

Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant **General Rules**

1. To participate in the Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant 2018, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the 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 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen.

2. Contestant must have been born a female and have always been a female. Contestant is a U.S. citizen and has been a resident of Sangamon County, Illinois for at least 6 months prior to June 12, 2018.

3. Contestant must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2019.

4. Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled. Contestant can never have been pregnant. Is not the adoptive parent of a child.

5. Contestant must have a current drivers license. Contestant must not be on probation, incarcerated or convicted of a felony offense.

6. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.

7. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to cease representing herself using the first title and only represent the Sangamon County Fair should she be crowned Miss Sangamon County Fair. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must notify the Sangamon County pageant director and agree to the above statement and sign a form confirming her intention to solely represent the Sangamon County Fair should she become Miss Sangamon County Fair. Please ask if there is any confusion.

8. The Contestant is not now, a professional model, nor has ever been a professional model. Professional models are not eligible. However, having attended a charm or modeling school does not classify one as a professional.

9. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and or providing or having knowledge **of inappropriate language, materials or photographs** on internet/web sites including but not limited to **Face Book, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter or Personal Blogs.**

10. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL. Interviews will require a suit or business dress with sleeves (no cap sleeves). No slacks. Evening pageant attire will consist of the contestant appearing in a production number dress (TBD), swimsuit, and floor length formal evening gown for competition. Swimsuit must be one-piece solid color, no low bodices, no side cut-outs and cannot have leg openings above the hipbone (hipbones must be covered). **ALL CLOTHING MUST BE APPROVED by Pageant Director prior to dress rehearsal.**

The Contestant agrees to cover all visible tattoos with cosmetics or a band-aid for competition. 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.

Hair must be a natural shade (blonde, brown, black, red, auburn, etc.) no purple, pink, blue, green, etc. Please ask if there is any confusion.

11. ATTENDANCE POLICY: It is extremely important that the Contestant arrives on time to all practices and events. Attendance will be taken at the scheduled start time. If the Contestant knows she will be absent or tardy in advance, she is to notify the Pageant Director of her intentions. Advance notice of at least 2 hours is considered excused. However, if the Contestant does not give advanced notice about being late or absent for any reason, other than an emergency, it is considered unexcused. With 2 unexcused absences or tardies, the Contestant and Pageant Directors will sit down to discuss the Contestant's attendance and commitment to the pageant.

12. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected Queen:

The new 2018 Queen will serve as the hostess of the Sangamon County Fair, which is June 12th through 17th so she must be able to be present at the fair for its' duration. The Queen will represent Sangamon County at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant to be held January 17-20, 2019. These two events are mandatory for the Queen.

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 will refrain from smoking while representing the Sangamon County Fair at any function and including the weekend of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. Throughout the year of the Queen's reign she will conduct herself in an appropriate manner. The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant which will be held in Springfield in January of 2019.

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. This includes obeying 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.

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 2017 Queen will assist if available in chaperoning the newly selected 2018 Queen throughout the week of the fair so as to guide and assist in various areas and events.

All personal appearances as Miss Sangamon County Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director, as well as photographic sessions and picture releases as Miss Sangamon County Fair. The Queen may not set up or designate someone else to set up her personal appearances as Miss Sangamon County Fair 2018.

The new 2018 Queen must maintain immaculate personal grooming at all times when in public and her wardrobe must be in a pressed and clean condition at all times. The Queen needs to be respectful, cooperative, punctual and communicate in a timely fashion with the Pageant Director and/or Assistant Director.

If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties, or violates any rules set forth in the guidelines, she will immediately 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.

The newly selected Queen agrees to meet with the pageant director and or board the morning after 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.

2018 Sangamon Co. Fair Queen: _____

Pageant Director: _____