

## 2021 Miss Cumberland Fair Queen Pageant Official Rules and Regulations

1. A contestant must be a resident of Cumberland County for at least 6 months prior to the pageant.
2. A contestant must be 16 years of age by pageant date and not have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2022. Please be prepared to show proof of age if asked.
3. Former County Fair Queens are not eligible to participate.
4. Contestant must be single, born female, never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been pregnant.
5. Contestant must be a U.S. citizen and never have been charged or convicted of a felony offense. Contestant should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
6. Entrant agrees that the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging the contestant shall be the sole discretion of the pageant directors and the decision of the judges shall be final.
7. Contestant agrees:
  - a. To be personally interviewed by the judges in a business suit,
  - b. To introduce themselves on stage in pageant t-shirt and jean shorts.
  - c. To appear on stage in a one-piece, solid color swim suite with taupe heels for judging. (Swimsuits should not have any cutouts, plunging neckline, and must stop at natural waistline.)
  - d. To appear on stage in a floor length evening gown, (slits should be no further than 2 inches about the knee. Any cut outs in the front or sides of evening gown must be filled in with sheer fabric that matches the dress. Open backed dresses must stop at the natural waistline).
  - e. To answer a pop question on stage.
  - f. Participate in pageant fundraisers.
  - g. Present a one-minute memorized speech on stage for judging.
  - h. To have a sponsor who will pay \$50.00 entry fee.
8. All contestants will limit themselves to one hole/piercing on each ear lobe. All other piercings must be removed. All tattoos must be always covered up during any events.
9. If chosen as 2021 Miss Cumberland County Fair Queen, you agree to represent Cumberland County and compete for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair Queen. This contest will be held in January 2022, in Springfield, IL. The Queen will be accompanied by the at all time by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the director at any time she is representing the Cumberland County Fair. This is a four-day event (Thursday-Sunday). If selected at State Queen- she will be required to stay through Monday.
10. Miss Cumberland County Fair Queen 2021 must be available during the week of the Cumberland County Fair (August 14-21) for various activities and agrees to participate in functions which may arise during the year. Activities connected with the Cumberland

County Fair should take precedence over all other personal appearances. She agrees to not enter any other beauty pageants except the Illinois County Fair pageant throughout her reign.

11. **The Queen must be always accompanied by a chaperone during the week of the fair and at any appearances when she is wearing her crown. The Pageant Director or a chaperone approved by the Director will always accompany the Queen. The Queen must arrive on time to all scheduled events. Failing to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including removal of title.**
12. The queen will attend the Illinois State Fair, County Fair Day in August 2022
13. In the case of marriage, pregnancy, living with a man, or any reason the Queen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Queen, or any reason in which the Cumberland County Fair Board deems unacceptable of a Queen, the queen will relinquish her title immediately, and all privileges connected with the title, along with all prizes awarded to her, and a runner-up shall be awarded all prizes as if she were chosen queen on pageant night- her crown, trophy, banner, scholarship, and every gift not inscribed with her name. She shall be succeeded by the next eligible contestant.
14. Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules the county and State contest have set.
15. Entrant must be present at all mandatory meetings/practices. All cellphones should be turned off. These practices will be for interview practice, speech practice, stage presentation, and approval of clothing you are planning to wear for the pageant. All clothing will be checked and approved by the director before the pageant. Pageant rehearsals are mandatory. Pageant day is Tuesday August 17 at 6:30 pm. Interviews will be that afternoon, time TBA, no cell phones will be allowed. The entrant may pick one person to be backstage with them to help the contestant the night of the pageant (this person cannot be a parent).
16. Parents will not be allowed at practices.
17. Illegal drugs, alcohol, and smoking will not be tolerated. The queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages and will refrain from smoking while representing the Cumberland County Fair through her reign.
18. All appearances and photoshoots as Miss Cumberland County must be approved with the Pageant Director in advance and all photos being released must be approved in advance.
19. The newly selected queen will be required to help collect prizes for next years Miss Cumberland County Fair pageant.
20. The queen agrees to write thank you notes. They are mandatory and are to be written and mailed out no later than the end of August. The queen will be required to write thank you notes throughout her reign.
21. Pictures and comments on entrant's social media should be respectful and tasteful. If a contestant or the queen is found to have inappropriate pictures or comments you could be disqualified from the pageant and/or the title will be taken away.
22. Good moral character is expected at all times by contestants/queen. If a contestant displays poor moral character, the director has the right to disqualify the contestant prior to the pageant. In addition, the fair board has the discretion to remove the title from the queen if integrity is not upheld.

23. The queen will refrain from public displays of affection during the week of the fair or at any function.
24. Contestants as well as the queen agree to not defame the pageant, the Cumberland County Fair, the pageant directors, committee, any contestants and/or any other pageants related to the Cumberland County fair.
25. While representing Cumberland County at any event the queen shall refrain from texting or talking on the cell phone unless excused by the director.
26. All fees are non-refundable. Any lost, stolen, or damaged items during practice or pageant is not the responsibility of the directors or the Cumberland County Fair.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed on this entry form, and that I will comply and that the personal data on my application herein set forth is true and correct.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_