



**Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant**  
**Official Rules, Regulations & Contract**

To participate in the **2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant**, each contestant must understand and agree to the requirements, rules, and responsibilities of the competition. If selected as the **2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen**, the contestant acknowledges and accepts all guidelines that will apply throughout her reign.

**I. CONTESTANT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- A. Contestants must be punctual and present for all scheduled practices and events. Attendance will be recorded at the designated start time.
- B. If a contestant anticipates being late or absent, she must notify the Pageant Director **at least two (2) hours in advance**. Emergencies will be considered excused absences.
- C. If a contestant accumulates **two (2) unexcused absences**, she must meet with the Pageant Director to discuss her commitment to the competition. The pageant team will make reasonable accommodations for necessary absences if communicated properly.

**II. CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Contestants must be **U.S. citizens** and residents of **Sangamon County, Illinois, for at least six (6) months** prior to June 10, 2026.
- B. Contestants must be **female** as recognized on their official government-issued identification.
- C. Contestants must be at least **16 years old by June 10, 2026**, and must not turn **22 years old before January 1, 2027**.
- D. Contestants must be **single, never married, and have never had a marriage annulled**. Additionally, contestants must **never have been pregnant and may not be the adoptive parent of a child**.
- E. Contestants must possess a **valid driver's license** and must not be on probation, incarcerated, or have been convicted of a felony offense.
- F. Past winners of the **Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen title** who have competed in the **Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant** are ineligible to participate.
- G. Contestants holding **another pageant title** at the time of competition must agree to relinquish that title immediately if crowned Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen. A signed statement confirming this agreement will be required.
- H. Contestants must not be professional models. Attending a modeling school does not constitute professional modeling.

- I. Contestants must participate in a personal interview with the judges. All decisions made by the judges are final.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES OF THE QUEEN**

- A. The 2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen will serve as the official hostess for the **Sangamon County Fair from June 10–14, 2026**, attending all required events unless excused by the Pageant Director.
  1. 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 permission to do otherwise by the Pageant Director.
- B. The 2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen will mandatorily represent the Sangamon County Fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant to be held January \_\_\_ through \_\_\_ 2027. (Dates TBD).
  1. The 2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen will be chaperoned for the entire Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant weekend by only crew members of the Sangamon County Fair Queen Pageant.
  2. Chaperoning the Queen includes overnight stays at the Crowne Plaza from January \_\_ through \_\_, 2027. (Dates TBD). Parents, siblings, friends etc. are not allowed to stay in the queen's hotel room.
  3. 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.
  4. The queen agrees that her Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant wardrobe will be finalized and approved by the pageant director on or before November 30th, 2026.
    1. Wardrobe will not be provided by the Sangamon County Fair.
  5. The queen agrees to have official pictures taken for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant by the photography sponsor, unless otherwise communicated by the pageant director.

### **IV. SOCIAL MEDIA & PUBLIC IMAGE**

- 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.
  1. 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.
  1. Failure to do so if asked would result in the Queen forfeiting the title of Miss Sangamon County Fair and all prizes and gifts received.

## V. **PERSONAL CONDUCT & APPEARANCE**

- 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 the Sangamon County Fair.
- 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 2025 Queen will assist in chaperoning (if available) the newly selected 2026 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 is 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.
  - 1. 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 sole 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 2026, including parents or family members.

## **VI. DISCIPLINARY ACTION & TITLE FORFEITURE**

- 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.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT**

*--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 (under 18) Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2026 Miss Sangamon County Fair Queen \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 10, 2026

Pageant Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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