

2017 White County Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen Contest

Qualifications & Rules:

1. To compete, a contestant must return completed & signed application no later than August 12, 2017.
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 (October 12, 2017).
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 12, 2017).
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 a crime nor have any criminal charges pending.
5. Contestants must legally reside of White County for six months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full time student who has attended school (academic, not dance, etc.) White County for one full semester immediately preceding the county contest.
6. In the event a contestant legally resides in one county but is attending school in a different county in Arkansas, the contestant must 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 where she resides or attends school in order to compete at the state level. The State Fair is now requiring the county send their county winner to the state competition and runner-ups or chosen delegates to the district competition.

8. Contestants are required to be on time for ALL rehearsals and contests/events. Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director and/or White County Fair Board. If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the Fair Queen Director immediately at 501-278-7651.
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/her judgement may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules will be disqualified from the contest.
12. Photogenic Competition: 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 the photo and the on the envelope. Photos should be hand delivered during the mandatory meeting/practice (date to be determined) that will be held at the fairgrounds.
13. Entry fees (check or money order) must be paid at the time of application.
\$40 – Interview, swimsuit/sportswear, evening gown, photogenic

Rehearsal:

You MUST attend the mandatory meeting & rehearsal (date and time to 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.

Biography:

You will be required to compete a biography to turn in for the judges. This should be about YOU!!!

Include your name, age, parents/guardian, current grade or year graduated, school, activities/goals, etc.

We will work with you on the information and will help you with any questions you have.

Dress Requirements:

Saturday, September 9 – Parade, Reception & Interviews

- The **parade** will start at 11 am (you must be at the Yarnell's parking lot by Spring Park, no later than 1030 am). You will be riding on a flat-bed trailer and sitting in folding chairs. You will be at eye level with the crowd so please make sure your dress is appropriate. Nice dress, suit or pantsuit, something dressy – no hats, gloves, purses. Jewelry and shoes of choice (no sportswear or flip-flops). Something suitable for a job interview.
- **Private interview** – These will take place after the parade so you may wear the same outfit as the parade or you can wear another outfit. Same dress requirements as the parade. Time and location will be provided at a later date.

Monday, September 11 – Contest

- **Business wear** – same as parade/interview. This will not be judged tonight. This is going to be the judge's first impression of you tonight and you will also be introducing yourself from stage.
- **Sportswear** (Junior Contestants) – Sports attire representing a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball/softball, tennis, cheerleading,

hunting, fishing, gymnastics, dance, etc. Props are acceptable, but must be carried and not used to demonstrate the sport. Consideration for the appropriateness and creativity of a contestant's sportswear outfit is only a part of the judging criteria in the Sportswear Competition. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence.

- **Swimsuit** (Senior Contestants) – One piece swimsuit is required. Must be PROPER. If swimsuit is in question, bring 2 and check with the Director prior to competition. No mono-kinis, tank-kinis, etc will be allowed.

You will be scored on over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence.

- **Evening Gown** – Floor length only. No hi-lo dresses or anything that shows the midriff (no cutouts). If in question, please contact the Director. 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. Judging will be based on over-all first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked an on-stage word and an on-stage question. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response. Her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her Evening Gown score. Judges are instructed “**not** to judge the gown”, but to “judge the contestant **in** the gown.”

Dressing and Backstage:

Contestants must arrive at least one hour before the contest begins (No later than 6pm) to prepare for the evening competition. You must have ALL of your items in the trailer (behind the Entertainment Center) by 6pm. You may have help bringing your items in, but then everyone must leave. 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 is 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.

The judges will also conduct the interviews, and will be judging personal appearance & grooming, personality, confidence & posture, ability to respond & interact with others, grammar, speech & tone of voice.

New Fair Queen & Junior Fair Queen Duties:

The 2017 Fair Queen & Junior Fair Queen will be required to attend the fair each night as noted in the schedule given the new Queen. The Fair Queen & Junior Fair Queen are expected to dress and act appropriately at all times (a dress, suit, pantsuit should be worn. No jeans unless approved by the Director, prior to an event. No smoking.) She is also expected to compete in the Arkansas State Fair Queen Contest on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (Regional Competition). The Top Three in each Region will return to the finals on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

1st & 2nd Runner-ups (Senior Only):

The 1st & 2nd Runner-ups must be able to compete in the NE Arkansas District Fair on Saturday, September 16, 2017. If you are not able to compete, you must notify the Director immediately so that another contestant can be sent to represent White County.

Schedule of Events:

A complete schedule of events will be finalized and available after we have received all applications by the August 12, 2017 deadline.

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:

Pam Son, Director

501-278-7651

Huntchick44@gmail.com

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