

2024 General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant

1. Contestant must be a US Citizen and:
 - a. Reside in Monroe County
OR
 - b. Reside within and attend a school in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer, OR Red Bud school district.Residency will require two (2) forms of verification and will be verified using the most up-to-date GIS map available. Accepted forms of residency verification include:

<u>List A (Both Needed)</u>	<u>List B (Choose 1)</u>
1. Parent/Guardian Driver's License	1. Utility Bill
2. School Report Card or Transcript from most recent school year	2. Mortgage Bill
	3. Rental Contract
	4. Property Tax Bill

Note: IF address from item on “List A” does not match address from item on “List B”, Contestant will be required to provide a third form of residency verification.

2. Contestant must be a natural-born female between the ages of 6-8 years old, as of the day of the county fair pageant, July 21, 2024. **A copy of the birth certificate is required to verify age.**
3. A **maximum of 10** Little Miss contestants will be allowed. In the event more than 10 contestants attend the Informational Meeting, the 10 oldest contestants will be selected from those attending the Informational Meeting. If less than 10 potential candidates attend the Informational Meeting, the available spots will be filled on a first come, first-served basis after contacting Pageant Co-Director by e-mail only at MoColLpageantdirector@gmail.com (entries *will not* be accepted via Facebook, 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.
4. Contestant must obtain at least one (1) Sponsor. The \$100 Sponsor Fee shall be made payable to “Monroe County Fair Association” (no cash). Contestant may acquire more than one Sponsor, if they wish; each Sponsor will pay the \$100 fee. This is your entry fee for the pageant and is separate from the pageant sponsorship program.

5. Former Little Miss Fair Queens are NOT eligible to compete. Former contestant MAY compete, provided she meets the age requirement.
6. Contestant, and newly crowned Little Miss, shall have no material on any social networking site, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik-Tok, or otherwise, 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 newly crowned Little Miss.
7. During the rehearsals, appearances, and pageant, no apparel which displays alcohol, tobacco or drug references shall be worn, including but not limited to accessories. This rule will apply to the newly crowned Little Miss throughout her reign as Little Miss Monroe County.
8. Newly crowned Little Miss will always be dressed appropriate to a Queen and the event(s) attended during her entire reign. The Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen crown and sash will only be worn when representing the Monroe County Fair.
9. Newly crowned Little Miss must be available July 21-28, 2024 for fair events and will be available for parades or other social events as indicated on "Parades and Social Events" list. Absences will ONLY be excused by the Pageant Co-Director(s).
10. Newly crowned Little Miss will be chaperoned at all times when attending Fair associated events. Chaperone, age 21 or over, will be approved by Pageant Co-Directors. The Chaperone may also be one of the Pageant Co-Directors or Pageant Committee member. **THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN IS NOT THE LITTLE MISS CHAPERONE.**
11. Newly crowned Little Miss will receive a basket of flowers, a sash and a crown. Newly crowned Little Miss may receive monetary winnings and/or other prizes paid during Fair Week 2024.
12. Contestants and reigning Queen are only allowed one (1) excused absences from pageant practices. Missing more than two practices may result in being disqualified or forfeiture of crown, in the case of reigning Queen. Please note: **This is to benefit all the other contestants, because practices can be difficult if you are missing contestants. ABSENCE TO BE APPROVED BY PAGEANT CO-DIRECTOR(S) ONLY.** A file will be kept of practice attendance and applicable deadlines. This file will be provided to the Judges on the day of the pageant.

13. Contestant will be photographed individually and/or with reigning Little Miss and/or reigning 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 Monroe County Fair Association and the Monroe County Fair Association shall continue to have such right if the contestant voluntarily withdraws or is disqualified from the pageant. **Contestants will not be photographed, and their information included without required paperwork and signatures.**
14. In the event the newly crowned Little Miss is unable to complete her reign, there will be no other Little Miss.
15. While the crowned Little Miss and her family may choose to attend the State Pageant in Springfield, IL in January 2025, 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.
16. Each contestant shall present a one sentence fact (each contestant must have a different fact) about the Monroe County Fair. *Example: The President of the Monroe County Fair Board is Don Schrader.* To avoid duplication, fair fact should be sent to Pageant Co-Director Amanda Klein **BY JUNE 1 via email only** at MoCollpageantdirector@gmail.com. If fair facts are duplicated, date and time on e-mail shall determine first one received.
17. Contestant will have no stick-on or permanent tattoos visible in any appearance attire.
18. No more than 2 pair of earrings may be worn (that is, no more than 2 earrings per ear).
19. Contestant will compete in a dress of their choosing. Dress CANNOT be floor-length and should be no longer than tea-length (mid-calf). Dress should also not be so short that Judges can see undergarments.
20. The judging panel will consist of 3 judges. 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. **Decision of the judges is final.**

21. Scoring categories are as follows: Interview with Queen on stage (based on application submitted); Speech and Communication; Beauty & Poise; Stage Presence; Facial Expression and Charm.
22. Contestant parent/guardian will be required to complete and sign “Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents”, “2024 Little Miss Monroe County Application”, “2024 Little Miss Emergency Information”, and “Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement”. Said documents shall be returned to Pageant Co-Director Amanda Klein, either postmarked or in person on or before April 12, 2024. **Failure to do so will disqualify you as a contestant.** (Mail or hand-deliver to: 5950 State Route 3, Waterloo, IL 62298)
23. Contestant parent/guardian will sign a Compliance Document at Dress Rehearsal. Said document indicates the Contestant is still competing in accordance with the rules set forth herein.
24. The Fair Board, Pageant Co-Directors and/or Pageant Committee cannot be held responsible for newspaper errors.

RULES SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND/OR ENFORCED BY THE FAIR QUEEN/LITTLE MISS PAGEANT CO-DIRECTORS, AND/OR THE FAIR BOARD.