

OFFICIAL RULES OF THE 2024 LITTLE MISS JERSEY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT

The Little Miss Jersey County Fair Queen is a representative of not only herself, but a representative of the Jersey County Fair, the Board of Directors, the Jersey County Fair Pageant/Director, all Past Queens and Jersey County. This role will provide the opportunity to meet many new people and represent an organization that has promoted family values and agriculture for many years. This can be a year of a lifetime, and will require representing the Jersey County Fair in a specific manner.

Little Miss Rules

1. Any young lady who is 6 by April 15, 2024 and not have reached her 8th birthday by July 10, 2024 and has not competed in the pageant before is eligible to participate in the Little Miss Jersey County Fair Pageant.
2. Must be a resident of Jersey County
3. Was born female and has always been a female.
4. All contestants must pay a \$40.00 registration fee due with application by May 1, 2024.
5. Contestants' dresses can not be any longer than ankles.
6. All contestants must be able to walk in their shoes.
7. A contract will be signed after the crowning of the new queen.

This is considered a “beauty” pageant but there are several areas of competition other than “beauty”.

They are as follows:

1. Beauty and physic
2. Interview
3. Stage Presence
4. Questions & Communications

When the judges scores are tallied, the Queen’s and their Court’s will be named. The Judges' points given are the final and only decision on choosing the Queen.

INTERVIEW

Little Miss Interview will be on the day of the pageant at the Jersey Historical Society in Jerseyville. Three (3) very highly qualified judges will ask questions from the application/bio filled out previously by each contestant in the interview. A sun dress is acceptable for the interview.

GOWN/Dress

Each contestant models their gown/dress of their choice and again, there are requirements that

should be followed that will be covered at practices.

1. Gown/Dress should be age appropriate
2. Gown/Dress can **NOT** touch the floor. Must not be any longer than contestants ankles
3. Please make sure your contestant can walk in the shoe of their choice.

QUESTION

Each contestant will again come on stage individually and be asked their onstage question.

LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT PRACTICES/SCHEDULE

A practice schedule is set and given to each contestant both Miss & Little Miss after their application is received by the pageant director in the hope that any potential contestant will make arrangements with vacations and other activities so they may attend all practices. Each practice has a purpose and essential tips are given for each phase of the competition. Missing a practice means you miss out on learning pertinent information needed to compete in the pageant. Each practice day will have an agenda written so you know what to bring, wear, and how long it will last. The more you learn the more prepared you are on pageant day! Each contestant is allowed to miss **1** practice – and that practice must be approved by the pageant director. If you just do not show up without calling to a practice this is considered an unexcused missed practice (taking into consideration an emergency of some sort). The Pageant Director wants you to learn as much as you can and be prepared before the pageant and that is what these practices are designed to do – prepare you so when the pageant comes there are no surprises! During Pageant Practice for little miss contestants a parent/guardian must remain present in the event of an emergency. We ask that these individuals have a seat in the grandstand. You will drop your contestant off in the grandstand **NO** Parents will be allowed across the track.

BACKSTAGE AT THE PAGEANT

No one is allowed in the interviews or backstage before, during or after the pageant. There are fair officials at the entrance to the backstage area and they are put there for a reason – to protect the contestants.

No phones or apple watches are allowed backstage. This is to prevent any unauthorized pictures to be taken and consequently posted to social media. A parent/guardian must remain in the designated area at the interviews to take contestants home upon completion of each of their interviews.

When you compete in the Little Miss Jersey County Fair Pageant you are applying for a job that lasts one year. Make sure you understand that there are appearances, Fair events, and Sponsor events that you are invited to attend as the Little Miss Jersey County Fair Queen during the year. The Queens family and school schedule always comes first. The directors and Queen will always meet to discuss the schedule and will try to accommodate everyone's schedule.

A schedule will be given to the Miss and Little Miss Queen and their parents the night of the pageant for the week of the fair. The schedule will tell times, clothing, plus activities where each needs to be present.

Completed application forms must be postmarked by May 1, 2024 to Pageant Director Tiffany Phillips 404 East Washington Street PO Box 36 Medora, IL 62063. The first 16 Little Miss Applications received will be accepted. All others will be returned to the sender.

If you shall have any questions regarding the Miss Jersey County Fair Queen Pageant, please contact Pageant Director Tiffany Phillips by phone 1-618-535-6461 or email jerseycountyfairpageant@gmail.com