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Queen Pageant at the Marion County Fair

INDIANAPOLIS- The Marion County Fair is seeking entrants for the 2019 scholarship pageant. The pageant will take place on June 21, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum. The annual pageant is a scholarship opportunity for the contestants. A total of \$1,400 worth of scholarships will be given out to the Queen and her Court.

- Queen: \$1,000 scholarship
- First Runner-Up: \$200 scholarship
- Princess: \$100 scholarship
- Miss Congeniality: \$50 scholarship
- Miss People's Choice: \$50 scholarship

The mission of the Queen's Pageant is to award scholarships thereby helping young women achieve their educational goals. The pageant aims to empower young women with life skills including, but not limited to, interviewing, public speaking, and encouraging the spirit of volunteerism and charity work.

Since 1958, the scholarship pageant has been a long standing tradition that helps young women receive scholarships to help further their education. To be eligible to compete, contestants must be between the ages of 14-20 years old. Contestants between the ages of 14-17 will compete at the Princess level, while 18-20 year old contestants will be competing at the Queen level. All contestants must be either a resident of Marion County or have at least one parent/guardian residing in Marion County.

The Queen's court gets to experience the fair differently than most fairgoers. With free entrance to all ten days of the fair and Fair Bucks to spend for their meals, the Court has the opportunity to see all the workings of the Marion County Fair. There's also opportunities to participate in local events, such as parades, throughout their year long reign.

"Being Queen has been a dream come true for me. For as long as I could remember, I came out to the fair and watched the queen pageant hoping to one day be the queen. Through the Marion County Queen Pageant I have gained so many lifelong friendships and have had incredible opportunities to support and give back to the community that made me who I am today. I am forever grateful to be your 2018 Marion County Fair Queen," said current Queen Paige Wells about her time as queen. The opportunities do not stop after the Marion County Fair. The Queen will also go on to compete in the Indiana State Fair Pageant along with other County Fair Queens.

Visit <https://marioncountyfair.org/fair/queen-princess-pageant/> for full pageant eligibility and rules, as well as the official entry form. All forms are due by June 12, 2019. General admission fair tickets can be purchased at <https://marioncountyfair.org/fair/tickets-coupons/>.

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The Marion County Fair strives to provide an enjoyable, safe, year-round, multi-use facility that serves the needs of the Marion County Community; with emphasis on youth education, entertainment, agriculture and recreation that enhances partnerships in building a stronger community.