

## **2024 WHITE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST JR. MISS & MISS**

**Pageant Aug 24, 2024**

### **Qualifications & Rules:**

1. To compete, a contestant must return the completed & signed application no later than 5:30 pm August 23, 2024.
2. Contestants for the JUNIOR MISS Fair Queen contest must be at least 14 years of age and not more than 17 years of age on the opening day of the White County Fair (Sept. 09, 2024).
3. Contestants for the MISS Fair Queen contest must be at least 18 years of age and not more than 23 years of age on the opening day of the White County Fair (Sept 09, 2024).
4. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of White County. Contestants for Jr. Miss and Miss 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 in 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.
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 501-827-0988.
9. The reigning White County Fair Queen(s) must always conduct herself properly. 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 contest. You are representing not only yourself, but also the White County Fair, your community, and your county. You are expected to always be respectful.
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 must be on the back of the photo and on the envelope.** Photos should be hand delivered during the mandatory meeting/practice Aug 23, that will be held at the Merchants Building. Ages 14-23 practice will be from 5:30-6:30 pm. Ages 0-13 yrs. practice will be from 6:30-7:30.
13. Entry fees must be paid at the time of application. \$50.00 Entry. Entry fee includes Photogenic, Interview, Sportswear, Best Dressed & Miss Congeniality for ages 14-23. Ages 0-13 entry fee includes Beauty, Photogenic, Best Dress, Most Beautiful/Handsome and Crowd Favorite. **Cash or Money Order only. No Checks**

**Rehearsal:** The rehearsal will be Friday, Aug 23 at 5:30pm – 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up. Rehearsal for ages 0 – 13 years will be at 6:30 pm Friday Aug 23, 2024. Rehearsal is closed to the public. You are free to wear comfortable clothes for the rehearsal. If your shoes are some you are not used to wearing you may want to bring them to walk in.

**Private Interviews:** These will be Aug. 24, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Merchants Building. The judges will conduct the interviews, and will be judging personal appearance & grooming, personality, confidence & posture, ability to respond & interact with others, grammar, speech & tone of voice.

**Business Wear** – Same as parade/Interview. This will not be judged during competition. You will be introduced at this time to the audience.

**Evening Gown:** Floor length only. No hi-lo dresses or anything that shows the midriff. If you have any questions, please contact the Director. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. Hi heel shoes recommended, but not required. You want to make sure you can walk normal when wearing the heels. 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 question. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their 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”.

**Onstage Conversation:** Contestants will be called to the stage in groups. (Number in group will be determined on number of contestants in pageant) In this 3-minute, times event the emcee will lead the conversation by asking a question, and contestants will participate in a “conversation” with each other. One or two follow-up questions may also be asked by the emcee. This phase is judges on a contestant's ability to speak confidently but listen sincerely. Judges are instructed to view this competition as a visual of how a contestant will present herself as a title holder and be representative of the White County Fair in a public setting.

**Judges:** The judges will be appointed by the White County Fair Queen Comm. 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.

#### Duties of Queens:

The 2024 Fair Queens will be required to attend the fair each night as noted in the schedule given to the new Queen. Please provide a Biography to the Fair Office that will be read when being introduced before events. The Fair Queens are expected to always dress and act appropriately (no smoking) The Miss and Jr Miss Queens will NOT be required to attend the State Fair Queen competition.

#### Contact Information

We will be communicating 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 that accepts texting.

#### Your primary contact will be:

Gail Snyder  
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[gasnyder49@yahoo.com](mailto:gasnyder49@yahoo.com)  
Terri Pate  
501-283-0999

**Onstage Conversation is new this year. We try to conduct our pageant according to the Arkansas State Fair Pageant so that our Queens will be better prepared if they choose to participate at the State Fair.**