

Welcome! And thank you for your interest in competing in the 2025 LITTLE MISS MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT! We are excited to work with your daughter and sincerely hope to make this an enjoyable, and rewarding,

experience for her. When she arrives on pageant night, she will be representing not only herself, but her sponsor and the Monroe County Fair. As she walks across the stage, she will have done something not many before her have dared to accomplish. This packet is designed to provide all of the information and forms necessary to complete in the Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant.

You may be asking yourself, "what does it take for my daughter to be Little Miss Monroe County?". As the Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen, she is not only representing the Monroe County Fair but Monroe County Agriculture as a whole. Her role will be to help promote the Fair and our rich agricultural industry. The Monroe County Fair is one of the best in the area; be sure to soak it all in and most of all – HAVE FUN!

We make every effort possible to ensure everything is organized and runs smoothly. Please make sure all paperwork is submitted no later than March 31, 2025. The paperwork needs to be mailed, or hand delivered, and please pay attention to what needs to be submitted electronically. We know paperwork can be overwhelming, so the very next sheet of this packet is a checklist to help you manage all the forms. Please DO NOT hesitate to contact us if you need any help with the paperwork.

We also STRONGLY ENCOURAGE each contestant to participate in our t-shirt fundraiser; it is not a requirement though – Imagine your daughter being able to look out from the stage and immediately spot her friends and family! The contestant selling the most t-shirts will receive a cash prize. Please see the t-shirt order sheet in the back of the packet for pricing and color options. No 2 colors will be duplicated so be sure to get your color selections in! T-shirt order forms and monies are due by June 16th. The finished t-shirts will then be delivered you around July 14th (additional clarification will be provided once sales have ended and we know final production times).

An additional fundraiser we offer is our Pageant Sponsorship program. This is separate from your Contestant Sponsorship entry fee and again is not required participation. This program is open to businesses and families alike. There are multiple tiers available, to fit all budget needs, and provides wonderfully easy advertising. Please see the ad sheet in the back of the packet for more information about this program!

We thank you again for your interest and are very excited to have the opportunity to work with your daughter. Following this letter, you will find all the information and paperwork necessary for the pageant. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Best Wishes and Good Luck!

-Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Committee

LITTLE MISS MONROE COUNTY DOCUMENTS PACKET

INCLUDED:

- 2025 General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen
- 2025 Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Practice Schedule and Deadlines
- Monroe County Fair Queen/Little Miss Parades and Events 2025-2026
- 2025 Little Miss Application
- 2025 Little Miss Emergency Information
- Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents
- Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement
- T-shirt order form (Not due until June 16, 2025)
- Pageant Sponsorship Program Information Ad (This is separate from your entry fee Sponsorship, and is not mandatory. It is for your information only, in case you know someone who would be interested in being a sponsor of the overall Fair Queen and Little Miss Pageants.)

RETURN ELECTRONICALLY:

- ✓ Completed 2025 Little Miss Application
- ✓ Completed 2025 Little Miss Emergency Information

RETURN PHYSICAL COPY:

- ✓ Signed Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Acknowledgement of Receipt of Documents
- ✓ Signed Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement
- ✓ Sponsorship Check(s)

2025 General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant

- 1. Contestant must be a US Citizen and:
- a. Reside in Monroe County

OR

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:

List A	Both N	<u>eeded)</u>	

<u>List B (Choose 1)</u>
1. Utility Bill

- Parent/Guardian Driver's
 License
- 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, and cannot have reached 9th birthday, as of the day of the pageant, July 20, 2025. 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 Committee by email <u>only</u> at <u>MoColLpageantdirector@gmail.com</u> (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 and residency requirements.
- 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 20-27, 2025 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 <u>at all times</u> 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 members. <u>THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN IS NOT THE LITTLE MISS CHAPERONE</u>.
- 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 2025.
- 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 2026, 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 <u>one sentence fact</u> (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 Committee **BY JUNE 1 via email only** at MoColLpageantdirector@gmail.com. If fair facts are duplicated, date and time on email shall determine the first one received.
- 17. Contestant will have no stick-on or permanent tattoos visible in any appearance attire.
- 18. No more than 2 pairs 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", "2025 Little Miss Monroe County Application", "2025 Little Miss Emergency Information", and "Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement". Said documents shall be returned to the Pageant Committee, either postmarked or in person on or before March 31, 2025. **Failure to do so will disqualify you as a contestant.** (Mail or hand-deliver to: 310 S Main Street, 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.

2025 LITTLE MISS MONROE COUNTY PRACTICE SCHEDULE & DEADLINES

ONE EXCUSED ABSENCE ONLY!! It is very important you attend all of the practices, for your benefit as well as the other candidates. **Practices are completed about 8:00pm.** This file will be shown to the judges on the day of the pageant. **ABSENCES WILL BE APPROVED BY PAGEANT COOMMITTEE ONLY.**

Practices will be held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds Commercial Building unless otherwise informed. Parents/Guardians will not be allowed to congregate within the Commercial Building, or immediately outside the doors. We request that you remain on the fairgrounds throughout the course or practice though.

March 8 9:00am

Informational Meeting - PARENTS ONLY!!

Informational Meeting at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Begin search for Sponsor.

BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE (to verify age), MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD (if qualifying based on school), AND PROOF OF

RESIDENCY DOCUMENTATION.
Ten (10) oldest contestants will be selected if more than 10 interested contestants are in attendance.

March 31

<u>Paperwork must be completed, signed and submitted</u> via mail, on or before March 31, 2025.

Mail or hand deliver to: 310 S Main Street, Waterloo, IL 62298.

You will not be photographed unless ALL required paperwork is received and approved, including the \$100 sponsor check(s).

April 6

1:00pm Photos

Little Miss contestants and Queen contestants will be photographed in Waterloo. Please meet at <u>JR Photography</u>, 6239 <u>LL Rd</u>, <u>Waterloo</u>, <u>IL 62298</u>. Little Miss contestants will be photographed individually and as a group. These photos are for the Fair paper and other local publication(s). If you are not available this date your photo will not be included in the official group photo. Please have your hair done. **Wear a cute outfit**, or casual dress, and shoes of your choice - NO rips or tears. NO FLIP FLOPS. Note: solid colors photograph best.

These photographs are subject to General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County.

JR. Photography-Jennifer Rosenkranz 618-458-7333

To: 6239 LL Rd Waterloo, IL 62298-4015 US

Driving Directions from Waterloo

Start out going SOUTH on IL-3 toward Red Bud.

Turn RIGHT onto LL RD. (approx. 6 miles from last stop light in waterloo (market ST))

There is a small power station on the left & there is a sign there that says waterloo sportsmar

There is a small power station on the left & there is a sign there that says waterloo sportsman club to the right.

I am the 5th driveway on the right on LL Road. The house sits back off of LL Road-There is a field of pine trees next to our driveway. Turn right into the driveway we are the first house. You will see the house & at an colored outbuilding the studio is in the tan colored outbuilding. the house # is

on the mailbox & the house. End at 6239 LL Rd Waterloo, IL 62298

Total Estimated Time: approx. 15 minutes from waterloo

Driving Directions from Red Bud

Start out going north on IL-3 toward Waterloo.

Turn left onto LL RD. (approx. 6 miles from 4-way stop sign_in Red Bud

There is a small power station on the right & there is a sign there that says waterloo sportsman

I am the 5th driveway on the right on LL Road. The house sits back off of LL Road-There is a field of pine trees next to our driveway. Turn right into the driveway we are the first house. You will see the house & a tan colored outbuilding the studio is in the tan colored outbuilding. The house # is on the mailbox & the house.

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Total Estimated Time: approx. 15 minutes from Red Bud

June 2 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Practice

Wear: comfortable clothing. / Bring: water bottle

June 16 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Practice

Wear: comfortable clothing. / Bring: water bottle

T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE WITH MONEY!

June 30 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Practice and Ice Cream Social with Queen Contestants!

Wear: comfortable clothing. / Bring: water bottle FAIR FACT MUST BE FULLY MEMORIZED.

July 14 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Practice

Wear: comfortable clothing. / Bring: water bottle

July 19 7:00pm

Dress Rehearsal

Please bring your Pageant shoes only to practice on stage. Wear a dress

to practice in. (Do not wear your pageant outfit.)

July 20 6:30pm

PAGEANT NIGHT! PLEASE BE PROMPT!

Arrive at the backstage area in the Main Arena. Little Miss Contestants should arrive dressed and ready. There are no changing provisions

available.

Once new Little Miss has been crowned, please immediately come get your daughter from behind the stage. Newly crowned Little Miss needs to remain on the Fairgrounds for the Queen Pageant and final photos.

MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN/LITTLE MISS PARADES AND EVENTS 2024 – 2025

For 2025 Queen/Little Miss and Contestants:

Waterloo Porta Westfalica	June 17, 2025	6:00pm (5:00pm line-up)
Red Bud Fireman's Parade	June 29, 2025	4:00pm (3:00pm line-up) - OPTIONAL
Valmeyer 4 th of July Parade	July 6, 2025	1:00pm (12:30pm line-up)

For 2026 Queen/Little Miss:

Columbia Daze	August 23, 2025	4:00pm (3:00pm line-up)
Red Bud Lighted Parade	November 28, 2025	6:30pm (5:00pm line-up)
Valmeyer Lighted Parade & Tree	November 29, 2025	6:30pm (??? line-up)
Lighting (Optional)		
Waterloo GLOW Parade	November 29, 2025	5:30pm (4:30pm line-up)
Columbia Bright Night Lighted Parade	December 6, 2025	5:00pm (4:00pm line-up)
Waterloo Porta Westfalica	June 2026	6:00pm (5:00pm line-up)
Red Bud Fireman's Parade	June 2026	4:00pm (3:00pm line-up) - OPTIONAL
Valmeyer 4 th of July Parade	July 2026	1:00pm (12:30pm line-up)

Suggestions for Optional Events:

Other events may be approved at the discretion of the Pageant Co-Directors

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April 12, 2025	Monroe County Fairgrounds
1 st Sunday in May	Maeystown
July 2025	Columbia Metter Park
Every Saturday in July	Monroe County Fairgrounds
July 3, 2025	Monroe County Fairgrounds
3 rd Sunday in August	Maeystown
August 2025	Monroe County Fairgrounds
September 2025	Columbia Bolm-Schuhkraft Park
September 2025	Monroe County Fairgrounds
October 5, 2025	Columbia Metter Park
2 nd Saturday in October	Waterloo Courthouse Square
2 nd Sunday in October	Maeystown
October 2025	Columbia
October 31, 20245	Waterloo Courthouse Square
November 2025	Hecker Community Center
December 2025	Waterloo
December 2025	Valmeyer
December 2025	Waterloo
Summer 2025	Various
Summer 2025	Waterloo (Saturdays)
	Columbia (Thursdays)
	April 12, 2025 1st Sunday in May July 2025 Every Saturday in July July 3, 2025 3rd Sunday in August August 2025 September 2025 September 2025 October 5, 2025 2nd Saturday in October 2nd Sunday in October October 2025 October 31, 20245 November 2025 December 2025 December 2025 December 2025 Summer 2025

2025 Little Miss Monroe County Application

Disclaimer: The information, as presented on this form, is what will be provided to the local newspapers. The Fair Board, Pageant Co-Directors, and/or Pageant Committee cannot be held responsible for errors in the newspapers or the information you provide.

* Inc	licates required question
1.	Contact Email
2	Contestant Name
2.	Contestant Name
3.	Contestant Age (as of the day of the pageant)

Sponsors			
Hometown			
Height			

3.	Hair Color
	Eye Color
0.	School Little Miss Contestant Will Attend in Fall of 2025
1.	Grade in School in Fall of 2025

12.	Brothers or Sisters, Names and Ages (Please specify if male or female)
13.	Pets
14.	Hobbies and Interests
15.	Activities, Community Service, Or Personal Information (In School or Out of Scho

10.	electronic signature on this form.	name in this box, this proves as your
17.	Date *	
	Example: January 7, 2019	

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2025 Little Miss Monroe County Emergency Form

Please ensure information provided is accurate and up to date in case of emergency.

1.	Contact Email
2.	Contestant Name
3.	Birth Date
	Example: January 7, 2019
4.	Home Address, City, State, Zip Code

Primary Contact Number & Relation to Contestant
Example: 888-555-1234 (mother cell)
Other Contact Number & Relation to Contestant
Example: 888-555-1234 (mother cell)
Other Contact Number & Relation to Contestant
Example: 888-555-1234 (mother cell)

8.	In case of an emergency & the above numbers cannot be reached, I give permission for the fair authorities to: (please check all that apply)
	Check all that apply.
	The Fair Authorities have my permission to take my child to the doctor and receive medical treatment as indicated.
	The Fair Authorities may take my child to an area trauma center or hospital.
	The Fair Authorities may call an ambulance to transport my child to an area trauma center or hospital.
	Hospital or trauma center officials may treat my child.
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9.	Child's preferred doctor and contact number
10.	Child's preferred hospital/trauma center and contact number

for your child				
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LITTLE MISS MONROE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS

	, as parent/guardian of
	, a contestant in the Little Miss Monroe
County	Fair Queen Pageant, acknowledges receipt of the following documents:
1.	2025 General Rules for Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen
2.	2025 Little Miss Monroe County Fair Queen Practice Scheduled and Deadlines
3.	Monroe County Fair Queen/Little Miss Parades and Events 2025-2026
4.	2025 Little Miss Application
5.	2025 Little Miss Emergency Information
6.	Monroe County Fair Association Indemnity Agreement
Signati	ure

Date

MONROE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

as Participant's Parents and Natural Guardians



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Become a Sponsor of the 2025 Monroe County Fair Queen and Little Miss Pageants!



BLUE RIBBON

\$150 Sponsorship

RED RIBBON

\$100 Sponsorship

WHITE RIBBON

\$50 Sponsorship

Contact Us Today! Phone: 618-841-3676

Email: mocoilpageantdirector@gmail.com Social Media: @missmonroecountyfair

What do I get as a sponsor?

As a sponsor of the 2025 pageant, you will be helping support all contestants throughout their practices and competition, as well as the new queens throughout their reign.

You also get the following:

- Business name listed on banners during parades, pageant night, on the Queens' gator, and on a banner hung near the office for all of Fair Week (Crown Level sponsors get their business logo on the banners)
- Social Media shoutouts throughout the year
- Feature in the local paper
- Listed in the Program on pageant night and verbal mention during the Pageant
- Listed as a Pageant Sponsor in the 2025
 Fair Book

DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2025