

## **Iowa Hereford Queen Qualifications and Rules**

### **Qualifications:**

1. Contestant must be a female at birth, at least 16 years old and not have reached 22 years of age by January 1 of the year that she is crowned queen.
2. Must be single, never married, no children.
3. Must be a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association and yearly dues up to date by April 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. Preferably a member of the National Hereford Association.
4. Must be a daughter or granddaughter of an active Iowa Hereford Breeders Association (IHBA). Yearly dues must be current, paid to the IHBA Admin. Secretary.

### **Rules:**

1. Must be willing to attend Iowa Hereford Breeders Association and Iowa Junior Hereford Association activities
2. Be in constant communication with the Queen Coordinator.
3. Dress code for the Iowa Hereford Queen shall abide by the following code:  
Nice blouse with sleeves and dark denim jeans with no holes or wear spots along with boots, queen banner and tiara. If showing at event, please have a nice shirt to put over your show t-shirt when you have your banner and tiara on. Shorts are NOT worn with banner or tiara. Due to the extreme cold in Iowa it is permissible to wear jeans or pants with a nice blouse/sweater with a blazer and/or nice winter coat. At the Iowa State Fair open show, please wear your official dress. Official dress for Iowa: *Update, can be a western dress, pant suit or jumpsuit with sleeves will be allowed but no denim material and outfit must be approved by State Queen coordinator before day of show* otherwise a skirt, blouse with sleeves, boots, banner and tiara. Dress or skirt must cover top of boot when sitting, generally 1-3 inches from ground. Make up and jewelry must be conservative and modest. No white, cream, tan, beige, etc. may be worn at national events; this color is reserved for the National Queen.
4. Must be accompanied by one of your parents, grandparents or an adult over 21 at all Hereford Activities. (Your boyfriend is not a chaperone!)
5. The queen should NOT consume alcohol, use tobacco or drugs, or use obscene language while serving in any official capacity as queen.
6. No visible tattoos, no nose jewelry or other visible body piercings with exception of ears. A total of four earrings may be worn.
7. Any deviation from the expected behavior of the Queen such as pregnancy, felony violation of the law etc., pictures showing up on social media with you drinking as a minor will result in disqualification from the program.
8. If you have any questions, please contact the State Queen Coordinator.

Note: at the end of the term the retiring Queen will receive a white satin banner to keep, and her tiara and belt buckle is hers to keep as well.

**Duties:**

If you are crowned Iowa Queen you then have the opportunity to run for National Queen, for which you can run two years. For more information on the national queen visit:

<https://www.herefordwomen.com> National Hereford Queen Tab

1. Attend Coronation at the Junior Preview Show.
2. Handing out ribbons and awards at the Junior Preview Show, and be in pictures.
3. Be active in all Iowa Hereford events.
4. It is preferred but not necessary that you attend the Junior National show where you partake in Queen Activities (this requires official National dress code) and run for National Hereford Queen, first process of application is due the middle of June, the Queen Coordinator will help with.
5. Attend the Iowa Open Hereford Show, Iowa Hereford Futurity Steer Show, if available attend 4-H Hereford Breeding Show during the IA State Fair, where you will hand out ribbons, awards and be in pictures. Sign up for a shift at Gammon Barn along with the Princess. Dress attire: Jeans with nice blouse with sleeves except for Iowa Open Hereford Show, Official wear.
6. Attend the Iowa Hereford Tour, dress in jeans and nice top.
7. Optional but encouraged: Run for National Queen at the American Royal in October and application is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Iowa Hereford Breeders will pay for your entry fee of \$150.
8. Attend the Iowa Beef Expo in February; be present at the Banquet.
9. Take lots of pictures with winners, exhibitors and enjoy your experience getting to know breeders and enthusiasts from around the country and have fun!!

**Required Events:**

1. Iowa Jr. State Show – June
2. Iowa State Fair – 4-H Futurity Hereford Steer Show, Open Hereford Show, & work a shift in Gammon Barn
3. Iowa Hereford Tour
4. Iowa Beef Expo – Hereford Banquet

**Encouraged Events to attend:**

1. Iowa State Fair – FFA Breeding Hereford Show, 4-H Breeding Show, Ice Cream Social
2. Iowa Beef Expo – Hereford Sale

**General Information:**

1. Financial assistance from IHBA for travel and other expenses:
  - \$100 when crowned
  - \$200 for serving as queen at Junior National Hereford Expo
  - \$200 for participating in National Hereford Queen Contest in Kansas City, MO
  - \$75 for attending state-sponsored events (Iowa State Fair, Iowa Tour, Beef Expo)
2. \$800 is presented to the new Queen by Clayton Mitchell in honor of his mother, Katherine Beale Mitchell, who was the 1960 Iowa Hereford Queen.
3. The Queen might be invited to other state Hereford events, shows, or sales. Please check with the State Queen Coordinator before agreeing to the event.