

# MISS WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00pm at Moss Hall  
\$1,000 Scholarship and other prizes to the Winner!

## 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. Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years of age by pageant day and not have achieved her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2024.
  - 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 or your parent/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 and/or is not the adoptive parent of a child.
  - 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 and Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageants.
2. Anyone holding a current annual title (having a crown and/or sash) or any former Illinois County Fair queens will not be eligible to participate.
3. Candidates who are under the age of 18 must have parent's/legal guardian's written consent agreeing to the rules and expectations. (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 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 candidate will be personally interviewed on either Sat, 8/12/23 by the judges in a professional interview suit (with skirt or slacks and jacket). Dresses with jackets and slacks are OK for the county level, but not recommended. A 2-piece skirt suit will be required for the state level.
6. Each candidate 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 candidate will be expected to present a one minute speech (topic of her choice) and answer a crown bowl question.
8. No talent performance is required for the county or state levels.
9. All clothing must be tried on and 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 on stage according to the rehearsal schedule.
11. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to about 8:30pm 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 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%), Beauty & Physique/Poise & Posture (20%), Crown Bowl Question (15%) and Stage Presence in Evening Gown (15%) – this is in accordance to the Finals at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. The Top 3 will all be asked the same question individually and each judge will award points for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 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 positive role model throughout the year.
16. The newly crowned Queen is **required to be at the fair all week** unless approved prior to competition by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Board.

- 17. The newly crowned queen agrees to compete in Springfield, Illinois in January 2024 (5 day event) for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant as well as participate in functions becoming of a queen. This included attending the Northern Zone Meeting in November 2023, the WCFA Board Meeting in January 2024, 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 one of the rehearsals.
- 18. It is prohibited for the 2023 Miss Winnebago 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, scepter, pin, ring, all gifts and scholarship) to the next eligible Runner-up (eligibility will be determined by the Pageant Director and Winnebago County Fair Board). This will disqualify her from competing in the Miss WC Fair Queen Pageant in the future.
- 19. **If chosen as the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up, it will be REQUIRED for you to be the official escorts for the new Miss and Jr. Miss on Thursday, August 17, 2023 (start time to be determined) and staying for the Little Miss pageant that evening where you will then receive your cash prize. You will be given the opportunity to freshen up before the Little Miss Pageant starts at 6:00 pm.**
- 20. Scholarship money will not be awarded until the completion of her reign and must be redeemed within two years of the end of her reign.
- 21. If for reasons determined by the Pageant Director or Fair Board the Queen cannot fulfill her duties the title and all that goes with it (tiara, sash, scepter, pin, ring, all gifts and scholarship) will go to the next eligible Runner-up. If the current queen is chosen as the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, the next eligible Runner-up will be crowned with a new tiara, sash and receive a scholarship and fulfill the duties required for the remaining part of the reign.
- 22. 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 Miss contestants competing this year.
- 23. 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.
- 24. 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

(If contestant is under the age of 18 years old)

**PLEASE COMPLETE and SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM, RULE/REQUIREMENTS, REHEARSAL SCHEDULE AND DETAILED COMPETITION FORMS FOUND ON THE WEBSITE AND MAIL WITH THIS FORM and \$100 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 21, 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 21, 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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