



OFFICIAL RULES / ENTRY
MISS DIVISION
MISS MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANTS 2019
PAGEANT DIRECTOR: Lovena Hunter 815-347-0561

Female contestants are invited to enter the Miss McHenry County Fair Pageant to be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, as a feature of the 2019 McHenry County Fair. The Queen must be available to participate in fair events from July 31st – August 4th. Please read the following rules and information prior to submitting your entry form attached on the last page. The Miss entry fee is \$150. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Late entries will be accepted after this date and up to our first meeting with a \$25 additional late fee. Our first Welcome Meeting / Practice is June 19, 2019 at 6pm Building D at the Fairgrounds. Doors will be open at 5pm for contestant paperwork to be turned in. We will start promptly at 6pm. Contestants Parents and directors are welcome.

The contestant must be:

- A U.S citizen between 16-21 years of age by pageant date in the year participating. Must not be 22 before January 1, 2019. **(Present copy of Birth Certificate or Driver's License at Welcome Meeting)**
- Be single, never married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled, cannot have a child, be pregnant, can never have been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
- Must be a resident of McHenry County for at least (6) months prior to the pageant deadline and remain a resident throughout the pageant process and her reign as Queen. She must be able and willing to show legal proof of address at any time immediately upon request. **(Present 3 forms of Proof of Residency at Welcome Meeting)**
- Was born female and have always been a female.
- Must never have been or be convicted of a felony.
- Able to abide by all the rules of the pageant
- Follow the advice and direction of the Pageant Director
- Attend all rehearsals and interviews.
- Behave always in a manner becoming of a queen with and without the crown and sash
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout and after the competition

Contestants will not be allowed to smoke in public or be seen/photographed in bars where liquor is sold. Restaurants where food is served is acceptable. It is acceptable for Contestants to work in a restaurant where alcohol is served.

If you are a town titleholder and win the title of Miss McHenry County you must refrain from wearing your town crown and sash moving forward. If you do not win, you must refrain from wearing your town crown and sash to the fair except on the designated Day of Royalty unless otherwise authorized or invited by the pageant director.

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, sash, trophy, and all prizes awarded to her by sponsors, the fair or the committee, as Miss McHenry County. She will be asked to remove all forms of social media posts, comments and pictures in crown and sash and refrain from future posting of such. She will be succeeded for the remainder of that term by the next eligible runner-up.

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 Fair Pageant. Previous Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant participants are not eligible to compete a second time in a Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.

Miss McHenry County 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 the fair or any other events unless otherwise specified.** Since this is a County Fair, the Queen will have obligations dealing directly with animals. If the contestant has any known allergies or fear of animals, please consider and take the necessary precautions before entering.

There will be mandatory appearances for the Queen. Please reference the 2019-2020 calendar to preview these events. The queen must be able to fulfill the 2019-2020 scheduled obligations to the best of her ability.

Entries in the Miss McHenry County Fair Pageants may be sponsored by parents, a local community organization, business, or service organization.

JUDGING FOR MISS

There will be a panel of qualified men and women who are genuinely interested in you. They are serious, yet fun-loving people. They want to enjoy this experience as much as you. Be yourself!

Each category carries a percentage of the total score. Each category is judged and scored independently from all other categories.

- Personal Interview = 35 points
- Speech and Communication = 25 points
- Lifestyle & Fitness = 20 points
- Evening Gown = 20 points
 - Total = 100 points to get to the Top 5 Contestants
- On-Stage Questions = 10 points (**TOP 5 CONTESTANTS ONLY IF THERE ARE 7 OR MORE CONTESTANTS**)
 - There will be 2 questions.
 - Total 110 points possible per judge. New Queen will have the highest score overall, ranking highest to lowest score.

Interviews will take place on the day of the pageant, earlier in the day at the Farm Bureau Building (Times TBA). This is a required part of the judging. The interview will last 4 minutes. There are no wrong answers. The judges will be especially interested in your mental alertness, sincerity, and general knowledge. You will be seated across from the panel. Be aware of your appearance, vocabulary & manners. Each contestant should find a business suit or dress for the interview process. Check to be certain your clothing fits correctly when seated and your skirt is not too tight or short. After interviews a light meal will be served. Bring extra clothes to change into.

Lifestyle & Fitness you will wear “coordinating” athletic wear and clean tennis shoes for this portion of the pageant. This is scored on Health and Wellness as well as confidence on stage.

Speech & Communication is a speech of no more than 60 seconds in length. Your subject may be any event, any person, or anything that is important to you, as long as it is not immoral, political or controversial. Topic should be appropriate for all age levels. Something you know well and are comfortable speaking on. No props, poems, or singing is permitted. It is imperative that you memorize your speech and that you do not go over the 60 second mark. Points may be deducted for going over in time. You will wear your interview outfit on stage for this portion of the pageant. Contestants may decide to wear two different dresses for Interview and Speeches.

Evening Gown is a competition designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality, gracefully moving with poise and confidence. Choose an Evening Gown that reflects your own individual style. You will see a wide variety of gowns-partially beaded-chiffon with fuller skirts- halter style with straight skirt- fully sequined and beaded, with trains and without. Make sure to practice in your gown, including short flights of steps and simple pivots. Choose one in your best color that compliments you and makes you feel like a queen; but follow these guidelines:

- It must be floor length and should lightly touch the floor (with heels on).
- Splits in skirts should be no further than 4 inches above the top of the knee.
- Open backed dresses must stop at your natural waistline.
- Hi Low dresses, cutouts, sheer fabrics, extreme cleavage, shawls, wraps and gloves are **not** allowed.
- Choose accessories to enhance your look, not overwhelm you.
- **DO NOT** wear powder or lotion that has glitter in it.
- Heels should have a back and a heel in an appropriate height to allow you to walk with grace and poise.
- Two Pieces are permitted at our County at the pageant director's discretion , but not at State Pageant.

Contestants understands the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging a pageant 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 (only with 7 or more contestants).

GENERAL ATTIRE

Here are a few general guidelines for clothing:

- When in Doubt always ask your pageant director.
- Consider age and always choose clothing that fits correctly and makes you feel great.
- Check hems on skirts to see that the skirt isn't too short when you sit down and that it is straight all the way around. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 2" above the knee
- Make sure blouses and jackets can button without gaps.
- All shirts must be full length, no crop shirts.
- Make certain to try everything on at least the week before the pageant.
- Heels should have a back and a heel in an appropriate height to allow you to walk with grace and poise.

Remember, the Pageant, in essence, is a job interview, and you need to "dress the part". As you make your clothing selections they should fit the description of "classy", "elegant"& "stylish".

ALL CLOTHING AND JEWELRY MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR.
IT IS MANDATORY TO HAVE YOUR PAGEANT HEELS and INTERVIEW RESUME AT ALL PRACTICES.

The Fair Association, Miss McHenry County Fair Pageants, Pageant Director and its committee members are not responsible for lost or stolen articles or money. Please make sure all articles of clothing and accessories are labeled with your name. Contestants are permitted to bring **one labeled Dress Bag and a Sterilite 58 QT Clear Bin with a lid** to hold all belongings on pageant day.

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT NAME ON LID AND ALL SIDES OF YOUR BINS!

Any personal articles, i.e. makeup, clothing, tapes, etc. that are left at Farm Bureau or in dressing area's after the pageant will be held for **ONLY** 14 days.

MAKEUP & HAIR

Different portions of competition require different approaches to make-up and hair.

Please follow the tips below:

- During your interview, you should look natural with classic makeup to enhance your features. You will need more color during the stage portion of the pageant as the lights **will** wash you out. Neutral colors are recommended. Eyelash extension may be worn and are highly encouraged on stage.
- Don't forget to do your nails. Neutral, clear, french or nude is best.
- Hair should always be kept out of your eyes but this does not necessitate an evening updo. Choose a style that is simple, neat and professional during interview. Your final appearance on stage will be in your evening gown. You should style your hair in a way that works with your dress and makes you feel like a queen! What do you want your crowning moment to look like? Hair extensions may be worn throughout the pageant but should look natural. Please check with directors if in question.
- We strongly encourage you to schedule your hair and makeup appointments with our amazing sponsors at **Bella Beauty Boutique** located in Woodstock. Special rates will be offered and time slots will be first come first serve.

*Professional Stylists, parents and friends can not help you on Pageant day after check-in.

We strongly encourage a helping hand among contestants on pageant day.

TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS

On Pageant Day and at all events following crowning all visible tattoos must be covered with cosmetics and piercings are limited to one pair of earrings. All other body piercings/jewelry are prohibited, this includes but is not limited to tongue, navel and nose piercings. Queen will not be allowed to attend any event or gathering in crown and sash with visible tattoos or piercings as prohibited above. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the queen being sent home.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Cell phones are not allowed in to be used the dressing room and cannot be used by contestants during rehearsals.

No parents or friends will be allowed to attend any of the practices. No one other than contestants and committee members/volunteers are allowed in the dressing rooms during the day of the pageant.

During the final dress rehearsal you will select Miss Congeniality.

Miss Photogenic will be chosen by our professional photographer; Laura Baker with Laura Baker Photography.

As Miss McHenry County you agree not to enter any other pageant during your reign. All personal appearances, photographic sessions, and photographic releases **must be approved in advance by the pageant director.**

Contestants/Queen agree to abide by the above rules of the McHenry County Fair Pageants and the Miss Illinois County Fair State Pageant now in effect and as they may hereafter be announced for the good of ensuing pageants. By signing the entry form, each contestant is agreeing to full cooperation and responsible participation in scheduled events in conjunction with the Miss McHenry County Fair Pageants.

Contestants are expected to attend all practices starting at the scheduled time and continuing until the session is over.

- ❖ **Contestants must notify the Pageant Director at least 2 hours before the scheduled session if they will be late, or are unable to attend any scheduled practices.**
- ❖ **Because of the amount of material covered in each practice if a contestant misses more than one practice, she will be automatically disqualified, unless otherwise excused by the pageant director. If you do not call, it will be considered a missed session and disqualification.**
- ❖ **A calendar is attached for review before submitting your entry form.**

The entry form attached and fee for MISS is \$150.00 and is due on or before Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Late entries will be accepted after this date and up to our first meeting with a \$25 additional late fee.

Make check payable to the McHenry County Fair Association.

You may send your entry and payment two ways:

MAIL

(for those paying with check)

McHenry County Fair Association
C/O Lovena Hunter, Pageant Director
PO BOX 375, Woodstock, IL 60098

DROP OFF

(for those paying with check or credit card)

Fair Office at 12015 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098
DO NOT MAIL TO THIS ADDRESS!

Please contact Pageant Director, Lovena Hunter at 815-347-0561, with any questions that arise.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The McHenry County Fair Association will award a guaranteed scholarship of \$1500 with the potential of up to \$2000.00 to the Queen should she finish in the top 15 at her State Pageant, 1st Runner-up will receive a \$750.00 scholarship and the 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$250.00 scholarship.

Educational Scholarship Terms: Winner must provide a scholarship request form provided by the pageant director, proof of registration, copy of transcripts and a bill from the college or vocational training program. Scholarship money will be issued for a full-time student upon proof of minimum of "C" average, after the first semester of college. The allocation of funds for the scholarships will be paid by the Fair Association directly to the college of your choice after proper documentation has been provided to the Fair Association. You must retrieve your scholarship within three years of the pageant date you won or the value of the scholarship is void. For example, if you won in 2015, you must retrieve by pageant day 2018. Contact the Fair Office at (815) 338-5315 for details.

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PRACTICE & EVENTS SCHEDULE 2019

Please Bring Water Bottle / Pageant Heels / Resume to Every Practice

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

Space is limited by division and assigned on a first come first serve basis. Once all spaces are filled your name will be added to a waiting list until all entries have been received. The pageant director will contact you once your entry has been received to inform you if you made the cut or the waiting list.

WELCOME MEETING

The first meeting for the Miss McHenry County contestants is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, 2019, 6 PM – 9 PM at the fairgrounds / Building D located at Rt. 47 & Country Club Road in Woodstock. Doors will be open at 5pm for contestant paperwork to be turned in. We will start promptly at 6pm. This is a Welcome meeting for all contestants and committee members. Town Directors and Parents are encouraged to attend.

Attendance is mandatory for all contestants. We will review the rules, schedule of events, along with a general Q & A.

Welcome Meeting, Wednesday, June 19th 6 PM – 9 PM Building D

Practice, Wednesday, June 26th 6 PM – 9 PM Building D

Practice, Wednesday, July 3rd 6 PM – 9 PM Building D

Practice, Wednesday, July 10th 6 PM – 9 PM Building D, Bring Makeup

Car Wash Fundraiser

- Saturday, July 13th 10am-3pm Building D
 - Sign Up Sheets will be out at Practices

Practice / Photo Shoot, Wednesday, July 17th 4 PM – 9 PM, Building D

Community Service Weekend,

- Saturday, July 20th – 10am – 5pm Fairgrounds
 - Sign Up Sheets will be out at Practices
- Sunday, July 21st – Princess Tea Party (Location/Timing TBD)
 - Registration Forms will be available at Welcome Meeting

Practice, Wednesday, July 24th 6 PM – 9 PM Building D

Sunrise Assisted Living, Crystal Lake

- Saturday, July 27th 12 PM – 2 PM Guest Speaker
 - Sign Up Sheets will be out at Practices
- Saturday, July 27th 2 PM – 4 PM Mini Pageant
 - Sign Up Sheets will be out at Practices

Dress Rehearsal, Monday, July 29th 5:00 PM Grandstand-**Mandatory**

Pageant Day, Tuesday, July 30^{th!!!} Interviews will be held in Woodstock during the day, a more detailed Pageant Day Schedule will be given closer to pageant day.

The pageant will be in the evening of July 30th, at the Grandstands. Parents and family will have the option to purchase reserved seating in the VIP section in front of the grandstands closest to the stage. All seating in the Grandstands are first come first serve. Contestants will be escorted to the fairgrounds at 5 PM and the Pageant will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018-2019

MISS MCHENRY COUNTY QUEENS

July 31st - August 4th McHenry County Fair (MANDATORY)

- The Queens must be at the Fair every day.
- It is advised to let your employer know now that you will need time off from work should you win this title.
- All queens should be prepared to wear fun age appropriate (not to casual) summer dresses with spanx and appropriate undergarments under their dresses for all days of the fair. Absolutely no Rompers allowed.
- Hair and Makeup should always be done well and photo ready. (Bring touch ups if needed)
- You should bring a water bottle, some cash and sunscreen everyday.
- You should expect to wear heels or wedge shoes at all times. Shoes should look clean and not worn out. No cowgirl boots. You will be in a golf cart majority of the day. (please bring flat close toed shoes to change when needed)
 - When considering your dresses/shoes/accessories of choices please remember you should always be the best dressed in the room.
- Queens Court should be prepared to wear fun age appropriate summer wear. Please wear spanx when needed and appropriate undergarments always. No rompers or short shorts. You don't have to come everyday but please come as often as you like and have fun with us.
- Don't forget to wear your crown and sash all week long.

August 9, 2019 State Fair Days (MANDATORY), Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, IL / TIME TBA

August 13, 2019 Queens Photo Shoot for State Pictures / Paperwork Submissions (MANDATORY) / 4pm

- Hair and Makeup Sessions will be scheduled with Bella Beauty Boutique in Woodstock
- Location TBA

September 2019 – Fair Appreciation Dinner at Building D - DATE/TIME TBA (ATTENDANCE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

- Cocktail dress and Heels required

November 3, 2019 - Northern Zone Meeting, Ottawa, IL (MANDATORY). TIME TBA

November 28, 2019 - Feed the Homeless of McHenry County at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Woodstock / 6am -1pm

- Dress appropriately. Longer dress or dress pants are encouraged.

November 29, 2019 - Christmas Parade in Crystal Lake (details to follow)

Various Dates in October, November, December, January-Prep for State Pageant-mandatory time to prepare with your Pageant Director to prep and shop for all necessary items for State.

January 15-19 2020 - Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, Springfield, IL (MANDATORY)

- Ticketing information will be provided for friends and family to attend.

June-July 2020 Welcome meeting and practices with 2020 contestants (MANDATORY)

2020-Pageants, Miss McHenry County Pageants 2020 (MANDATORY)

Please note there will be various other events to attend throughout the year, this schedule is most definitely subject to change.

**Titleholders are encouraged to seek events of interest and get approval to attend along with sister queens.



WHAT HAPPENS IF SELECTED AS OUR QUEEN?

One of you will be the next Miss McHenry County Fair Queen. Not only is this a once in a lifetime opportunity, it is a job. As the Miss McHenry County Fair Queen, you will represent the McHenry County Fair Association and become a volunteer employee of the Association during Fair Week as well as throughout your year as queen. You will work alongside your Pageant Director, committee members and members of the Board to promote the Fair and help increase the awareness of the importance of the agricultural industry in McHenry County. You will spend the entire 6 days of the McHenry County Fair on the grounds. You may do radio and press interviews, tour the buildings, judge contests, present ribbons and trophies, attend all Grandstand events, have a ton of fun and take lots of photos!!

You will be chaperoned by your pageant director or appointed committee members at all times. You will not be allowed to walk the grounds alone at any time. You will not use a port a potty unless it's a dire emergency nor dispose of trash on your own. You may not have your phones out in public. **You may not have friends or family accompany you. If a boyfriend is present there will be no touching.** You may pose for a photo with any of the said above should they be in attendance. You may not be seen or photoed in sash and crown chewing gum, holding firearms, or doing anything deemed socially controversial. You may not be photoed with a beverage of any kind in your hand or anyone else's in the photo. You shall not carry your purse or any kind of bag with you while mingling with the community. You must refrain from foul language and any type of derogatory statements that may be deemed inappropriate. These rules apply for not only Fair Week, but ALL events moving forward.

Appearances of any kind wearing the crown and sash must be approved by the Pageant Director. All appearances must be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or otherwise designated person approved by the Pageant Director. These appearances will be related to or sponsored by the McHenry County Fair Association, but not limited too.

You must maintain a positive social media presence at all times. (Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat...etc...)

You must be able to follow directions, take advice, think ahead, and be dependable. The Queen must understand that her actions reflect not only on herself, but also on the pageant director, the pageant, the Fair Association, and the Fair Board. Therefore, it is imperative that the Queen be proud of and honorable to her title. Behavioral issues will be promptly dealt with. Once crowned, friends and family must also understand that their actions, comments and behaviors are a direct reflection of you and can have an impact on you maintaining your role as our McHenry County Fair Queen.

The winner will represent the McHenry County Fair Association in the 2020 Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in Springfield IL January, 2020. The winner must be available for the whole week to fulfill her obligation. (See Queens Calendar of Events.) The McHenry County Fair Association will pay for her expenses to enter the State Pageant. Every Queen is unique and will have different needs. As such, attire, accessories, shoes, and makeup will be provided **as needed** at the Pageant Directors discretion. The Queen will be responsible for having her own appropriate personal items (ie. undergarments, panty hose, shoes, etc). Our queen will be accompanied during this time by the Pageant Director.

Immediately following Fair Week the winner must complete all paperwork to be submitted to the State Pageant. The Pageant Director will sit down with the new Queen and her family and review all paperwork and photo sessions required for State. No documents or photos shall be submitted without Pageant Directors approval. It is imperative that we do not miss deadlines. There are no exceptions.

If you are unable to fulfill the expressed duties, violate any rules or expectations set forth, or conduct yourself in a manner unbecoming of a queen and representative of the McHenry County Fair Association you will immediately relinquish your title, crown, sash and all prizes related as such upon the direction of the Pageant Director and/or Members of the Board. The next eligible runner up will become the new queen.

Looking ahead, if you are selected as our Miss McHenry County Fair Queen I hope you realize this is a stepping stone to becoming our next Miss Illinois County Fair Queen 2020. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity before you and enjoy every moment that offers growth and development through the pageantry process. I know you will soon discover these are not just pageant skills you are learning, but life skills that will help you excel in your future.

If you are selected as Miss Illinois County Fair Queen 2020, the Queen will serve as hostess of the 2020 Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair, visit county fairs throughout the summer and participate in other functions arranged by the State Pageant Director during the year. As such, she agrees not to enter any other pageants during her reign as Miss Illinois County Fair Queen.

Lovena Hunter
Pageant Director
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MISS - OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Entry Form & Fee **MUST** be received by Wednesday, June 5, 2019
 Late entries will be accepted up to our first meeting with a \$25 additional late fee.
 Please do not alter the format of this entry form.

CONTESTANT NAME		PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS		E-MAIL
BIRTH DATE	T-Shirt Size	AGE AT TIME OF PAGEANT

MOTHER'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	E-MAIL

FATHER'S NAME:	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	E-MAIL

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION/PERSON	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT THE CONTESTANT LISTED ABOVE IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE, UNDERSTANDS AND IS WILLING AND ABLE TO ABIDE BY THE OFFICIAL RULES AND INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET.

X _____ X _____
 Contestant Signature (as well as Parent/Guardian Signature if Contestant is under age of 18)

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$150.00 PLUS \$25 LATE FEE IF APPLICABLE MADE PAYABLE TO:
 MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

MAIL
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 McHenry County Fair Association
 C/O Lovena Hunter, Pageant Director
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DO NOT MAIL TO THIS ADDRESS!

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INITIAL, ENTER DATE & METHOD OF VERIFICATION				