Royalty Contest and Scholarship**

Sponsored by McLean County Fair

Informational Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. (optional) – McLean County Fair Office, 2242 Westgate Drive, Bloomington (next to Tractor Supply). Zoom audio option, contact fair office for login. Supper provided. Parents encouraged to attend.

Entry and Two Letters of Recommendation due: Saturday, June 30, by 5:00 p.m.

Preliminary Contest: Wednesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. – McLean County Fair Office, Court

Dinner: Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. – To Be Announced

Finals Contest: Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. – Cloverleaf Auditorium, McLean Fairgrounds

### **Rules and Prizes:**

1. Candidates may be any youth exhibiting at the 2023 McLean County Fair who is at least 16 years of age as of September 1, 2022.
2. An entry form may be completed online at [www.mcleancountyfair.org/royalty](http://www.mcleancountyfair.org/royalty), or printed and delivered to the McLean County Fair office, 2242 Westgate Drive, Bloomington, (McLean County Farm Bureau building) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 3.
3. Candidates must also have two letters of recommendation from individuals not related to them sent directly to the Fair office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30.
4. The Preliminary Contest judging criteria are based on application, references, and judges' interview. Candidates, if then selected to the court, must agree to participate in the Final Competition, and activities each day of the Fair. Court Dinner attendance is strongly encouraged.
5. Court Dinner contestants must return an information sheet and final commitment form provided after their selection to the court.
6. Final Competition judging criteria are based on speech and communication skills and stage presence. The contestants' prepared speech is to be no more than 90 seconds in length. Candidates will also be asked to answer one judge's question. If a candidate is more than 10 minutes late for the Final Competition, they will be disqualified.
7. Members of the court must attend the Fair each day, present awards and ribbons, attend the evening programs, and fulfill other duties as assigned. After each court member successfully completes their activities at the Fair they will receive a \$50 premium.
8. Court members will get season guest passes for their immediate family to attend the fair.
9. Up to two (2) winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Payment will be made directly to recipient upon receipt of a transcript from a post-high school educational institution.

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