

**2021 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 a Counter. This person will NOT be a judge and could be a person from the local area. The Counter will see that all ballots are counted twice to ensure accuracy. The Counter will also provide the backstage security person to give to Emcee the envelopes with the names of the new Queen, the First Runner up, the 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", "Expectations of the Fair Queen", "Biography and Emergency Consent Form", "General Rules for Monroe County Fair Queen", "Parades-Social Events List" 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 6, 2021. Failure to do so will disqualify you as a contestant. (Mail to: 5950 State Route 3, Waterloo, IL 62298)
  
- 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. Contestants will not be Photographed and their information 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, July 18, 2021. Queen crowned cannot have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18, 25, 2021 for fair events as designated in "Practice Schedule and Deadlines" and will also be available for parades or other social events as indicated on "Parades- Social Events" list. Absences will ONLY be excused by the Pageant Co-Director(s).
- 10 Contestants must be U.S. citizens living in Monroe County or with a permanent legal 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 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 Co-Directors. The chaperone may also be one of the Pageant Co-Directors or Pageant Committee member. A boyfriend or fiance' will not per allowed to serve as the Chaperone.
- 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 CO-DIRECTORS ONLY.**
- 20 **A file will be kept of practice attendance and the speech and clothing deadlines. 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 Co-Director(s) by the set dates and are not allowed to change after approval. (See 2021 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 on or around November 1; the third will be received during competition at State Pageant in January 2022; the fourth will be paid on-stage at County Fair Pageant 2022 at the conclusion of 2021 Queen reign. Failure to participate in the State Pageant in 2022 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 2021.
- 24 In the event the crowned Queen is not able to attend the State Queen competition in January 2022, 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.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 Co-Directors and/or Fair Pageant Committee cannot be held responsible for errors in the newspapers.
- 28 The family of the 2021 Monroe County Fair Queen may choose to attend the State Pageant in January 2022. 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 2022 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 Amanda Klein, Pageant Co-Director. She will, in turn, present this to the Monroe County Fair Board for qualifying reimbursement.
- 29 The Monroe County Fair Board pays the cost of the 2021 Monroe County Fair Queen’s room at the State Pageant in January, 2022. That room is for Queen and Pageant Co-Director(s) and/or committee members. It will not be lodging for any family member/friend of the Queen. A professional hairdresser/makeup artist may also lodge in the Queen’s room.

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

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Signature(s) of Parent (Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_