

**OFFICIAL RULES
FOR
MISS McHENRY COUNTY QUEEN PAGEANT 2011
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1. A candidate must reside in McHenry County or she can not compete in the pageant.
2. Female candidates are invited to enter the Miss McHenry County Pageant to be held on August 3rd as a feature of the 2011 McHenry County Fair. The Queen must be available to participate in fair events from August 3rd – August 7th.
3. The winner will represent the McHenry County Fair Association in the 2012 Miss Illinois County Fair Contest January 12–16th, 2012. The winner must be available to fulfill her obligation, The McHenry County Fair Association with the exception of clothes, shoes, make-up and hair stylist will pay for her expenses to the State contest. The candidate will be accompanied during this time by a chaperone provided by the McHenry County Fair Association.
4. Entries must be received by June 2, 2011, or delivered in person to Linda Zielinski, 11002 Janice Drive, Huntley, IL 60142.
5. Entries in the Miss McHenry Contest must be sponsored by a local community organization, business, or service organization.
6. Each entry form must be accompanied with a \$125.00 entry fee, made payable to the **Miss McHenry County Contest**.
7. The Candidate must be an U.S. citizen between the ages of 16-21 years of age, single, never married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled, cannot have a child or be pregnant, and be a resident of McHenry County for at least (6) months before the contest deadline. Girls must be (16) years old by August 3, 2011 and not be twenty-two (22) before January 12, 2012.
8. If Miss McHenry County marries during her reign, or for any reason is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Miss McHenry County for the full term she is chosen, she will immediately relinquish her title, scholarship, crown, banner, trophy, and all prizes awarded to her, as Miss McHenry County 2011. She will be succeeded for the remainder of that term by the next eligible runner-up.
9. A Candidate can never have been or be convicted of a felony.
10. Professional models are eligible to enter the contest. It is also acceptable if she attends a modeling or charm school.
11. Candidates will not be allowed to smoke in public or be seen in bars where liquor is sold.

12. No wigs are allowed. Hairpieces may be worn if chosen prudently. Any contestant planning to wear a hairpiece must have it approved by the pageant director.
13. Judging will take place in swimsuit and formal. Judging will be based as follows: interviews-35 points; stage presence-20 points; beauty of the face and physical condition-20 points; speech and communication-25 points.
14. The interview will take place August 3, 2011, the day of the pageant. This is a required part of the judging.
15. Swimsuits and formals: swimsuits must be solid in color, one piece, and have a built in bra. The leg may extend to the hipbone but not above and can not be tank in style. The formal must be floor length.
16. Candidate agrees the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging a contest shall be solely within the discretion of the pageant officials and the decisions of the judges are final. The judges will choose a winner and four runners-up. Prizes will be offered in addition to the right to compete in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.
17. Any person who has held the title of Miss McHenry County or who has served as a County Fair Queen in any other county is not eligible to enter the Miss McHenry County Pageant. Previous Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant participants are not eligible to compete a second time in a Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.
18. Miss McHenry County 2011 agrees to participate in functions which may arise in connection with the McHenry County Fair's activities or on behalf of the Fair during the year. These activities shall take precedence over other personal appearances. During the fair she will present trophies and ribbons, "milk a cow or goat", visit the barns, and attend other fair functions. At fair events, the Queen will be chaperoned by a committee member. No friends or family may accompany the Queen at this time. Since this is a county fair, the Queen will have obligations dealing directly with animals. If the candidate has any known allergies or fear of animals, this may not be a contest she would want to enter.
19. Miss McHenry County 2011 agrees not to enter any other pageant during her reign. All personal appearances, photographic sessions, and photographic releases must be approved in advance by the pageant director.
20. Entrants agree to abide by the rules of the County and State contests now in effect and as they may hereafter be announced for the good of ensuing pageants. Each candidate will sign a statement agreeing to full cooperation and responsible participation in scheduled events in conjunction with the County Pageant. Tabulation will be kept on each candidate's cooperation and efforts in this matter for the judges to use in the overall scoring of the competition.

21. Local sponsors must inform their candidates of these rules and of the obligations incurred as Miss McHenry County, such as, but not all-inclusive: attending all practices starting at 6:30 pm and continuing until the session is over; appearing at the 2011 Miss McHenry County Fair, representing the County Fair at certain public functions, taking part in activities to promote the 2011 Fair; attending the Appreciation Dinner held in the fall of 2011 and attending McHenry County Fair promotional activities.
22. The McHenry County Fair Association will award a \$2,000.00 scholarship to Miss McHenry County 2011. First runner up will receive a \$750 scholarship and second runner-up will receive a \$250 scholarship. The allocation of funds for the scholarships will be paid by the Fair Association directly to the college or vocational training program chosen by the winners. Contact the Fair Office (815)338-5315 for details.

IMPORTANT: The entry fee of \$125 is due on or before June 2, 2011. Make check payable to the Miss McHenry County Contest. Send payment and entry form to:
Linda Zielinski
11002 Janice Drive
Huntley, IL 60142

The first meeting for the Miss McHenry County candidates is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm in Building D at the fairgrounds in Woodstock. This is an orientation for queen candidates and includes important instructions. Attendance is required for all candidates. Parents are invited to attend.

Candidates are to bring the completed application to the meeting on June 16, 2011.

The application and entry forms can be found online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com. DO NOT alter the format of the application.

Any questions, please contact Linda Zielinski at 847-669-5980.