



2017 Stephenson County Fair Queen Contest Rules

\$600 Cash Prize for 1st Place

July 6, 2017 Rest & Entertainment Tent

Pageant Director: Cindi Mielke

Entry Fee: \$75.00/ Queen

Entry fees payable by check to Stephenson County Fair Association

Application available at www.stephensoncountyfair.org

1. Contestants must be a minimum of 16 years of age by July 1, 2017 and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2018.
2. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Stephenson County. Proof of legal residence must be provided if requested by pageant officials.
3. Former County Fair Queens are not eligible to participate.
4. Contestants were born female and have always been female.
5. Contestants must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled.
6. Contestants can never have been pregnant and/or is not the adoptive parent of a child.
7. Contestants who have been convicted of a felony offense are ineligible.
8. Contestants do not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
9. Contestants are of good moral character. Have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter pages are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen pageant.
10. Each contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges, required to appear in a floor length formal, and present a speech on stage. Dress and high heels will be required. Contestant will also participate in the production number.
11. The newly selected Queen will serve as hostess of the Stephenson County Fair, July 6-9, 2017 and will represent the Fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in January 2018. An itinerary of duties for the week of the Stephenson County Fair will be given to the Queen by the pageant committee.
12. Decisions of the judges are final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee of the Stephenson County Fair Association.
13. The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages while representing the Stephenson County Fair at any function.
14. It is strongly suggested that the Queen refrain from smoking while representing the Stephenson County Fair at any function.
15. The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.
16. The Queen will represent the Stephenson County Fair at as many other area Pageants and fair association functions as possible. She will be chaperoned either by the Pageant Director or a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Stephenson County Fair.
17. All personal appearances as Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen.

Practice Schedule: Practices are mandatory unless excused in advanced by the pageant director.

June 1: Deadline for applications and entry fee must be submitted. This date may be extend to the first week of practice depending on number of applications.

June 4th: Practice at 4:00 pm, Farm Bureau Building

June 11th: Practice at 4:00 pm, Farm Bureau Building **(All attire must be approved by the director)**

June 17th: Practice at 4:00 pm, Farm Bureau Building

June 18th: Father's Day-No practice

June 25th: Parade/Practice at 12:00 pm, Farm Bureau Building

These date are subject to change.

An extra practice may be added if committee feels it is needed.

Interviews with judges: TBA Farm Bureau Building

July 5th: **Final Rehearsal TBA**, Rest & Entertainment Tent on the fairgrounds

July 6th: Pageant at 5:00 pm, Rest & Entertainment Tent **(time for contestants to arrive will be determined and contestants informed at the July 5th practice)**

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