



2021 Stephenson County Fair Queen Contest Rules

\$1000 Scholarship for the 2021 Queen

July 27, 2021 Entertainment Tent

Pageant Director: Cindi Mielke 815-238-7492

(Entry fees payable by check to *Stephenson County Fair Association*)
Applications available at www.stephensoncountyfair.org or info@stephensoncountyfair.org

RULES/REQUIREMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

1. **Personal Characteristics:** In order to be eligible to participate, contestants (and parent/legal guardian if under 18) must certify to the Personal Characteristics in this section along with all of the other rules by signing this form.
 - a. Contestants must be a minimum of 16 years old and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2022.
 - b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Stephenson County IL or the contestant is attending a Stephenson County school. Contestants from another county may compete if their county does not have a pageant for their age division or if approved by the Stephenson County Fair Board. We will request a copy of your or your parent's/legal guardian's Illinois driver's license, Illinois ID card, or voter registration card for proof of residency. If outside of Stephenson County, we will need proof of enrollment in a Stephenson County school for the 20-21 school year.
 - c. Contestants competing in the Stephenson County Fair pageant are ineligible to compete in any other county fair pageant.
 - d. Can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
 - e. Born female and have always been female.
 - f. Must be single and never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled.
 - g. Can never have been pregnant and/or is not the adoptive parent of a child.
 - h. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
 - i. Is of good moral character. Has 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, Instagram, SnapChat, and Twitter pages are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Stephenson County and Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Anyone holding a current title (having a crown and/or sash) or any former Illinois County Fair Queen will not be eligible to participate.
3. Contestants who are under the age of 18 must have parent's/legal guardian's written consent agreeing to the rules and exceptions. (See rehearsal schedule for additional details)
4. All visible tattoos must be covered with cosmetics or a band-aid and piercings are limited to a maximum of two in each ear lobe only. All other piercings must be removed for competition including piercings in the tongue, nose and belly-button (if seen through the clothing).
5. Each contestant will be personally interviewed on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 by the judges in a professional interview suit (with skirt-no slacks). Dresses with jackets are OK for the county level, but not recommended. A 2-piece skirt suit will be required for the state level.
6. Each contestant will appear on stage in an evening gown with shoes of her choice, a one-piece, solid-color swimsuit with taupe shoes (at least 2 inches) and a business suit or dress and jacket.
7. Each contestant will be expected to present a one-minute speech (topic of her choice) and answer three Crown Bowl questions.
8. No talent performance is required for the county or state levels.
9. All clothing must be approved by the Pageant Director by a specific date. A picture will be taken for documentation.
10. All speeches must be given to the Pageant Director on paper by a specific date for approval. Speeches will be practiced according to rehearsal schedule.
11. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons from 4 pm to about 6 pm and you will be sent a schedule via email once your registration form is received. Rehearsals are subject to change so please be sure to attend each practice. We understand that summer vacations may happen but it is also very important to be committed to the pageant. All absences will be looked at by the judges and if unexcused or excessive, there may be a deduction in your score. See rehearsal schedule for details on what is excused and what is unexcused.
12. Contestants will be judged as follows: Personal Interviews (30%), Speech and Communication Skills (20%), Poise & Posture (20%), Crown Bowl Questions (15%) and stage presence in Evening Gown (15%) - this in accordance to the finals at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. Each contestant will be asked the same three questions individually.

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13. No preliminary contest will be held unless deemed necessary by the Pageant Committee. In case of a preliminary competition, all contestants will be notified and it will consist of the Personal Interview and Speech & Communication Skills portion only.
14. The newly crowned Queen will abstain from public displays of affection toward her boyfriend(s) during fair week and at all appearances throughout the year.
15. It is prohibited for the 2021 Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen to participate in any other scholarship or beauty pageants during her reign. If she chooses to do so she will be required to give up her title and all that goes with it (tiara, sash, pin, all gifts and scholarship) to the next eligible Runner-up. This will disqualify her from competing in the Stephenson County Fair Queen Pageant in the future.
16. The newly crowned Queen will use extreme caution and is encouraged to make certain there are no unnecessary photos and written comments on her Facebook or other media sites. She should always portray herself as a positive role model throughout the year.
17. The newly crowned Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages and will refrain from smoking while representing the Stephenson County Fair at any function.
18. The newly crowned Queen agrees to compete in Springfield, Illinois in January 2022 in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant as well as participating in functions becoming of a queen. This includes attending the Northern Zone Meeting in November, the Stephenson County Fair Board Meetings, all parades, and other events which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Stephenson County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. All personal appearances as Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director or Pageant Coordinator, as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Stephenson County Fair Queen.
19. The newly crowned Queen will be chaperoned either by the Pageant Director, Pageant Coordinator, or a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Stephenson County Fair.
20. The newly crowned Queen is required to be at the fair all week unless approved prior to competition by the Pageant Director and the Stephenson County Board.
21. Decisions of the judges are final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee or the Stephenson County Fair Board. Each judge will sign an affidavit stating that they do not know, are not related to nor do they or have they ever coached any of the Miss contestants competing this year.
22. Scores will not be given out to contestants after the pageant. If you would like feedback or have any questions, please contact the Pageant Director for details.
23. If there are not more than two (2) contestants in this category, a first runner up will not be announced.

I, _____ (Printed Contestant Name), have read all of the above rules and agree to abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned Queen.

I, _____ (Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name if under 18 years of age) have read all of the above rules and agree that _____ (Printed Contestant Name) will abide by them during all rehearsals and reign if crowned Queen. (If contestant is under the age of 18 years old)

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
(If contestant is under the age of 18 years old)

Date

Please complete the **Registration Form** found on the website (www.stephensoncountyfair.org) and **mail with this form and \$75 entry fee to the Fair Office** by the deadline below and keep a copy for your records. Mail to:

Stephenson County Fair Association
Queen Registration
2250 S. Walnut Rd.
Freeport, IL 61032

The Deadline for Registration is Sunday, June 6, 2021 (first rehearsal)
Contact Cindi Mielke at 815-238-7492 or cindi.mielke@yahoo.com