

## 2021 Miss Alden Contest

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Dear 2021 Miss Alden Contestant:

Welcome to the 2021 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. We have made a few exciting changes to the Miss Alden contest this year. Please don't hesitate to call 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 21st, 2021**.
- 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 2021 Miss Alden will be sent to the Hardin County Fair Queen selection committee.

### 2) Judging Criteria

The 2021 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
<b>Essay (2 parts to the question)</b>	<b>25 points each part</b>

### 3) Prizes

- a) Miss Alden will receive a crown, sash, bouquet of flowers, scholarship, car magnets, and qualification for participation in the 2021 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 and a photo shoot with Mosch Photography on **May 26, 2021 at 5pm**. Contestants will meet at the library and attire should be semi-formal.
- d) **New for 2021** - All contestants will participate in a rehearsal and supper on Thursday, **June 17th, 2021**. More details will be given at interview with specific times and location.
- e) 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 2021 Miss Alden Contestants will be on **Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm** at the Alden Public Library.
- b) Dress Attire for the judging should be semi-formal.
- c) An email with your interview time will be sent to you.

### 5) Ceremonies

- a) The 2021 Miss Alden will be crowned based on Alden Day Celebration Schedules tentatively scheduled for Friday, **June 18, 2021**.
- b) Contestants will wear **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) **New for 2021**. 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.
- b) Candy and/or other items will be provided for this parade.

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

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

**8) 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, 2021**. The schedule is pending with Iowa Falls Chamber Main Street.
- b) Candy and/or other items will be provided for this parade.
- c) **Communicate with the Coordinator about your need for a convertible for this parade. Please notify the Coordinator if you know someone who is willing to loan or drive for the parade OR if you need the Coordinator to help you secure transportation for the parade.**

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

- a) Miss Alden **IS** expected to participate in the 2021 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest.
- b) Judging for the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest will take place in **July 2021** during the Hardin County Fair.
- c) Miss Alden will also be **EXPECTED** to participate in the Hardin County Fair Parade and Coronation Ceremonies. (July 2021)
- 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 2021 Hardin County Fair.

**10) Important Dates:**

- a) May 21, 2021 - Application Due
- b) May 26, 2021 at 5pm at library - Photo Shoot with Mosch Photography
- c) June 2, 2021 - judging at the Alden Library (interview time will be emailed to you).
- d) June 17, 2021 - rehearsal and dinner (more details at interview)
- e) June 18, 2021 - Crowning of Miss Alden at Park
- f) June 19, 2021 - Parade and volunteering for Alden Days Activities
- g) July 2021 - Riverbend Rally Parade
- h) July 2021 - 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 2021 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, 2021.
- 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. **NEW THIS YEAR-** if you placed in the TOP 2 the year before you are not allowed to resubmit an application (this is not applicable to those who participated in 2020).

Thank you for your participation in the 2021 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.





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Please explain, in one typed page or less, how you could best represent Alden if you were selected as Miss Alden?

Essay Questions (please submit answers in one typed page or less). **Both questions must be answered.**

- 1) Write about one problem or issue in our world that you see a solution for, and explain what you would do to fix it.
- 2) What does it mean to be selfless? Do you think being selfless is a good thing? Why or why not?

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The information on the Miss Alden Contest application will be used by the judges as part of their decision-making process to determine who will become "Miss Alden". Questions for the Miss Alden interview may come from this application form. It is assumed by the judges that all parts of this application are true. Any falsification of this form will be grounds for permanent disqualification from this or any future Iowa County Queen Contests.

I (candidate) hereby declare that any statements or other information provided in this Miss Alden application represents the absolute truth. I understand that any piece of false information disclosed in the application will disqualify me from this and all future Hardin County Queen Contests.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I authorize my daughter to participate in the Miss Alden Contest. I understand that if my daughter wins the Miss Alden Contest she will advance to the Hardin County Fair Queen contest and will be required to appear at the Hardin County Fair.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**Please email/mail this form with your application by May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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