

*Miss Mercer County Junior Miss  
Pageant*

**BE SURE TO READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THESE PAGES**

*We feel that this is much more than Junior Miss Pageant. It is also an experience that will teach your daughter many important fundamentals in life. First of all we hope she has FUN! She will meet a lot of new people and will make a lot of new friends. We also hope this pageant will guide her to grow into a stronger and more self-confident girl so that she will have the knowledge and opportunity to achieve all of her life-long goals. We are available to answer any questions you may have at any time so do not hesitate to call if you need help with anything.*

**FOR COMPETITION, SHE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:**

- a formal dress (no teen pageant gowns- \*NO LENGTH REQUIREMENTS\*)
- a dress or suit for the interviews ( a Sunday church dress)
- Shorts will be worn for the first production number – **A \$20 fee for T-shirt will be required for the Production Number.**

We will be reviewing your selections

**(AS DIRECTOR, I RESERVE THE AUTHORITY TO INSTRUCT ANY ENTRANT TO CHANGE ANY ATTIRE SHOULD HER FIRST SELECTION BE TOO REVEALING OR INAPPROPRIATE FOR COMPETITION).**

**ALL WORKSHOPS AND REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY**

Please follow the calendar provided for all dates and times involved.

**ENTRY FORMS**

ENTRY FORMS: EMAILED APPLICATIONS ONLY!!! We MUST have a phone number and email address where we can reach you. If you have no phone give a number we could call to get a message to you and give the name and relationship (friend, neighbor, aunt, etc.) of that person. Do not be afraid that you are putting too much material on the application sheet; we may not use it all but the emcee will be reading some of this information during the formal dress presentation at the pageant. (Feel free to use the back of the sheet if needed.) Hobbies can be ANYTHING you like to do. If she has a collection, include that too.

JUDGES: they are highly experienced at judging and are all from outside of Mercer County. They really enjoy talking with contestants and you will enjoy them.

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### COST TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR CONTESTANTS:

THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE COSTS TO YOU RELATED TO THIS PAGEANT. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE CONTESTANT TO HAVE FOR THE COMPETITION:

- ❖ A formal dress and shoes
- ❖ A Sunday dress and shoes for Interview
- ❖ Shorts and shoes for Production Number

ADMISSION TO THE FAIR IS PROVIDED FOR THE CONTESTANT ONLY. ALL OTHERS ATTENDING MUST PAY THE FAIR GATE ADMISSION FEE.

OTHER ITEMS: REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PRELIMINARY JUDGING, WORKSHOPS, AND REHEARSALS.

NO TALENT COMPETITION.

**EACH CONTESTANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SELL 50 RAFFLE TICKETS WITH A PRIZE TO THE ONE SELLING THE MOST. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE PAGEANT FUND.**

### PRELIMANARIES

All contestants entering will be accepted. Although if the pageant committee receives 15 or more completed applications by the deadline of June 1, 2011, there may be a preliminary judging.

The judging for the preliminary will be completed using the same scoring criteria as listed above. Preliminaries will be held the afternoon of the pageant. At this time all contestants will be interviewed and a small pageant in front of the judges will take place. This will be open to the public. After all judging is completed the official pageant auditor will tally the scores and determine a top ten. The results will be sealed in an envelope to be announced at the pageant, after the Junior Miss production number. The top ten girls will then compete in their pageant dresses on stage in front of the judges. A score will be added to their previous score to determine the winners. The remaining contestants not in the top ten will be seated in a reserved seating area to watch the rest of the pageant. Should a Preliminary Judging be necessary, it will be announced after the deadline date of June 1, 2011.

Again, do not hesitate to call us or email us anytime. We are here to help you and to try to make this pageant a good experience for everyone. PRINT THIS PAGE, CALENDAR, AND RULES SHEET FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

SUBMIT ENTRY FOR SHEET, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE FORMS TO:

[rjcldw@winco.net](mailto:rjcldw@winco.net)

Or contact:

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GENERAL RULES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - **WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2011**

- Candidates must be between the ages of 11 and 13 as of July 12, 2011.
- Scoring is as follows:
  - Formal Attire & Modeling 25
  - Interview 35
  - Impromptu Question 20
  - Speech and Stage Presence 20
  - Total points 100
- Interview: This will be a timed event-three (3) minutes for each girl.
- Formal Attire: A formal dress should be appropriate for 11 to 13 years old. The dress should not be an evening gown. It should be a nice Easter Sunday or wedding attendance dress. The Pageant Director or chairperson must review all dresses.
- Speech Competition: Topic will be \_\_\_\_\_. Please limit the speech to 30 seconds. You will use a hand held microphone, no podium.
- Impromptu Question: The question will be the same question for all contestants. Immediately following the speech.
- Modeling: Candidates will be required to attend all workshop/practices prior to the contest for modeling and judging competitions.
- Dressing Room: No parents or guardians will be allowed in the dressing room.
- No parents or guardians will be allowed at any practice in order to have the contestant's full attention.

Submit the completed applications BY JUNE 1, 2011 to:

[mjclawl@winco.net](mailto:mjclawl@winco.net)

or contact:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

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The undersigned have voluntarily elected to become a candidate in the 2011 Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant. To induce the Mercer County Fair Board to accept my application to be a candidate, I hereby execute this Acknowledgment and Release. If I am a minor, my parent or legal guardian has also executed this Acknowledgment and Release. I acknowledge the following:

- The Mercer County Fair Queen pageant is an informal contest, the winner of which will receive no substantial pecuniary or monetary benefit.
- The judging of said contest may be subject to errors and irregularities because of the informal nature of the contest, and any such errors and irregularities are anticipated and are acceptable to me.
- The judging of the contest will be based on the individual preferences and opinions of the judges and such judges shall not be required to follow established criteria of any kind to determine the qualities they should assess measure or evaluate.

In view of the above and further in view of the informal nature of this contest, and in consideration of the acceptance of my application to compete as a candidate for Mercer County Fair Queen, I hereby forever release, indemnify and agree to hold the Mercer County Fair Board, its agents, employees, directors and judges, entirely harmless from any liability for any errors, defects, irregularities or unfairness, or injuries or damages which may arise directly or indirectly from my participation as a candidate in the contest. I hereby waive and release any and all claims, demands, suits, actions and causes of action against the Mercer County Fair Board, its agents, employees, directors and judges for any such liability, injury or damage such I may suffer as a result of the foregoing and as a result of my participation as a candidate.

I understand I may have this Acknowledgment and Release reviewed by an attorney of my choice and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and ask for explanation of any provision herein, which I do not understand or with which I do not agree.

I further understand and agree the Mercer County Fair Queen Pageant will not be held in accordance with any established rules of eligibility or qualification. If any such rules of eligibility or qualification are established, I understand the Mercer County Fair Board shall have the right, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time to waive or deviate from any such rules.