

2018 Cumberland County Fair Queen Pageant General Rules & 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 22nd birthday by January 1st the following year. 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, never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been pregnant.
5. Contestant must be an 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 contest shall be sole discretion of the pageant officials and that 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 appear on stage in a one-piece, solid color swimsuit with taupe heels for judging (all areas should be covered. Swimsuits will be approved based on State Pageant guidelines).
 - c. To appear on stage in a floor length evening gown (slits should be no further two 2 inches above the top the knee. "Cut outs" in front or sides must be filled in with a sheer fabric that matches the dress. Open backed dresses must stop at the natural waistline.)
 - d. Present a one-minute memorized speech on stage for judging.
 - e. Answer a pop question on stage.
 - f. Participate in Fairgrounds cleanup day.
8. All contestants and queen will limit themselves to one hole/piercing on each ear lobe. All other piercing must be removed. Any and all tattoos must be covered up at all times during any events.
9. All contestants agree to sell at least 25-50/50 raffle tickets and 25 gun raffle tickets prior to the pageant to help cover pageant expenses. Raffles will be drawn during the pageant. Contestants also agree to participate in fairgrounds clean-up day.
10. If chosen Miss Cumberland County 2018 entrant agrees to represent Cumberland

County and compete for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair 2018. This contest will be held in January 2018, in Springfield Illinois. The Queen will be accompanied at all times 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 State Queen--she will be required to stay thru Monday.

11. Miss Cumberland County Fair Queen 2018 must be available during the week of the 2018 Cumberland County Fair (August 10-18) for various activities, and agrees to participate in functions becoming of a Queen which may arise during the year. Activities connected with Cumberland County Fair should take precedence over any and all other personal appearances. She agrees not to enter any other beauty pageants except the Illinois County Fair Pageant prior to January 2019. The Queen may not wear jeans to events unless approved by director. The Queen must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times during the week of the fair and at any personal appearances when she is wearing her crown. The Pageant Director will accompany the Queen at all times or appoint a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Cumberland County Fair. 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 2019.
13. In case of marriage, pregnancy, living with a romantic partner, or any reason the Queen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Queen, or any reason which the Cumberland County Fair Board deems unacceptable of a Queen, the queen will relinquish the title **immediately**, and all privileges connected with said title, together 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. The next eligible contestant shall succeed her.
14. Entrant agrees to abide by all of the rules the county and State contests now have in effect or as hereafter announced.
15. Entrant must be present at the all Mandatory meetings/practices. (The Director will provide a list.) All cell phones should be turned off. These practices are for interview and 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 Monday, August 13, 2018. Interviews will be that afternoon TBA and pageant will begin at 7 p.m. No cell phones are allowed. No contact with parents, family or friends will be allowed at interviews. The Entrant may pick one person to be back stage with her to help with wardrobe and hair (this person may not be parent).
16. Attendance at practices is limited to the contestant, director, and assigned assistants chosen by the director.

17. Illegal drugs, alcohol and smoking will definitely 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 personal appearances as Cumberland County Fair Queen or a contestant of the pageant shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as a contestant or role of the Cumberland County Fair Queen.
19. The newly selected Queen will be required to help collect prizes for next year's Cumberland County Fair Queen Pageant.
20. Contestants and the Queen agree to write Thank you notes. They are mandatory and are to be written and mailed after the pageant and sent out no later than the end of August. The Queen will be required to write a thank you note when deemed necessary.
21. Internet social media and networking including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, etc., are increasingly popular in today's society. Because of this your pictures and/or comments can be looked at by anyone. Since you are representing Cumberland County, all pictures and comments on these sites should be respectful and tasteful. If a contestant or the queen is found out to have inappropriate pictures or comments you could be disqualified from the pageant and/or the title will be taken away from you.
22. The queen is Cumberland County Fair's Ambassador for the year. We want the Queen to get as much exposure as possible--Visit Schools, Local Civic Groups, Open Houses, Parades, Special Speaking Engagements--This very much an HONOR and YOU MUST BE A ROLE MODEL--so we expect the very, very best of our Queen.
23. Good moral character is expected at all times by the 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 of queen if integrity is not upheld.
24. The queen will abstain from public displays of affection towards her boyfriend/romantic partner during the week of the fair or at any function.
25. Contestants as well as the queen agree to not defame the pageant, the Cumberland County fair, the pageant director, committee, any contestants and/or any other pageants related to the Cumberland County fair.
26. While Representing Cumberland County at any events the queen shall refrain from texting or talking on the cell phone unless excused by the director. It looks very rude.

27. If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant she will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Fair Board.

28. All Fees are Non-refundable. Any lost, stolen or damage 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 am complying with said terms in every way and that the personal data on my application herein set forth is true and correct.

Contestant Signature

Parent and/or Guardian Signature