

**2017**  
**General Rules for Monroe County Fair Queen**  
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- 1     **All contestants/guardians must sign all pages of the General Rules and other documents stating they have read and understand the rules of the pageant.**
- 2     **Judges must sign an affidavit form stating they have not been influenced by anyone affiliated with the Monroe County Fair and they do not live or work in Monroe County.**
- 3     The judging panel will consist of 3 judges. **Decision of the judges is final.**
- 4     In addition to the judges, there will be a counter. This person will NOT be a judge and can be a person from the local area. The counter will see that all ballots are counted twice to ensure accuracy. The counter will also provide the backstage security person to give to Emcee the envelopes with the names of the new Queen, the First Runner up, the Second Runner-up and Miss Congeniality.
- 5     Queen Contestants and parents/guardians will be required to complete and sign "Monroe County Fair Queen Practice Schedule & Deadlines", "Expectations of the Fair Queen", "Biography and Emergency Consent Form", "General Rules for Monroe County Fair Queen", "Parades List" and "Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement". Said documents shall be returned to Pageant Director Yvonne Dehner, either postmarked or in person on or before April 29. Failure to do so will disqualify you as a contestant. (Mail to P.O. Box 205, Waterloo, IL 62298).
- 6     Little Miss and Queen Contestants will be photographed individually and/or with retiring Little Miss and/or retiring Fair Queen. These photos are for the Fair paper and other publications advertising and promoting the Monroe County Little Miss and Fair Queen Pageant either individually or in conjunction with the Monroe County Fair events and subsequent required Fair representations. The Monroe County Fair Association shall have the right to photograph, videotape and record the contestant and to use the contestant's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promotional materials of the Association and the Association shall continue to have such right if the contestant voluntarily withdraws or is disqualified from the pageant. Photographs WILL NOT be included without required paperwork and signatures and **\$100 Sponsor Fee payable to Monroe County Fair Association (no cash, please) along with name of sponsor.**
- 7     Queen Contestants must be natural-born females and must be between the ages of 17 and 21 by the day of the county fair pageant. Queen crowned cannot have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

- 8 Former Monroe County Fair Queens are not eligible. Former Contestants,  
including Runners-Up, ARE eligible to compete again.
- 9 Queen crowned will be available for July 23 – July 30, 2017 for  
fair events and official photo session. Queen will also be available for parades  
as indicated on “parades” list. Absences will ONLY be excused by the Pageant  
Director.
- 10 Contestants must be U.S. citizens living in Monroe County or with a  
permanent address in Monroe County (in the event contestant is in college or  
in private school), and the contestants must meet such residency requirement  
as of the date hereof and on the date of the pageant. RESIDENCY WILL BE  
VERIFIED.
- 11 Queen Contestants will sign a Compliance Document at dress rehearsal. Said  
document indicates she is still competing in accordance to the rules set forth  
herein.
- 12 Contestant must never have been convicted of a felony offense. There can be  
no pending adjudications.
- 13 Contestants will have no tattoos visible in swimsuit, business attire or evening  
gown. No more than two pair of earrings may be worn during the competition  
(that is, no more than 2 earrings per ear). No other piercings shall be visible  
when wearing required pageant attire (that is, swimsuit, business attire or  
evening gown) either during pageant or after being crowned Queen and for the  
entire year of Queen’s reign. No jewelry shall be worn during swimsuit  
competition.
- 14 Queen contestants and the crowned Queen shall have no material on any  
social networking sight, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter and/or  
Instagram, which the Monroe County Fair Association deems to be  
controversial, obscene or otherwise objectionable, in its sole discretion. Any  
such material shall be grounds for the disqualification of a contestant or  
crowned Queen.
- 15 During the rehearsals and pageant no advertising apparel which displays  
alcohol, tobacco or drug references shall be worn, including but not limited to  
accessories. This rule will apply to the winning Queen throughout her reign as  
Miss Monroe County. **Miss Monroe County Fair Queen will not consume  
alcohol, tobacco or drugs throughout her reign. Miss Monroe County  
Fair Queen will always be dressed appropriate to a queen and the  
event(s) attended during her entire reign. The Monroe County Fair  
Queen crown and sash will only be worn when representing the Monroe  
County Fair.**

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- 16 Queen contestants must have a valid driver's license and car insurance. The  
car presented to the Queen for her use during the week of the Fair is to be  
driven only by the Queen and cannot be taken out of Monroe County.
- 17 Monroe County Fair Queen will be chaperoned at all times when attending  
Fair associated events. Chaperone, age 21 or over, will be approved by Pageant  
Director.
- 18 Queen contestants must be female, single, never have been married or had a  
marriage annulled, and never have been pregnant.
- 19 Contestants and reigning queen are only allowed two excused absences from  
pageant practices. Missing more than two practices may result in being  
disqualified or losing crown, in the case of reigning queen. **Please note: This  
is to benefit all of the other contestants, because practices can be  
difficult if you are missing contestants. ABSENCE TO BE APPROVED BY  
PAGEANT DIRECTOR ONLY.**
- 20 **A file will be kept of attendance and if deadlines are met. This file will  
be initialed by contestant at each practice and shown to the judges on  
the day of the pageant.**
- 21 For Queen Contestants: evening gown, swimsuit, interview outfit and speech  
must be approved by the Pageant Director by the set dates and are not allowed  
to change after approval. (See 2017 Fair Queen Practice Schedule)
- 22 Scoring categories are as follows: Interview (30%); Beauty & Physique (15%);  
Stage Presence (15%); Speech and Communication Skills (20%);  
Extemporaneous Questions on Stage (20%).
- 23 Queen's cash prize of \$750 will be paid in two installments. The first shall be  
paid during the week of Fair in which she is crowned. The second installment  
will be received after participating in the State Fair Queen Pageant in January  
2017. Failure to participate in said event voids payment of second installment.  
Disqualification or relinquishing of Monroe County Fair Queen title and crown  
shall also void payment of first and/or second installment. There may be other  
cash prizes distributed in same manner.
- 24 In the event the crowned Queen is not able to attend the State competition in  
January 2017 the first runner up will be expected to attend. If the first runner  
up is unable to attend the second runner up will be expected to attend. If the  
second runner up is unable to attend the pageant committee will determine  
whether or not a contestant represents Monroe County at the State Pageant.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 25 Queen cannot run in any other concurrent pageants while holding the title of Miss Monroe County.
- 26 The Monroe County Fair Queen title may not be used for endorsement purposes.
- 27 The Fair Board, Pageant Director and/or Fair Pageant Committee cannot be held responsible for errors in the newspapers.
- 28 The family of the 2017 Monroe County Fair Queen may choose to attend the State Pageant in January 2018. The State Pageant usually establishes a “discount hotel rate” for that event. The Monroe County Fair Board agrees to reimburse a two night stay (either Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday of the January 2018 event) at that rate in one of the three hotels recommended by State Pageant event. A copy of the paid hotel bill shall be submitted to Yvonne Dehner, Pageant Director. She will in turn present to Monroe County Fair Board for qualifying reimbursement.
- 28 The Monroe County Fair Board pays the cost of the 2017 Monroe County Fair Queen’s room at the State Pageant in January, 2018. That room is for Queen and Pageant Director and/or committee members. It will not be lodging for any family member of the Queen.

**RULES SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND/OR ENFORCED BY THE FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT DIRECTOR AND/OR THE FAIR BOARD.**

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) of Parent (Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_