

2025 Gibson County Sweetheart

As of 4/21/2025

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- Call Outs

- Monday, May 12th 5:30 PM & Sunday, May 18th 2:00 PM Toyota Events Center

- Registration

- Must register online: <https://forms.gle/NYXafuTXFHLeuL7m7>

- Age Requirements

- Each contestant must be at least 13 years of age and cannot have reached their 17th birthday on or before June 1st, 2025. Ages 13-16 as of 6/1/25 (You can turn 17 AFTER 6/1/25)

- Sponsor/Entry Fee: \$75

- Checks payable to Gibson County Fair. Due to the Fair Office or Jacinda by June 1st.
- Any individual's outstanding balance with the Gibson County Fairgrounds must be paid prior to signing up for the pageant.

- Photos

- Contestants will receive complimentary, professional headshots. Photos will be outside.
- Photos are Monday, June 2nd at 5:30. Business Casual or Sunday best attire for photos. A nice dress (no strapless) or blouse and skirt/pant outfit. Jumpsuits are acceptable.

- Biography Sheet & Contracts

- Contracts must be signed and submitted by June 1st.
- Biography sheets must be submitted by Tuesday, June 17th.

- Schedule

- A detailed schedule for meetings will be provided at call out meetings.
 - We meet on Sunday afternoons in June except for Father's Day.
 - Dress rehearsals are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the week of the pageant.
- Pageant: Saturday, June 28th at 7:00 PM @ PCHS
 - Interviews typically begin around 9-10 AM. Sweethearts will interview first.

- Pageant Format

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

Preliminary Judging (morning):

• Interview 50 percent of scoring

- Attire: Business Casual or Sunday Best. Dress, pants & blouse, skirt & blouse. No blazers, suit jackets, or jumpsuits. Cardigans are acceptable. Sleeveless tops and dresses are acceptable. Straps must be at least 2 inches wide. No spaghetti straps.
- Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.
- One parent/guardian can be backstage in the morning.

On Stage Judging:

• Personality Outfit 20 percent of scoring

- Attire: Outfit chosen by the contestant that showcases her personality.
- Ideas are on a first come first served basis. Minimal props and no additional music. You will write a description of your outfit for the emcee to read during the pageant.

• Formal Wear 20 percent of scoring

- Attire: Formal Gown (hi-low gowns are acceptable)
- When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice, and/or a cut/design inappropriate for the Gibson County Fair Pageant may be discounted by the judges.

• On Stage Impromptu Response 10 percent of scoring

- Contestants will have an impromptu response to a word during formal wear. Their response can be their definition of the word, how they lived that word out, what they first think of when they hear that word, etc.

- Awards & Prizes

- Contestants that place will receive a cash prize, personalized tote, sash, and crown.
- The number of placings on the Sweetheart's Court is TBD depending on number of contestants.

- You are expected to be present for the entire fair week if you are selected as Gibson County Sweetheart or a court member. Sweetheart & court responsibilities are typically evening only except for Kiddie Day. Please make arrangements with your employer and extra-curriculars.

2025 Gibson County Fair July 6-12th