



OFFICIAL RULES / ENTRY
MISS MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANTS 2019
PRINCESS MENTORING PROGRAM
PAGEANT DIRECTOR: Lovena Hunter 815-347-0561
PRINCESS DIRECTOR: Sheri Thuma 815-222-7912

Female participants are invited to enter the Miss McHenry County Fair Pageant Princess Mentoring Program to be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 as a feature of the 2018 McHenry County Fair. Please read the following rules and information prior to submitting your entry form attached on the last page. The Princess Mentoring Program entry fee is \$50. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Late entries will be accepted after this date and up to our first meeting with an additional late fee of \$25.00. 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 the ages of 5-9 years of age by pageant date in the year participating. **(Present copy of Birth Certificate at Welcome Meeting)**
- Must be a resident of McHenry County 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.
- Behave always in a manner becoming of a queen with and without the crown and sash

The McHenry County Fair Princess Mentoring Program is a non-competitive program (NO SCORING). This program is designed to provide young girls an opportunity to grow in confidence and have a good time. As part of the Miss McHenry County Princess Mentoring Program, each girl will:

- ❖ Have the opportunity to participate in the parade of contestants, model a summer fun fashion of their choosing on stage during the McHenry County Fair Pageant. They will also model a party dress and answer a question about themselves.
- ❖ Each Princess will be crowned on stage.
- ❖ Each Princess may wear her crown and sash during the entire week at fair events.
- ❖ Each princess will be assigned to a Miss / Teen Contestant who will serve as their mentor during the weeks leading to the big day. The princesses assigned to the Miss / Teen that wins the pageant will have the opportunity to serve as the Official Princess(es) of the McHenry County Fair and may be asked to attend other events throughout the year including the Official Photo Shoot and other various events throughout the year.
- ❖ The Princesses who's mentor wins the pageant will become our Official Princess for the year.

There will be mandatory appearances for the Princesses. Please reference the 2018-19 calendar to preview these events.

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

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.
- 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 their opportunity to shine and discover who they are. As you make your clothing selections they should fit the description of “classy”, “stylish” and “fun”.

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 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

Please follow the tips below:

- Please check with directors if in question.
- Lip gloss is the only make up allowed for this age division.
- All Princesses should look natural.
- 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 summer weather appropriate. Their final appearance on stage will be in their party dress. You should style their hair in a way that works with their dress and makes you feel like a princess! What do you want your crowning moment to look like? Please check with directors if in question.
- We strongly encourage you to schedule your hair 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.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Cell phones are not allowed to be used in 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.

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

All personal appearances, photographic sessions, and photographic releases **must be approved in advance by the pageant director.**

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

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

- ❖ **Participants 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.**
- ❖ **A calendar is attached for review before submitting your entry form.**

The entry form attached and fee for the Princess Mentoring Program is \$50.00 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 an additional late fee of \$25.00.

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.



PRACTICE & EVENTS SCHEDULE 2019

Please Bring Water Bottle every Week

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 31^{st!!!} 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 2019-2020

MISS MCHENRY COUNTY QUEENS

July 31st - August 4th McHenry County Fair

- Hair should always be done well and photo ready.
- You should bring a water bottle, some cash and sunscreen everyday.
- Shoes should look clean and not worn out. You will be in a golf cart majority of the day.
 - When considering your dresses/shoes/accessories of choices please remember you should always be the best dressed in the room.
- Don't forget to wear your crown and sash all week long. (this goes for all Princess Participants who attend the fair)

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

- **Hair and Makeup Sessions will be scheduled with our sponsor 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 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)

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

- We will pay for all titleholders badge and tickets to all events. Lodging and additional tickets for family are at the expense of the titleholder and her family. If you say you are coming and tickets are purchased for you and you do not attend for any reason you will be asked to reimburse the McHenry County Fair Association. This is a great event to attend in support of our Queen and also to set expectations for your future should you decide to continue in pageantry with the McHenry County Fair Pageants.

June 2020 Welcome Meeting - 2019 Official Princess Duties End

*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 Official Princess. Not only is this a once in a lifetime opportunity, it is a job. As the Official Princess, 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 Princess. 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 have the option to spend the entire 6 days of the McHenry County Fair on the grounds. Parents should prepare to set drop off and pick up times. You may do radio and press interviews, tour the buildings, judge contests, present ribbons and trophies, participate in the pageant girls tractor pull, 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 most 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. The Princess 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 Princess 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 Official Princess.

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 Princess 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.

Looking ahead, if you become our Official Princess I hope you realize this is a stepping stone to becoming our next Junior Teen. I 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.

Official Princess duties end the day of the Welcome Meeting of the next pageant year after being honored as our Official Princess. We strongly encourage continued participation in our Princess Mentoring Program and hope that you consider as age deems it appropriate moving forward in the Junior Teen Division.

Lovena Hunter
Pageant Director
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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
BIRTHDATE	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	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 \$50.00 PLUS \$25 LATE FEE IF APPLICABLE MADE PAYABLE TO:
MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

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INITIAL, ENTER DATE & METHOD OF VERIFICATION				