

2024 Miss Alden Contest

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Dear 2024 Miss Alden Contestant:

Welcome to the 2024 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) **Eligibility**

- a) Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age, but not more than 21 years of age as of August 1, 2024.
- b) Contestant must be unmarried and must have never been married or have children.
- c) Contestant must live in Alden or Alden Township.
- d) Contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership.)
- e) No professional model is eligible
- f) The judging panel will consist of four residents and one non-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.

2) **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 24th, 2024.**
- 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.

3) **Judging Criteria**

The 2024 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
Essay (2 parts to the question)

10 points
25 points each part

4) Prizes

- a) Miss Alden will receive a crown, sash, bouquet of flowers, and scholarship.
- 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.
- e) If you have previously placed in the TOP 2 for Miss Alden, you are not allowed to resubmit an application.

5) Judging Schedule of Events

- a) Judging of the 2024 Miss Alden Contestants will be on **Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 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.

6) Ceremonies

- a) The 2024 Miss Alden will be crowned based on Alden Day Celebration Schedules tentatively scheduled for Friday, **June 14th, 2024**.
- 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 are required to have an escort for this ceremony.
- d) Each contestant will have to answer a "final question" in front of the community and the panel of judges at the park during the crowning ceremonies for the last 10 points required for judging.

7) 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 (convertible) and driver for use in the parade.
- b) Candy and/or other items will be provided for this parade.

8) 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.

9) 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.**

10) Participation in Hardin County Fair Queen Contest - Miss Alden

- a) Miss Alden **IS** encouraged to participate in the 2024 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest which may include additional duties such as the parade, volunteering at the fair, etc. You do NOT have to be a town representative to compete in the Hardin County Fair Contest starting this year and a spot will not be automatically reserved for Miss Alden.
- b) Application to participate in the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest are accepted June 1, 2024 through July 1, 2024. Must email hardincofairqueencontest@gmail.com to obtain application and for more information about the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest.
- c) Judging for the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest will take place in **July 2024** during the Hardin County Fair.
- 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.**

11) Important Dates:

- a) May 24, 2024 - Application Due
- b) June 1, 2024 – First day Hardin County Fair Queen applications will be accepted
- c) June 5, 2024 - judging at the Alden Library (interview time will be emailed to you).
- d) June 14, 2024 - Crowning of Miss Alden at Park
- e) June 15, 2024 - Parade and volunteering for Alden Days Activities
- f) July 1, 2024 – Last day to turn in Hardin County Fair Queen application
- g) July 2024 - Riverbend Rally Parade
- h) July 2024 – Optional Hardin County Fair Queen Contest (Fair Parade, Coronation Ceremonies, and volunteer opportunities).
- i) August 2024 – Iowa State Fair (if contestant is crowned Miss Hardin County)

Thank you for your participation in the 2024 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.