

# JR. MISS WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00pm at Moss Hall

\$500 Cash Award

## RULES/REQUIREMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

1. **Personal Characteristics:** In order to be eligible to participate, contestants and their parent/legal guardian must certify to the Personal Characteristics in this section along with all of the other rules by signing this Form.
  - a. Candidates must be a minimum of 10 years of age and not have achieved her 14th birthday by August 16, 2023.
  - b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Winnebago County IL or the contestant is attending a Winnebago County school. Contestants from another county may compete if their country does not have a pageant for their given age division or if approved by the Winnebago County Fair Board. We will request a copy of your parent's/legal guardian's driver's license for proof of residency. If outside of Winnebago County, we will need proof of enrollment in a Winnebago County School for the 23-24 school year.
  - c. Can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
  - d. Was born female and have always been a female.
  - e. Must be single and never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled.
  - f. Can never have been pregnant.
  - g. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
  - h. 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 and any other social media pages are consistent with standards and dignity of the Winnebago County Fair Queen Pageants.
2. Anyone holding a current annual title (having a crown and/or sash) or any former Jr. Miss Winnebago County Fair Queen will not be eligible to participate.
3. Candidates must have parent's/legal guardian's written consent agreeing to the rules and requirements. (See rehearsal schedule for additional details)
4. All visible tattoos must be covered with cosmetics or a band-aide and piercings are limited to a maximum of two in each earlobe only. All other piercings must be removed for competition including piercings in the tongue, nose and belly-button (if seen through their clothing).
5. Each candidate will be personally interviewed on Sat, 8/12/23 by the judges in a professional interview suit (with skirt or slacks and jacket) or Sunday dress.
6. Each candidate will appear on stage in a floor length or tea length formal with shoes of her choice and a Fun Fashion outfit. Fun Fashion should reflect their personality and be from your list of Hobbies & Activities on the application you submitted. They will then give a 30 second speech regarding their Fun Fashion. The use of one note card is allowed. The Fun Fashion will be due for approval and practiced on a specific date set by the Pageant Director.
7. Each candidate will be expected to answer one crown bowl question.
8. No talent performance is required for the county levels.
9. All clothing must be tried on and approved by the Pageant Director. A picture will be taken for documentation.
10. All speeches must be given to the Pageant Director on paper by a specific deadline for approval. Speeches will be practiced on stage on a specific date set by the Pageant Director.
11. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to about 8:30pm and you will be sent a schedule via email once your registration form is received. The night of Mock Interviews may run later that 8:30pm. 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 this 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. Candidates will be judged as follows Personal Interview (30%), Speech & Communication Skills (20%), Crown Bowl Question (20%), Fun Fashion (15%), and Stage Presence in Formal (15%). The Top 3 will all be asked the same question individually and each judge will award points for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ranking.
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 Jr. Queen will abstain from public displays of affection toward her boyfriends during fair week and at all appearances throughout the year.

15. The newly crowned Jr. Queen and her parents/legal guardians will use extreme caution and are encouraged to make certain there are no derogatory photos and written comments on Facebook or other media sites. The Jr. Queen should always portray herself as positive role model throughout the year.
16. The newly crowned Jr. Queen is **required to be at the fair all week** unless approved by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Fair Board prior to competition.
17. The newly crowned Queen and her parents/legal guardians agree to participate in all parades, and other events which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Winnebago County Fair should take precedence over and above all other personal appearances. A list of all required events will be handed out at a rehearsal.
18. It is prohibited for the 2023 Jr. Miss WC 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, ring, all gifts and cash) to the next eligible Runner-up (Eligibility will be determined by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Fair Board). This may also disqualify her from competing in the Jr. Miss and Miss Winnebago County Fair Queen Pageants in the future.
19. Cash award will not be awarded until the completion of her reign.
20. If for any reason the Queen cannot fulfill her duties the title and all that goes with it (tiara, sash, pin, ring, all gifts and cash) will go to the next eligible Runner-up.
21. Decisions of the judges are final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee of the WCFA. 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 Jr. Miss contestants competing this year.
22. Scores will not be given out to the contestants after the pageant. If you would like feedback or have any questions, please contact the Pageant Director for details.
23. Expectations of a WCFQ contestant: We understand that you may be upset if not chosen as queen. How you handle this may be a factor if you choose to compete in the future so we expect you remain kind and courteous to the winner and runner ups.

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) 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.

\_\_\_\_\_, Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_, Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**PLEASE COMPLETE and SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM, RULE/REQUIREMENTS, REHEARSAL SCHEDULE and DETAILED COMPETITION FORMS found on the website and MAIL WITH THE \$75.00 ENTRY FEE to the fair office by the deadline below and keep a copy for your records. MAIL TO:**

WCFA, Miss Registration, PO Box 810, Pecatonica, IL 61063

The **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS June 20, 2023** (first rehearsal). Please contact the Kim Mathieu at 815-275-7364 or [bkbk4117@gmail.com](mailto:bkbk4117@gmail.com) once you have mailed your forms or if there is a conflict. If you prefer, you can bring this paperwork and fee to the first rehearsal (Registration Deadline) on June 20, 2023.

(If any check is returned for insufficient funds it could lead to disqualification of the contestant.)

An **information meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023** at 7:00pm in Moss Hall located at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica, IL or contact the Kim Mathieu at 815-275-7364 or [bkbk4117@gmail.com](mailto:bkbk4117@gmail.com) for more information.

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