

2016 White County Fair Queen Contest

Qualifications & Rules:

1. To compete, a contestant must return completed & signed application no later than August 1, 2016.
2. Contestants for the Fair Queen contest must be at least 17 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show. The 2016 Arkansas State Fair will be held Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 23.
3. Contestants for the JUNIOR Fair Queen contest must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 16 years of age on the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show (October 14, 2016).
4. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Arkansas. She cannot be, or at any time have been, married, pregnant, or have had a child. A contestant must have never been convicted of any crime nor have any criminal charges pending.
5. Contestants must legally reside in the county they represent for six months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full-time student who has attended school (academic, not dance, etc.) in that county for one full semester immediately preceding that county's contest.
6. In the event a contestant legally resides in one county but is attending school in a different county in Arkansas, the contestant may compete at the county level in one and only one of these two counties.
7. A contestant must compete in and win the fair queen contest sanctioned by the County Fair that is in the county where she resides or attends school in order to compete at the state level.
8. Contestants are required to be on time for all rehearsals and contests.

9. The reigning White County Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the White County Fair may result in the fair queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.
10. 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 result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but also from future contests. You are representing not only yourself, but also the White County Fair, your community, and your county. You are expected to be respectful at all times.
11. The director (A Fair Board representative) of the White County Fair Queen contest reserves 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 amend or add to these rules as his judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules will be disqualified from the contest.
12. Photogenic Competition is optional. Contestants must submit an 8x10 photo (**head shot only**) in a large envelope. Contestant's name and division (Jr/Sr) must be on the back of photo, and on the envelope. Photos should be hand- delivered during the mandatory practice (date to be determined) that will be held at the Fairgrounds.
13. Entry fees (check or money order) must be paid at time of application. Contest (Junior or Senior) - \$25. Optional - Photogenic - \$10.

Rehearsal:

You MUST attend the mandatory meeting & rehearsal (date and time will be determined at a later date). Since the rehearsal is closed to the public, contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing. We recommend the contestants rehearse in the same shoes they will wear in each phase of competition.

Swimsuit (Senior Contest) – One piece swimsuit is required. Must be PROPER. If swimsuit is in question, bring 2. May bring to rehearsal if in question.

Biography:

You will be required to complete a biography to turn in for the judges. We will work with you on the information that needs to be included and help you with any questions you have.

Dress Requirements:

Sept. 10 - *Parade at 11am / Reception & Interviews will follow parade*– nice dress, suit or pantsuit, something dressy – no hats, gloves or purses. Jewelry and shoes of choice (No sportswear or flip-flops). Something suitable for a job interview. **Please remember that you will be on a trailer at eye level with the crowd, so make sure your dress covers your knees when you sit down.**

Contest (Sept. 12)–

- Business wear (nice dress, suit, or pantsuit – what you wore to interviews will be fine).
- Sportswear (Junior Contest) – Sports attire representing a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball, tennis, cheerleading, hunting, fishing, gymnastics, dance, etc. Props are acceptable, but must be carried. They cannot be used to demonstrate a sport.
- Swimsuit (Senior Contest) – One piece swimsuit is required. Must be PROPER. If swimsuit is in question, bring 2. May bring to rehearsal if in question.
- Evening gown (floor length) and suitable accessories. No hi-lo dresses or anything that show midriff (no cutouts). Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required. Appropriate foundation garments should be worn. Practice walking at home wearing dress and shoes.

Dressing and Backstage:

Contestants must arrive at the contest one hour before the contest begins. Contestants and contest officials ONLY are allowed backstage at any time.

Judges:

The judges will be appointed by the White County Fair Queen Committee. Their decision will be final. **Critiques are not allowed to be given to anyone, nor will any contestant, or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.**

Judges will also conduct interviews, and will be judging personal appearance & grooming, personality, confidence & posture, ability to respond & interactions with others, and grammar, speech, & tone of voice. During the evening gown competition, the judges will consider: overall “first impression” – beauty, stage presence, personality, grace and charm, walk, posture, carriage, appropriateness of gown, and overall appearance. All contestants will be asked a question/word on stage. Five finalists will also be judged on extemporaneous response to an onstage question.

New Fair Queen Duties:

The 2016 Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen will be required to attend the fair each night as noted in schedule given to the new Fair Queen/Junior Fair Queen. The Queen/Junior Queen is expected to dress and act appropriately at all times (a dress, suit, or pantsuit should be worn. No jeans. No smoking.). She is also expected to compete in the State Fair Queen Contest Wednesday, October 19 (regional competition). The Top Three in each region will return to the finals on Saturday, October 22.

1st & 2nd Runner Ups (Senior Only):

The 1st & 2nd Runner Ups must be able to compete in the NE Arkansas District Fair Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Schedule of Events:

A complete schedule of events on Sept. 10 and 12 will be available after we have received all applications August 1, 2016.

Contact information:

We will primarily communicate through email and text with the contestants. Please ensure that you have provided a good email address that is checked on a regular basis, as well as a good phone number(s) that accepts texting.

Your primary contact will be:

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RULES AND APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
www.whitecountyfairgrounds.org

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