



Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant

Official Rules, Regulations & Contract

To participate in the 2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant, including the rules, guidelines and limitations for contestants that will be applicable to her activities during her year of service if she is selected for the position of 2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen.

1. CONTESTANT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- a. It is extremely important that the Contestant arrives on time to all practices and events. Attendance will be taken at the scheduled start time. Attendance sheets will be provided to judges.
- b. If the Contestant knows she will be absent or tardy in advance, she is to notify the Pageant Director of her intentions. Advanced notice of at least two (2) hours is considered excused. Emergencies also constitute an excused absence.
- c. With two (2) unexcused absences, the Contestant and Pageant Director will need to discuss the Contestant's commitment to the pageant. We will work with any and all Contestants regarding necessary absences as long as we are kept informed of those dates and reasons. If you have concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Pageant Director for further discussion.

2. PREREQUISITES

- a. Contestant is a United States citizen and a resident of Sangamon County, Illinois for at least 6 months prior to June 12th, 2024.
- b. Contestant must have been born a female and have always been a female.
- c. Contestant must be a minimum age of 16 years of age by June 12th, 2024 and cannot have reached her 22nd birthday before January 1, 2025.
- d. Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled. Contestant can never have been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
- e. Contestant must have a current driver's license. Contestant must not be on probation, incarcerated or have been convicted of a felony offense.
- f. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate
- g. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to cease representing herself using the current title and only represent the Sangamon County Fair should she be crowned Miss Sangamon County Fair.
 - i. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must notify the Sangamon County Pageant Director and agree to the above statement, signing a form confirming her intention to solely represent the Sangamon County Fair in the event she is named our 2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen.
- h. The contestant is not now, nor has ever been a professional model. Having attended a modeling school does not classify one as a professional.
- i. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is final.

3. DUTIES

- a. The 2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen will mandatorily serve as the hostess of the Sangamon County Fair which is June 12th through June 16th, 2024.
 - i. The newly selected Queen **MUST** be able to be present at the fair each day of its duration during all daily events. The Queen will attend all required events at the Sangamon County Fair unless given express permission to do otherwise by the Pageant Director.
- b. The 2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen will mandatorily represent Sangamon County at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant to be held January __ through__ 2025.
 - i. The will be chaperoned for the entire Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant weekend by crew members of the Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant.
 - ii. Chaperoning the Queen includes the overnight stays at the Crowne Plaza from January __ through __, 2025. Parents, siblings, or friends etc. are not allowed to stay in the queen's hotel room.
 - iii. During the week of the state pageant, the queen understands the director is her sole chaperone and will not leave without the director unless verbal permission is given.
 - iv. The queen agrees that her Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant wardrobe will be finalized and approved by the pageant director on or before December 31st, 2024.
 1. Wardrobe will not be provided by the Sangamon County Fair.
 - v. The queen agrees to have official pictures taken for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant by the photographer sponsor, unless otherwise communicated to the Pageant Director.

4. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and or providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials, or photographs on the internet/websites including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Tik-Tok or Personal Blogs.
 - i. It is at the discretion of the Pageant Director to determine what is inappropriate.
- b. The Pageant Director will be given access to the Queen's social media and has the right to ask the Queen to remove herself from all social media for the duration of her reign, although this is not a common practice.
- c. The Pageant Director may also ask the Queen to remove any inappropriate content in lieu of removing social media completely.
- d. Failure to do so if asked would result in the Queen forfeiting the title of Miss Sangamon County and all prizes and gifts received.

5. BEHAVIOR AND CHARACTER

- a. Agrees to cover all visible tattoos with cosmetics or a band-aid for dress rehearsal, competition and any time representing as Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen.
- b. Hair must be a natural shade (blonde, brown, black, red, auburn, etc.) with no purple, pink, blue, green etc.
- c. Visible body piercings will be limited to only the ear and only one earring in each ear lobe on pageant day. Nothing else is acceptable during interviews or competition.
- d. The Queen will refrain from smoking and/or vaping while representing the Sangamon County Fair at any function and including the weekend of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.
- e. The Queen will not consume alcoholic beverages while representing the Sangamon County Fair, including, but not limited to her time spent on the fairgrounds and including the weekend of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. The Queen, regardless of age, will not be permitted to consume alcohol WITH or WITHOUT her crown during the fair. The Queen shall obey all laws

regarding alcohol consumption. Illegal consumption of alcohol and/or drug use of any kind could result in the forfeiture of her title and all prizes awarded.

- f. The Queen must maintain appropriate personal grooming (as determined by the Pageant Director) at all times when in public. Her wardrobe must be appropriate as per the Pageant guidelines and in a pressed and clean condition at all times.
- g. Throughout the year of the Queen's reign, she will conduct herself in an appropriate manner at all times, both with and without her crown. The Queen is to be truthful, respectful, cooperative, punctual and communicate in a timely fashion with the Pageant Director, crew members and all county fair representatives she comes into contact with including during the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant weekend. The Queen is under obligation to present herself in a self-respectful manner at all times throughout her year as Queen, even when not officially representing Sangamon County.
- h. The Queen will represent the Sangamon County Fair at as many other area pageants and functions as possible. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or a pageant crew member when she is representing the Sangamon County Fair. The Queen may be chaperoned by another adult other than the Pageant Director ONLY with prior approval from the Pageant Director. The 2023 Queen will assist in chaperoning (if available) the newly selected 2024 Queen throughout the week of the fair.
- i. The Queen may not compete for any other title except for Miss Illinois County Fair.
- j. The Queen shall send written thank you notes to all donors and sponsors on the list provided to her by the Pageant Director within a reasonable time frame as deemed by the Pageant Director. The Queen is also required to send thank you notes to all (including crew) who are involved in her Miss Illinois County Fair Queen experience, including but not limited to, those who have given of their time, given gifts and/or sent flowers. Thank you notes are good etiquette but also serve as good will toward all who donate, sponsor or otherwise provide and care for our pageant and our queen. Good public relations are an important part of being Miss Sangamon County Fair.
- k. Parents and family of the Queen are welcome to be present for any and all events where the public is permitted. Parents and family must have the understanding that while the Queen is performing official duties, the Pageant Director and/or crew members present will have authority regarding the Queen and details of her duties. This includes the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant weekend where it is imperative that the Pageant Director and crew are the Queen's chaperones until the weekend is complete
- l. All personal appearances, photographic sessions, and picture releases as Miss Sangamon County Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director. The Queen may not set up or designate anyone else to arrange her personal appearances as Miss Sangamon County Fair 2024, including parents or family members.

6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- a. Any misconduct brought to the Pageant Directors' or Fair Board's attention will result in a written warning; any such behavior after that warning may result in being stripped of the prestigious title.
- b. Any conviction of crime or definitive proof of illegal misconduct will result in her losing her title immediately.
- c. In case of marriage, or for any reason being unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning queen for the entire year, she agrees to immediately relinquish the title and all privileges to said title (including crown, sashes, trophy, and prizes not yet awarded by that date) and to be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up.

--Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant Contestant agrees to abide by the rules of the Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant and Miss Illinois County Fair Queen now in effect or as hereafter announced. –

~Issues with compliance in any of the above areas will be addressed with the intent of providing a better understanding of the rules and guidelines set forth.

~The Queen agrees to meet with the Pageant Director and/or the board the morning following the pageant to sign a copy of these rules which will serve as her contract with the Sangamon County Fair throughout her year of service.

~If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties, or violates any of the above-mentioned rules, she will relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed herewith, and that I am complying with them in every way and that the personal data provided to the pageant director is true and correct.

Pageant Entrant Signed _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signed _____ Date _____

2024 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen _____ Date: June 12, 2024

Pageant Director _____ Date _____

Fair Board Member _____ Date _____

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