

# 2024 Gibson County Sweetheart Updates

As of 1/13/2024 **Changes highlighted in yellow**

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## - Sign Ups

- Call Outs/Sign Ups: Date TBD
- Must sign up online: <https://forms.gle/fu65mNUak1KCCHro6>

## - Age Requirements

- Each contestant must be at least 13 years of age and cannot have reached their 17th birthday on or before June 1st, 2024.

## - Entry Fee: \$75

- Checks payable to Gibson County Fair and are due to the Fair Office or Jacinda by June 1st.
- Any individual's outstanding balance with the Gibson County Fairgrounds must be paid prior to signing up for the pageant.

## - Biography Sheet & Contracts

- Contracts must be signed and submitted by June 1st, 2024.
- Biography sheets will be submitted online. Due date TBD.

## - Personality Outfit

- Sweetheart contestants will model a Personality Outfit. All ideas are on a first come first served basis. No additional music will be played and props must be kept to a minimum. Descriptions are due TBD via this link: <https://forms.gle/YJJJ8HXQnL4MG7z96>

## - Schedule

- First Meeting: TBD
  - A detailed schedule for meetings will be provided at a later date.
- Pageant: Saturday, June 29th at 7:00 PM. Subject to change depending on auditorium availability. Interviews typically begin around 9 AM. Sweetheart contestants will interview first followed by Queen contestants.

## - Pageant Format

- Gibson County Sweetheart contestants will be scored based on their ability to converse, public speaking ability, poise, personality, and the judges' overall impression.

### Preliminary Judging:

#### • Interview 50 percent of scoring

- Attire: Business Casual. Dress, suit pants & blouse, skirt & blouse. No blazers, suit jackets, or jumpsuits. Cardigans are acceptable.
- Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.

### On Stage Judging:

#### • Personality Outfit 20 percent of scoring

- Attire: Outfit chosen by the contestant that showcases her personality. Ideas are on a first come first served basis.
- Props must be kept to a minimum and no additional music will be played.

#### • Formal Wear 20 percent of scoring

- Attire: Formal Gown (Tea length or floor length)
- When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be at least tea length (mid-calf) or floor length. High low gowns are acceptable. A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the Gibson County Fair Queen Pageant may be discounted by the judges.

#### • On Stage Impromptu Response 10 percent of scoring

- Contestants will have an impromptu response to a word during formal wear. Their response can be their definition of the word, how they lived that word, what they first think of when they hear that word, etc.

## - Awards & Prizes

- Contestants that place will receive a cash prize, personalized tote, sash, and crown.
- The number of placings on the Sweetheart's Court is TBD depending on number of contestants.