

2017 Junior Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen Pageant

Rules and Regulations

*The Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association welcome you to the Fair pageant. We want you to enjoy your experience in our pageant and understand your responsibilities and duties if you are crowned 2017 Lonoke County Fair Junior Queen and will take it as serious as we do. Please read all paperwork given to you as it will have all the information you should need. If you have any questions you can contact Tracy Henderson at 501-350-8567, pageant director/superintendent. All qualifications and rules are based on State requirements set forth by the Arkansas State Fair Pageant. **It is imperative that you understand that being crowned Lonoke County Fair Junior Queen means you will be required to represent Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association at the Arkansas State Fair pageant competitions (regionals then possibly finals). The first runner up will represent in the same capacity at the Southeast District Fair in Pine Bluff where if she is crowned there she will also go to Arkansas State fair competitions** The Lonoke County Fair Junior Queen is asked to make an appearance with crown and sash on at least 3 occasions at Lonoke County Fair and greet visitors for no less than 1 hour (time and day approved by director) and assist when asked handing out awards in the livestock and exhibit areas, she will also be required to ride in the Lonoke County Fair parade, and the Arkansas State Fair Parade, she will also help promote the Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association throughout the year by volunteering when possible and doing community service on any occasion that arises. Our Queen will be chosen and expected to be a positive role model to her peers and be willing to represent the Lonoke Fair whenever requested during her reign if possible. If for any reason the crowned queen is unable to fulfill her reign, the first runner up will complete her reign.*

Qualifications and Rules

1. Contestant must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 16 years of age on October 12, 2017 (opening day of Arkansas State Fair).
2. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Lonoke County. She cannot be, or at any time have been, married pregnant or have had a child. A contestant must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
3. Previous Lonoke County Fair Junior Queens are not eligible to compete again in the same division. Contestants in the Fair Queen Pageant are not eligible to compete in the Rodeo Queen Contest or Talent Contest in the same year.
4. A contestant can only compete in one county fair queen contest that is sanctioned by the County fair that is held in the county where she resides or attends school. Contestant must either legally reside or attend school (academic, not dance, etc.) in Lonoke County for one full semester immediately preceding the Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Show. In the event a contestant whose parents are divorced and live in separate counties, and has been court ordered to reside jointly with both parents, she can only compete in one county contest. (This matter must be taken care of before contestant get to the pageant). The State Fair is now requiring each county to send their county winner to the state competition and the runner-up or chosen delegates to the district competition.
5. The contestant being crowned 2017 Lonoke County Fair Junior Queen will be required to compete in the Arkansas State Fair Pageant October 16-21, 2017. There is no entry fee for the State Fair Pageant. Contestant who is first runner up will represent Lonoke County Fair and Livestock at the Southeast District Pageant. Contestant will compete in county and state levels in the following categories: private interview, sportswear, and evening gown.
6. **Contestants are required to be on time for all rehearsals and events.** Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of contest Director and/or Fair Management. If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the pageant director/superintendent at 501-350-8567.

7. Entry forms must be completely filled out, and signed by each of the following: (1) contestant; (2) contestant's parent or guardian. Since each judge will receive a copy of all entry forms, please fill out the form so it is readable, and pay close attention to such things as spelling, grammar, vocabulary, etc. **No entry form will be accepted after 5:00pm 2 weeks prior to pageant.** Forms and fees can be, mailed or hand delivered. Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association will not be responsible for entry forms lost or delayed in transit by any shipping method. There will be no additions or corrections made once the form are submitted. Entry forms for the State Fair Pageant and District pageant will be completed following the crowning of last division of pageant by the director of county fair pageant to be sent to Arkansas State Fair. **This will be done following the crowning of last division by contestant and pageant director due to time urgency. This must be done so State Fair has time to send you your packet and gate passes.**
8. There will be only one person allowed in dressing area with contestant, no one will be allowed with contestant past dressing area door. Anyone found backstage that is not a contestant or assistant of the pageant will be asked to leave. We have ladies who will be there to help and direct the girls. **NO MALES!!** The pageant director or fair board will not be responsible for loss or damage to clothing or other personal items left in the dressing area. **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES!!**
9. The reigning Lonoke County Fair Junior Queen must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Lonoke County Fair may result in the Queen relinquishing her title, crown and the forfeiture and return of all prizes.
10. Any display of poor sportsmanship and or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, traveling companion, parent, relative or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but all future contests.
11. The County Contest Director and/or Lonoke County Fair Board reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the contest, and the right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules can be disqualified from the contest by the director and/or fair board.
12. Photogenic (side award): Pictures may be any size, color or black/white, glitz or natural. Please bring all photos to the pageant check-in on the day of the pageant. All photos must be turned in 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the pageant. **DO NOT MAIL PHOTOS!** Only one photo will be accepted per contestant. Please do not put photo in a frame, but instead a plastic protective sleeve is acceptable. Label photo with child's name and age on the back. All photos will be returned to you and must be picked up at the check-in table following the pageant.. The Lonoke County Fair Pageant will not be held responsible for photos not picked up the day of pageant.
13. Crowd Favorite: This is the contestant who has the most votes sold by them before the pageant or purchased at the pageant by the audience. Votes are \$1 each or 6 votes for \$5. Contestant who choose to sell tickets need to bring all money of sold tickets to the pageant and turn in during check-in. Tickets need to be filled out completely. Ticket sales have absolutely no bearing on the pageant or pageant outcome at all. The contestant who sells the most tickets will be deemed "Crowd Favorite". There will be one winner in each age group. Voting will end at the end of intermission before crowning. For additional tickets, please make copies of the ticket sheet

REHEARSAL:

Rehearsal will be Friday evening prior to pageant on Saturday. We will begin promptly at 7:00pm and should be finished by 8:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns this will be your last chance to voice them. **Yes this is required as we will be having a parade of contestants and you will want to know what to do!** Rehearsal is closed to the public.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

REHEARSAL: We recommend wearing something comfortable and bring with you your shoes that you will be wearing the following day in competition.

PRIVATE INTERVIEW: dress or suit, jewelry and shoes of choice-- no hats, gloves or purses.

SPORTSWEAR: sports attire should be a representation of a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball, tennis, cheerleading, hunting, fishing, gymnastics, dance etc. Props are acceptable, but must be carried. They cannot be used to demonstrate a sport. Example: casting fishing pole is not allowed.

EVENING GOWN: Evening gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.

Interview will account for 50% of a contestant's total score. All interviews will be five minutes long and will be timed and monitored. Judges have been instructed to avoid current affairs and religious or political questions. The judges and contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.

Sportswear will account for 15% of a contestant's total score. Consideration of the appropriateness and creativity of a contestant's sportswear outfit is only a part of the judging criteria in the Sportswear Competition. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence are also included.

Evening gown competition will account for 35% of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on over-all first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked and on stage question and will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response. Her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her evening gown score. Judges are instructed "not to judge the gown" but "judge the contestant in the gown"

Judges will be appointed by the Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association pageant director. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. Critiques will not be provided to anyone, nor will any contestants or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.

Contact information: We will primarily communicate through email and text with the contestants. Please ensure that you have provided a good email address that is checked on a regular basis, as well as a good phone number(s) that accepts texting.

Upon arrival contestants are to report immediately to registration table, located next to the ticket booth by the entrance to the rodeo arena, at which time you will check in and receive their number which will be pinned on each outfit on the left top of thigh before she will be allowed on stage. No one is allowed on stage before pageant, no exceptions. Place and time of interviews will be announced prior to pageant. Check in time at pageant is 1:00 pm unless otherwise announced.

Entry Fees are as follows:

Pageant Entry Fee: \$50.00

Photogenic: \$10

Make all Checks, Money Orders, and/or cashier's checks payable to: Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association

Mail or hand deliver to: Lonoke County Fair Pageant
C/O Tracy Henderson
112 South Center
Lonoke Arkansas 72086

Start Selling Your Crowd Favorite Tickets!!!!

The contestant from each age group that turns in the most crowd favorite tickets will receive half of the money back.

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ENTRY FORM

Please read carefully before filling it out. Must be legible.

CONTESTANT NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ DAUGHTER OF _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE NOW _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

COLOR OF EYES _____ COLOR OF HAIR _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____ GRADUATE YEAR _____

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS (College students should list High School memberships if no College affiliations are available)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION FOR THE FUTURE AND WHY?

LIST THREE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF.

The information provided above will be used by judges during your private interview. Please give special thought to the information furnished, since only 3 memberships, hobbies and activities are permitted. Statements that reflect your personality will be helpful and will make the show more fun for you, the judges and the audience. **All information must be on this official entry form. No other forms or attachments are allowed.**

BY SIGNATURE BELOW, CONTESTANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFY THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS CONTEST AND FURTHER AGREE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, RESPECTFUL OF THE FAIR REPRESENTED.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE:

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

Are you a 4-H Member _____yes or _____no?

Club(s) name: _____

Are you a FFA Member _____yes or _____no?

Chapter name: _____