

Western Illinois Fair Queen Pageant  
Official Rules and Regulations

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and resident of Scott, Morgan, Pike, Brown, Adams, or Calhoun County and have never held the title of county fair queen in the past.
  - a. Contestant is responsible for obtaining a sponsorship fee of \$35. Sponsor may be a business or person.
  - b. Contestant must never have been convicted of a felony offense.
  - c. Contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been pregnant or adopted a child.
  - d. Any tattoos must be covered as a contestant and also as Queen if crowned.
  - e. Contestant is only allowed to have natural hair color; no green, pink, blue, etc.
  - f. Any body piercing must be removed and only earrings can be worn.
  - g. Any and all provocative or distasteful photos or text must be removed from any online source or mobile device before entering the pageant.
  - h. A contestant must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1 of the following year.
2. In efforts to help best prepare contestants for the competition, we strongly encourage all contestants to attend as many practices as possible. Absences from practice need to be reported to the pageant director as soon as possible prior to the practice. Contestants are required to attend the June 22nd final rehearsal. Contestants must also be entered into the pageant prior to the first practice date.
3. No one will be allowed backstage to assist the contestant. The pageant crew will assist with behind the scenes details of the pageant.
  - a. Each contestant's opening number attire, interview/speech suit, swimwear, and evening gown must be approved by the pageant director for the County Fair Pageant prior to the event.
  - b. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges, to appear in a one-piece swimsuit and formal gown and also perform a one minute speech on stage.
  - c. Contestant agrees that the time, manner and method of conducting and judging the contest shall be solely within the discretion of the pageant officials and that the decision of the judges is final.

4. If chosen as Western Illinois Fair Queen, any and all directions during her reign will ONLY be given by the Pageant Director, (in the absence of the pageant director then a fair board member or pageant crew member will act as pageant director).
5. If chosen as 2021 Western Illinois Fair Queen, the contestant agrees to represent Western Illinois Fair and compete for the title of 2022 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen. This contest will be held in January at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The Queen also agrees that her wardrobe, hair, makeup, and speech will be approved by the pageant director prior to leaving for the state pageant.
  - a. The queen agrees to have official pictures taken for the State Pageant by the photographer and time set forth by the Director.
  - b. At the state pageant, the queen agrees to room with the pageant director. Parents, siblings, or friends etc. are not allowed to stay in the queens hotel room.
  - c. Wardrobe will not be provided by the Western Illinois Fair.
6. If selected as Western Illinois Fair Queen, contestant named below would agree to participate in functions becoming of a queen, which might arise during the year. She is to attend the Western Illinois Fair, June 23 - June 27, 2021, Wednesday through Sunday. She will attend County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair in August. She will attend the Central Zone meeting that is held on a Sunday in October.
  - a. Any appearances as Western Illinois Fair Queen, the Queen agrees to have a Chaperone accompany her to the event. This can be the director, pageant crew member, fair board member, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or a sibling over the age of 18. Boyfriends will not be approved as chaperones.
7. The queen will attend as many surrounding county fair pageants and parades as possible during her reign. The queen is responsible for securing her own transportation for parades. All personal appearances as Western Illinois Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the pageant director, as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the roll of Western Illinois Fair Queen.
  - a. For promotional purposes, photos will be shared to both Facebook and Instagram pages of the Western Illinois Fair Queen and Princess as the director sees fit.
8. When making appearances as Western Illinois Fair Queen she should dress as a queen. A dress and heels are the appropriate attire, unless at fair events when boots and more

casual attire may be appropriate. Any shorts/skirts/dresses being worn MUST be an appropriate length.

9. During her year of service, the Western Illinois Fair Queen represents herself, her director, her community and county and she is held to a higher standard of behavior. Any vocabulary or text must be of tact and class, any photos posted or shared must not show any inappropriate behavior, furthermore any photo that could be misconstrued as inappropriate behavior should not be shared.

10. Contestant must be of good moral character. She has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral, indecent, or inappropriate.

a. As a role model in the community the fair queen is upheld to a standard of not entering into or maintaining a position of employment tied to serving and/or promoting alcohol (i.e., bartending, promotional ambassador, etc. )

11. Any misconduct brought to the Director's or Fair Board's attention will result in a written warning; any such behavior after that warning may result in being stripped of the prestigious title. Any conviction of crime or definitive proof of illegal misconduct will result in her losing her title immediately. In case of marriage, or for any reason being unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning queen for the entire year, she agrees to immediately relinquish the title and all privileges to said title (including crown, sashes, trophy, and prizes not yet awarded by that date) and to be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up.

--Contestant agrees to abide by the rules of the county and state contest  
now in affect or as hereafter announced.--

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed herewith,  
and that I am complying with them in every way and that the personal data provided to the  
pageant director is true and correct.

Pageant Entrant Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (If under 18)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pageant Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_