

2023 Miss Alden Contest

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Dear 2023 Miss Alden Contestant:

Welcome to the 2023 Miss Alden Contest! This letter will provide you with important information regarding the schedule of events for this year's contest. We have formed a committee to coordinate the process of selecting the next Miss Alden. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

1) Application

- a) A questionnaire form for the Miss Alden Contest is attached to this letter. Please complete the questionnaire and return to the Alden Public Library along with your essay, postmarked no later than **May 26th, 2023**.
- b) Failure to return the questionnaire and essay on time will result in disqualification. If there are less than three contestants entered at the deadline, the coordinators reserve the right to extend the deadline or cancel the contest.
- c) The completed questionnaire for the selected 2023 Miss Alden will be sent to the Hardin County Fair Queen selection committee.

2) Judging Criteria

The 2023 Miss Alden will be selected from the following criterion:

In Person Interview	10 points
Final Question (night of crowning)	10 points
Overall Poise & Presentation	10 points
Leadership & Citizenship	10 points
Community Service	10 points
Essay (2 parts to the question)	25 points each part

3) **Prizes**

- a) Miss Alden will receive a crown, sash, bouquet of flowers, scholarship and qualification for participation in the 2023 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest.
- b) First Runner-up will receive flowers and a scholarship.
- c) All contestants will receive a flower at the crowning ceremony.
- d) Should Miss Alden be unable to complete her duties, the title, prizes and privileges will be exchanged with the first runner-up.

4) **Judging Schedule of Events**

- a) Judging of the 2023 Miss Alden Contestants will be on **Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm** at the Alden Public Library.
- b) Dress Attire for the judging should be professional business dress (interview attire).
- c) An email with your interview time will be sent to you.

5) **Ceremonies**

- a) The 2023 Miss Alden will be crowned based on Alden Day Celebration Schedules tentatively scheduled for Friday, **June 16th, 2023**.
- b) Contestants will wear **CONSERVATIVE FORMAL ATTIRE** at the Alden City Park and meet on the east side of the Alden City Park prior to coronation.
- c) Contestants need an escort for this ceremony.
- d) Each contestant will have to answer a question in front of the community and the panel of judges at the park during the crowning ceremonies.

6) **Participation in Alden Days - all contestants**

- a) All Miss Alden Contestants are required to participate in the Alden Day activities including the Miss Alden Coronation during the opening ceremonies and events, Alden Day Parade, and events throughout the day and evening at the Alden City Park. The contestants will be responsible for securing a car and driver for use in the parade.
- b) Candy and/or other items will be provided for this parade.

7) **Participation in Alden Community - Miss Alden**

- a) The contestant selected for Miss Alden will need to volunteer for at least four events or organizations located in Alden throughout the year.
- b) Must notify the Coordinator of the selected event/organizations. Examples may include the food pantry, library, fire department, churches, etc.

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Participation in River Bend Rally Parade - Miss Alden

- a) Miss Alden will need to be available for the River Bend Rally Parade on or around **July 4th, 2023**. The schedule is pending with Iowa Falls Chamber Main Street.
- b) Candy and/or other items will be provided for this parade.
- c) **You will need to secure a convertible and driver for transportation in this parade. Communicate with the Coordinator if you need help to secure transportation for the parade.**

9) **Participation in Hardin County Fair Queen Contest - Miss Alden**

- a) Miss Alden **IS** expected to participate in the 2023 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest.
- b) Judging for the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest will take place in **July 2023** during the Hardin County Fair.
- c) Miss Alden will also be **EXPECTED** to participate in the Hardin County Fair Parade and Coronation Ceremonies. (July 2023)
- d) Items and/or candy will be provided to you to throw out during the parade for this as well.
- e) **Communicate with the Coordinator about whether or not you need help to coordinate a convertible for this parade.**
- f) Miss Alden will be required to volunteer during the 2023 Hardin County Fair.

10) **Important Dates:**

- a) May 26, 2023 - Application Due
- b) June 7, 2023 - judging at the Alden Library (interview time will be emailed to you).
- c) June 16, 2023 - Crowning of Miss Alden at Park
- d) June 17, 2023 - Parade and volunteering for Alden Days Activities
- e) July 2023 - Riverbend Rally Parade
- f) July 2023 - Hardin County Fair Queen Contest (Fair Parade, Coronation Ceremonies, and volunteer opportunities.

The Hardin County Fair Queen is expected to fulfill duties during the Hardin County Fair and represent Hardin County as a contestant for the Iowa State Fair Queen competition in Des Moines, August 2023 through the time of crowning. The Iowa State Fair Queen is expected to fulfill duties during the Iowa State Fair. Interpretation of rules and decisions pertaining to the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest and the Iowa State Fair Queen contest are reserved by those respective organizations.

- A. Each contestant must be 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age as of August 1, 2023.
- B. Contestants must be unmarried and must have never been married or have children.
- C. Contestants must live in Alden or Alden Township.
- D. Contestants must be an active member of their school or community:
 - a. Church program or group, school groups, Girls Scouts, 4-H, FFA, athletic team, band, choir, etc.
- E. No professional model is eligible.
- F. The judging panel will consist of four non-residents and one community resident.
- G. Eligibility, interpretation of rules and contest decisions announced by the coordinators are final!!
- H. If you have previously placed in the TOP 2 for Miss Alden, you are not allowed to resubmit an application.

Thank you for your participation in the 2023 Miss Alden Contest. We are very excited and know that this will be a wonderful experience for all that participate. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the phone number or email on the letterhead.