

MERCER COUNTY LITTLE MISS PAGEANT

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

We feel that this is much more than a Little 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 party dress, socks and shoes to match (no nylons or tights allowed)
- a favorite item to carry with her to the interviews (example- a book, stuffed animal or favorite small toy)
- a casual outfit or costume will be worn for the first production number--this will be announced at a later date
- a T-shirt and shorts for the interview – **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: ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY!! We MUST have a phone number 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 party 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.

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JUDGING: The Judges are highly qualified Judges and are all from outside of Mercer County. All of the Judging with the exception of the interviews will be done the night of the Pageant.

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 party dress, shoes, and socks to match (no nylons or tights)

T shirt, shorts and shoes for Production Number (to will be announced later)

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.

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.

RETURN APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE FORMS TO:

rjclawl@winco.net

or contact

Joni Caldwell - 902 18th Street, Viola, IL 61486 Ph. 309-596-2292

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GENERAL RULES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, June 1, 2011

- Candidates must be between the ages of 5 and 7 as of July 12 2011.
- Scoring is as follows:
 - Party Dress and Modeling 25
 - Interview 35
 - Smile and Stage Presence 20
 - Poise 20
 - Total points 100
- Interview: This will be a timed event-three (3) minutes for each girl.
- 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. Party dress should be in a best color. No nylons or tights allowed. No make-up allowed during interview.
- No parents or guardians will be allowed at any practice in order to have the contestant's full attention.
- No make-up allowed for official pageant photos. Use of make-up will be grounds for disqualification of the Miss Photogenic Award.
- All contestants entering will be accepted. Although if the pageant committee receives 21 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 morning 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 Little 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 released to the parents immediately following the announcement of the top ten. Should a Preliminary Judging be necessary, it will be announced after the deadline date of June 1, 2011.

Submit the completed applications BY June 1, 2011 to: mjclhdl@winco.net

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

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.