

2020
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 an auditor of judges score sheets. This person will NOT be a judge and can be a person from the local area. The auditor will personally hand the results to the Emcee in the envelopes marked "Queen", "First Runner-up", "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", "Contestant 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 Fehrenz, either postmarked or in person on or before **APRIL 14**. Failure to do so will disqualify you as a contestant. (Mail to 207 N Main, Suite 103-A, Columbia IL 62236).
- 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 22nd birthday by January 1st 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 July 19 – July 26, 2020, for
fair events as designated in “Practice Schedule and Deadlines” and 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 and/or newly crowned Queen 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, and may be Pageant Director or Pageant crew member. Chaperone
WILL NOT be a boyfriend or fiancé.
- 18 Queen contestants must be 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 2020 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 four installments. The first shall be
paid during the week of Fair in which she is crowned; the second will be
received at or after November Fair Association Annual Meeting; the third will
be received during competition at State Pageant in January 2021; the fourth will
be paid on-stage at Fair Pageant 2021 on the conclusion of Queen reign.
Failure to participate in State Pageant in 2021 voids payment of second
installment, and possibly third and fourth installment. Disqualification or
relinquishing of Monroe County Fair Queen title and crown may also void
any/all payments. There may be other cash prizes for Queen distributed in
same manner. The First Runner-Up shall receive a cash prize of \$250; the
Second Runner-Up shall receive a cash prize of \$100, both paid during Fair
Week 2020.

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- 24 In the event the crowned Queen is not able to attend the State competition in January 2021, 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.
- 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, other than for the Monroe County Fair/Fair Association.
- 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 2020 Monroe County Fair Queen may choose to attend the State Pageant in January 2021. 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 2021 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 Fehrenz, Pageant Director. She will in turn present to Monroe County Fair Board for qualifying reimbursement.
- 29 The Monroe County Fair Board pays the cost of the 2020 Monroe County Fair Queen’s room at the State Pageant in January, 2021. That room is for Queen and Pageant Director and/or committee members. It will not be lodging for any family member/friend of the Queen. A professional hairdresser and/or makeup artist may lodge in Queen’s room.

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

Signature of Contestant _____ Date _____
Signature(s) of Parent (Guardian) _____ Date _____