

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get more information about the pageant?

- Send us a message on Facebook or reach out to Pageant Co-Directors Amanda Klein and Leanna Stechmesser.
- Be on the lookout for the informational meeting held every year in either March or April. Ads notifying the public about the informational meeting will be published on Facebook and in the Independent and Republic-Times newspapers.

How do I sign up to compete in the pageant?

- Attend the informational meeting held every year in either March or April.
- No entries will be accepted until AFTER the informational meeting.

Who is eligible to compete in the pageant?

- Contestants must be U.S. citizens living in Monroe County or with their permanent legal 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.
- Contestants shall be natural-born females.
- Queen contestants must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled, and never have been pregnant.
- A former Little Miss or Queen may not compete. A former contestant or Runner-Up may compete.

How old do you have to be to run in the pageant?

- Little Miss Contestants must be natural born females ages 6, 7, or 8 (*for the 2021 Pageant only*) as of the day of the pageant with a birth certificate (or other legal document) to prove age.
- 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.

How many contestants are allowed to compete?

- 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 March 20, 2021. If less than 10 potential candidates attend the March 20, 2021 meeting, the available spots will be filled on a first come, first-served basis after contacting Pageant Co-Directors **by e-mail only** at MoColPageantDirector@gmail.com (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.

How is the pageant scored?

- Little Miss is judged on: Interview with Queen on stage (based on biography submitted); Speech and Communication; Beauty & Poise; Stage Presence; Facial Expression and Charm.
- Queen is judged on: Private Interview (30%); Beauty & Physique (15%); Stage Presence (15%); Speech and Communication Skills (20%); Extemporaneous Questions on Stage (20%)

What type of outfits are required?

- Little Miss contestants will only wear one dress and may not wear full length dresses/evening gowns or dresses with trains. Dresses should also not be so short that the Judges can see undergarments.
- Queen contestants are required to wear a business suit, one-piece solid-color swimsuit, and an evening gown. Queen contestants are also required to wear taupe heels. Specifics on outfit requirements will be provided at the first practice, or upon request.