

2010 Miss Alden Contest

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Dear 2010 Miss Alden Contestant:

Welcome to the 2010 Miss Alden Contest! This letter will provide you with important information regarding the schedule of events for this year's Contest.

1) Application

A questionnaire form for the Miss Alden Contest is attached to this letter. Please complete the questionnaire and return to Alden City Hall along with your essay, postmarked no later than May 26th, 2010.

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.

The questionnaire of the 2010 Miss Alden Contest will be sent to the Hardin County Fair Queen selection committee.

2) Judging Criteria

The 2010 Miss Alden will be selected from the following criterion:

Personal Interview	10 Points
Impromptu Questions	10 Points
Overall Poise & Presentation	10 Points
Leadership & Citizenship	10 Points
Contribution to Community	10 Points
Essay: Your views on the United States' dependency on foreign oil & the effect it has on our economy and your future.	50 Points

***There is no right or wrong answer on the essay. It is meant to be thought provoking.**

3) Prizes

All contestants will receive a commemorative 2010 Miss Alden necklace. All contestants will participate in the Alden Days activities including the Miss Alden Coronation during the opening events, Alden Day Parade and evening events at the Alden City Park. Miss Alden will receive a crown, sash, bouquet of flowers, scholarship and qualification for participation in the 2010 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest. First and second runner-ups will receive a small spray of flowers and scholarships. 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

Judging of the 2010 Miss Alden contestants will be on June 7th, 2010 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Community Room at the Alden Library. Dress attire for the judging should be semi-formal.

5) Ceremonies

The 2010 Miss Alden will be crowned based on Alden Day Celebration Schedules. Contestants will wear **formal attire** at the Alden City Park and meet on the east side of the Alden City Park prior to coronation. Contestants need an escort for this ceremony. (Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Brothers & Boyfriends are acceptable.)

6) Participation in River Bend Rally Parade

Miss Alden will need to be available for the River Bend Rally Parade on July 4th weekend.

7) Participation in the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest

Miss Alden is expected to participate in the 2010 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest. Judging for the Hardin County Fair Queen Contest will take place July, 2010. Miss Alden will be expected to participate in the Hardin County Fair Parade and Coronation Ceremonies.(July, 2010).

The Hardin County Fair Queen is expected to fulfill duties during the Hardin County Fair and represent Hardin County as a contestant for Iowa State Fair Queen competition in Des Moines, August 2010, 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 1st, 2010.
- 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 at least one service organization in her community: i.e. church program or group, school group, Girls Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc.
- e. No professional model is eligible.
- f. The judging panel will consist of three non-residents and one community resident.
- g. Eligibility, interpretation of rules and contest decisions announced by the coordinators are final!

Thank you for your participation in the 2010 Miss Alden Contest. We know you will have a wonderful time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the phone number on the letterhead.

Miss Alden Competition Contestant Questionnaire

Questionnaire deadline May 26th, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____

(List as much as possible)

School Activities (list leadership positions)

Community Activities (list leadership positions)

Honors won or achieved:

Hobbies:

Plans for the future (Give details of the coming year and five years from now-work, school, etc.)

Please explain, in one typed/written page or less, how you could best represent Alden and Hardin County Fair if you were selected Miss Alden and also Hardin County Fair Queen.

