

# 2026 Miss Gibson County

*As of 3/31/2026*

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**Call Out Meeting: Sunday, May 17th 2:00 PM Toyota Events Center**

**Must register online: <https://forms.gle/SGGht4s2u9jzvHTQA>**

## **Age Requirements**

- Each contestant must be at least 17 years of age and cannot have reached their 21st birthday on or before June 1st, 2026. Ages 17-21 as of 6/1/26 (You can turn 21 AFTER 6/1/26)

## **Sponsor/Entry Fee: \$100**

- Checks payable to Gibson County Fair. **Due to the Fair Office or Jacinda by May 31st.**
- Any outstanding balance with the Gibson County Fairgrounds must be paid prior to signing up.

## **Photos: Sunday, June 7th**

- Contestants will receive complimentary, professional headshots. Photos will be outside.
- Sunday best attire. No strapless or deep neck tops/dresses. Jumpsuits are acceptable. Entry fees must be submitted to participate.

## **Contracts - Due May 31st**

## **Bios - Due Sunday, June 14th**

- The bio sheet is like your resume. The judges will receive a copy of this.

## **Schedule**

- A detailed schedule will be provided at the call out and emailed after you have registered online.
- **Practice meetings are closed to the public. Parents can speak with the Pageant Director and Committee the last 15 minutes of each practice.**
- Dress Rehearsals: 6/23, 6/25, 6/26
  - **Dress Rehearsals are closed to the public. Parents can help drop off items but must be offsite by 5:10 pm.**
- Pageant: Saturday, June 27th at 7:00 PM @ PCHS
  - Interviews begin mid morning. Sweethearts will interview first followed by Queen contestants.
  - Dinner with the judges at 4:00 pm on pageant day. Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to the restaurant. The Queen Committee will provide transportation from the restaurant to the pageant. Attire is Sunday Best or Business Casual.

### **Awards & Prizes**

- Miss Gibson County will receive a personalized tote, scholarship, sash, crown, and a variety of traveling awards donated by previous Gibson County Queens.
- Contestants who place will receive a personalized tote, sash, and crown.
- The number of placings on the Queen's Court is TBD pending number of contestants.

### **Expectations - 2026 Gibson County Fair July 4th - 11th**

- New for 2026 - The fair opens on July 4th. There will be a parade that the Queen's court participates in at noon. Afternoon and evening activities will be required at the fairgrounds as well.
- You are expected to be present for the entire fair week if you are selected as Miss Gibson County or a court member.
- Court responsibilities are both morning and evening. Please make arrangements with your employer and extracurriculars.

### **Indiana State Fair Queen Program**

The newly crowned Miss Gibson County will represent the Gibson County Fair in the Miss Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant in January 2027. Should she not meet the criteria, an alternate will be appointed by the Queen Committee.

### **Indiana State Festivals Association Queen Pageant**

The newly crowned 1st Runner-Up will represent the Gibson County Fair in the ISFA Queen Pageant in November 2026, subject to age eligibility. Should she not meet the criteria, an alternate will be appointed by the Queen Committee.

# Pageant Format

Contestants will be scored based on their ability to converse, public speaking, poise, personality, and the judges' overall impression. This aligns with the Miss Indiana State Fair Queen Program.

## **Preliminary Judging (morning):**

### **Interview 45 percent of scoring**

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit, Jumpsuit, or Dress. A suit does not have to be of the same fabric or color. Separates are allowed.

Each contestant will have one (1), five-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (15 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. **Interviews are private and not open to the public.**

## **On Stage Judging:**

### **Introductions**

Attire: Must wear denim jeans (ankle length or longer) with pageant t-shirt. All contestants will wear the same t-shirt. You can accessorize how you wish.

### **Prepared Speech 15 percent of scoring**

Attire: Same as worn for Interview

Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed. Prepared speeches will be delivered on stage during the professional wear segment of the pageant.

### **Professional Wear 15 percent of scoring**

Attire: Same as worn for the Interview.

### **Formal Wear 15 percent of scoring**

Attire: Formal Gown. Gowns must have a floor-length hemline (hi-low allowed). Excessive splits (more than 2" above the knee), low-cut bodices, or otherwise inappropriate designs may be penalized by the judges.

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

Each contestant will be presented with a word during the formal wear competition for an impromptu response. Whether they choose to define the word, share a related personal story, or discuss their first impressions, they are encouraged to showcase their unique perspective.