

2020
General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County
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1. **All contestants/guardians must sign this document at the bottom of all three pages 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 all ballots are counted twice to ensure accuracy. The counter will also provide the Emcee a sealed envelope with the name of the new Little Miss.
5. Little Miss parents/guardians will be required to complete and sign "Little Miss Monroe County Practice Schedule", "General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County", "Biography and Emergency Consent Form", "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 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 check payable to Monroe County Fair Association (no cash, please) along with name of sponsor.**
7. The age qualification for the Little Miss Pageant is natural born females ages 5, 6 or 7 as of the day of the pageant with a birth certificate (or other legal document) to prove age.
8. A former Little Miss may not compete. A former contestant may compete.
9. Contestants must be U.S. citizens living in Monroe County or with a permanent address in Monroe County (in the event of attending a private school out of county), and the contestants must meet such residency requirement as of the date hereof and on the date of the pageant. Residency will be verified.
10. Stick-on or permanent tattoos will not be visible.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
Date _____

11. During 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 during the entire Little Miss reign.
12. Little Miss will be chaperoned when attending Fair associated events, either by parents/family member 21 or older. 2020 Monroe County Fair Queen will also have a chaperone, age 21 or over. **THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN IS NOT THE LITTLE MISS CHAPERONE.** If there are questions, chaperones will be approved by Pageant Director.
13. Little Miss contestants and crowned Little Miss shall have no material on any social networking site, 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 Little Miss.
14. A maximum of 10 Little Miss contestants will be allowed. The 10 oldest contestants will be selected from those attending the March 14, 2020, Informational Meeting if more than 10 interested potential contestants attend said meeting. If less than 10 potential candidates attend the March 14, 2020 meeting, the available spots will be filled on a first come, first-served basis after contacting Pageant Director **by e-mail only** (no FB or Messenger, Twitter, etc). In the event potential contestant #10 and #11 share identical dates of birth, a drawing will be held between those two to determine contestant #10.
15. Little Miss Contestants shall be natural-born females.
16. Little Miss Contestants are only allowed one excused absence from practices. **Please note: This is to benefit all other contestants, because practices can be difficult when missing contestants. ABSENCE TO BE APPROVED BY PAGEANT DIRECTOR ONLY.**
17. A file will be kept of attendance. Attendance chart will be initialed by parent at practices and shown to judges the day of the pageant.
18. Each Little Miss contestant shall present a **one sentence** fact (a different fact than each other Little Miss contestant) about the Monroe County Fair. Example: The President of the Monroe County Fair Board is Donald Schrader (example may not be used as a fair fact). **TO AVOID DUPLICATION, FAIR FACT SHOULD BE SENT TO PAGEANT DIRECTOR BY JUNE 1 to MoCopageantdirector@gmail.com FAIR FACT SHOULD BE MEMORIZED FOR SECOND PRACTICE. IF FAIR FACTS ARE DUPLICATED, DATE AND TIME ON E-MAIL SHALL DETERMINE FIRST ONE RECEIVED.**
19. Scoring categories are as follows: Interview with Queen on stage (based on biography submitted); Speech and Communication; Beauty & Poise; Stage Presence; Facial Expression and Charm.
20. Little Miss crowned will receive a basket of flowers, a sash and a crown. She may receive other gifts as well.
21. In the event the Little Miss is unable to complete her reign, there will be no other Little Miss.

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22. The Little Miss crowned will be available July 19 through July 26 for fair events. The Little Miss will also be available for parades as indicated on "Parades" list. Absences will only be excused by Pageant Director.
23. Little Miss Monroe County title may not be used for endorsement purposes.
24. While the Little Miss Monroe County and her family may choose to attend the State Pageant in Springfield, IL in January 2021 in support of the Monroe County Fair Queen competing there, it is not a required event and there will be no expenses paid/reimbursed by the Fair Board.
25. The Fair Board, Fair Queen Director and/or Pageant Committee cannot be held responsible for newspaper errors.
26. LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS MAY NOT WEAR FULL LENGTH DRESSES/EVENING GOWNS OR DRESSES WITH TRAINS FOR THE JULY 19, 2020 FAIR PAGEANT!! (Retiring Little Miss may wear a full length or evening gown. Any train must be bustled except for final walk)

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian(s) _____

Date _____

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