

## **Cumberland County Fair Little Miss Pageant 2018 General Rules**

1. Participants for the Cumberland County Fair Little Miss Pageant must be between the ages of 5-8 years. She must be 5 years of age by the actual day of the pageant (August 13) and not have reached her 9th birthday by the pageant date.
2. Pageant participants must be residents of Cumberland County, Illinois for at least 6 months or attend a school in Cumberland County.
3. Pageant participants are required to pay a **\$75.00** entry fee. This can be a parent or grandparent sponsor or a business sponsor. Sponsors will be recognized in the pageant brochure.
4. Pageant participants will be introduced on stage by the emcee during the Miss Pageant. While walking the length of the stage the emcee will read information from their entry form. If you do not want something read to the crowd-then do not list it on the entry form. For example: if you want her to be introduced as "Susie", then do not write the name down as "Susan"- because that is what the emcee will read.
5. Participants will be:
  - a. Interviewed during the pageant. Their question will come from their entry form.
  - b. Appearing in blue jean shorts and Cumberland County Little Miss t-shirt.
  - c. Appearing in a nice dress on stage for the pageant. Your little girl does not need an expensive dress. A sundress or nice dress that she might wear to church is acceptable.
  - d. **ALL OUTFITS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.**
6. All practices are necessary for your child to feel comfortable on stage. Please make every effort for her to be in attendance. Final rehearsal is required - No Exceptions! The date for the final rehearsal will be announced at a later date.
7. In order for practices to be productive, everyone must be on their best behavior. If your child is not able to self-regulate her own behavior during practices, you may be asked to assist her.
8. 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 cleanup day.

10. **This is a natural pageant, not a glitz pageant.** Make-up and hair should be age appropriate. This means no false eyelashes, no flippers, no falls or hairpieces. A little powder & lip gloss is acceptable **but very little.** Make sure your child looks natural.
11. Girls will receive a pageant t-shirt to wear for introduction on stage. Shirts are youth sizes. And are available in XS (4-5), S(6-8), M(10-12), L(14-16). XL(18-20). Please be sure to order the correct size for your child.
12. Photos will be taken. These photos will be used for the pageant program book and newspaper. We will let you know in advance what to wear the day these pictures are taken.
13. A photographer will be in attendance at the pageant to photograph the pageant. An order form will be given at a later date if you are interested in having a formal picture of your child. A group photo will be taken before the pageant. Individual pictures will only be taken of girls purchasing individual photos from the photographer.
14. All decisions of the judges are final.
15. Good sportsmanship and good manners are the hallmark of any potential queen and as such will be expected from all contestants as well as their parents. Demonstrations of poor sportsmanship or conduct will result in point deductions and/or disqualification from the pageant.
16. The night of the pageant the girls will be assigned a camper in which they may change clothes. The owners of the campers allow us to use them and therefore we must be respectful of them. The condition of the campers must be the same or better than they were when we arrived.
17. We want your daughter to learn and grow from this experience, therefore we will make every attempt to provide positive, constructive feedback on her performance if it is requested.  
We hope to provide a positive experience for your daughter in which she can make new friends, have fun, learn, grow, and build self-confidence. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (217) 254-8264.

Thank you,

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