



Independence County Fair Youth Pageant Rules/Regulations

1. All contestants **must be a legal resident of Independence County.** Attending school in Independence County does not constitute legal residency. **All contestants must reside in Independence County and have been a resident of the county since June 2023. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE THEIR SPECIFIED AGE BY JUNE 1. Contestants that participate in the Independence County Fair contests MAY NOT participate in other county fair contests.**
2. Previous winners may not enter the same pageant again.
3. **Contestant applications and registration fees must be received by the deadline, June 3.** Forms and fees may be mailed or hand delivered. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED after the deadline.** All checks will be marked void and returned to the original sender along with the application. The Independence County Fair Association is not responsible for entry forms that may be lost or delayed in transit by any method of shipping.
4. Contestants are required to be on time for check-in at the pageant. We want to start on time for all age groups, allowing a smooth and time efficient pageant. **ALL CONTESTANTS must be ready for line up and roll call by 5:15 for 5:30 pageants; 5:45 for 6:00 pageants; 6:15 for 6:30 pageants. TARDINESS MAY RESULT IN THE CONTESTANT BEING UNABLE TO COMPETE.**
5. Dress may be formal or casual. This decision is at the parent's discretion.
6. Makeup is allowed but should be age appropriate and used with discretion. **NO FALSE ENHANCEMENTS ARE ALLOWED.** No fake hair, eyelashes, teeth, etc. will be tolerated.
7. The Independence County Fair Association is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. Please treat the facility with the upmost respect and clean up after yourself when the event is over.
8. Fair and impartial judges are chosen by the pageant committee. Contestants and / or parents are not to approach the judges at any time. Their decision will be final. Contestants will be judged on facial beauty, stage presentation, attitude, personality and overall appearance. Score sheets will NOT be returned or made available.
9. The dressing area for the contestants will be in the Entertainment/Pageant building. Outside doors will be clearly marked with contestant's numbers. **Contestants must be accompanied by only ONE ADULT. All chaperones must be adults. Failure to comply with this rule will result in automatic disqualification.**
10. Only the contestant will be given a ticket for free admission. All others must pay gate admission.
11. **No formal rehearsals will be held.**

12. In the event, a contest winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill the duties of the winner's position, or becomes ineligible during the course of the year, a delegate will be chosen by the pageant committee to take over the remainder of the year.

13. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, chaperone, parent, relative or even a supporter of a contestant could/will result in disqualification of the contestant not only from the current contest but also from future contests. **IN THE EVENT THIS SITUATION SHOULD OCCUR ALL PRIZES AND CROWNS WILL BE REVOKED.**

14. There is a \$25 entry fee to enter the pageant. An additional \$10 fee is charged for the photogenic competition. The photogenic competition is optional and at the parent's discretion, not a mandatory competition. **Checks that are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional \$25 fee. The application will be marked void until the funds are delivered in cash prior to the deadline. THERE IS NO REFUND ON ENTRY FEES, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

THE DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT RESERVE THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO, OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE CONTEST, AND THE RIGHT TO AMMEND OR ADD TO THE RULES AS THEIR JUDGEMENT MAY DETERMINE. THE CONTEST DIRECTORS WILL DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO FAILS TO ABIDE BY ANY RULE THAT IS STATED OR ORALLY GIVEN, FROM THIS CONTEST, AND ANY FUTRURE CONTEST.

We greatly appreciate you entering our pageant and/or allowing your child/children to participate. We wish the best for each contestant and hope that every one has an enjoyable and fun time. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to call any director listed below.

Sincerely,

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