

Cumberland County Fair Pre-Teen Pageant 2018 General Rules

1. Contestants for the Pre-Teen Cumberland County Fair Queen Pageant must be between the ages of 9-12 years. She must be 9 years of age by the actual day of the pageant or not have reached her 13th birthday by the pageant date.
2. Contestants must be a resident of Cumberland County, Illinois for at least 6 months or attend a school in Cumberland County.
3. Contestants must be of good moral character; never been convicted of a crime or have had any legal charges pending against them. Contestants should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral or indecent.
4. Contestants must be sponsored by a business, firm or organization located in Cumberland County.
5. The sponsor agrees to pay the \$75.00 entry fee per contestant. **Please make checks payable to Cumberland County Fair.** Sponsor will be recognized in the pageant brochure and announced on stage during the pageant.
6. Practices will be closed practices. All cell phones should be turned off. Final rehearsal is required - No Exceptions. (As July and August weather typically is, practices will be very warm. Feel free to bring bottled water to stay hydrated.)
7. Contestants agree be judged on a three minute personal interview with judges, formal wear, a one minute speech on stage, and answer a pop question on stage. Age appropriate attire for pageant:
 - Interview & Speech –
 - Dress (shoulders must be covered. Should be no more than one or two inches above knee.)
 - Heels (no higher than 1 inch)
 - Formal Wear -
 - Short Formal (knee length or tea length)
 - No form fitting dresses
 - No strapless dresses
 - No sweetheart necklines
 - No slits
 - Heels (no higher than 1 inches)
 - Dance - will not be judged
 - T-shirt (will be supplied)
 - Shorts
8. No parents, family or friends will be allowed in the dressing rooms the night of

pageant. We want them to be able to enjoy the show. Only the directors and the assistant that they have appointed to you will be allowed in the dressing room. No cell phones or cameras will be allowed either.

9. Contestants understand and agree that any visible body piercing will not be worn while representing the pageant in any capacity. However, jewelry appearing in the ear lobe will be permitted. Limited to only one piercing per lobe. All others will be removed.
10. No visible tattoos.
11. Contestants, as well as the Pre-Teen Queen, will NOT defame the pageant, the Cumberland County Fair, the pageant directors and/or committee, ANY of the pageant contestants, and/or ANY Cumberland County Queen, past, present or future, through any actions, whether it is oral, written or physical, during or after the pageant .
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. SocialMedia/ Networks like Facebook, Twitter, InstaGram, Snap Chat, etc. are 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 Pre-Teen Queen is found out to have inappropriate pictures or comments you could be disqualified from the contest and/or the title can and will be taken away.
15. The newly crowned Pre-Teen Queen will spend the week (school permitting), alongside of Miss Cumberland County, as a hostess for the fair and agrees to participate in functions becoming of a Queen which may arise during the year. All personal appearances as Pre-Teen Cumberland County Fair Queen or a contestant of the pageant shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Directors; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as a contestant or role of Pre-Teen Cumberland County Fair Queen. The Pre-Teen 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 Pre-Teen Queen will be accompanied by the Pageant Director(s) or a chaperone approved by the directors at any time she is representing the Cumberland County Fair. (When making public appearances, no jeans are permitted without approval).
16. While representing Cumberland County at any event, the Pre-Teen Queen shall

refrain from texting or talking on the cell phone unless excused by the director. It looks very rude.

17. The Pre-Teen Queen will abstain from public displays of affection towards her boyfriend during the week of the Fair or at any function.
 18. Illegal drugs, alcohol and smoking will definitely not be tolerated. The Contestants and/or Pre-Teen Queen will not partake of drugs, alcoholic beverages and will refrain from smoking while representing the Cumberland County Fair.
 19. If for any reason the Pre-Teen Queen cannot fulfill her duties and obligations, she must relinquish the crown and title to the next eligible contestant in line. She must also return ALL gifts and cash prizes.
- 20. All contestants must agree that the decision of the judges is final.**
21. These rules can and will be changed at any time by the Pageant Directors when and if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (217) 254-8264 or via email at pkahmpsten@gmail.com.

Thank you & remember to Have Fun!

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