

# 2017 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 Queen and 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 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). 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 Queen is asked to make an appearance with her 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 17 years of age and not more than 21 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 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 arrives at 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 Queen will be required to compete in the Arkansas State Fair Pageant October 16-21, 2017. There is no entry fee for 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, swimsuit, and evening gown. Any Lonoke County Fair Queen not able to represent Lonoke County Fair and Livestock at the State level must notify pageant director immediately upon realization of not being able to attend so adjustments can be arranged accordingly.
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 at 501-350-8567.
7. Entry forms must be completely filled out and signed by Contestant and contestant's parent or guardian. Since each judge will receive a copy of all entry forms, please fill out the form so it is legible. Pay close attention to such things as spelling, grammar, vocabulary, etc. **No entry form will be accepted after 5:00pm September 1, 2017.** Forms can be emailed, 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 forms are submitted. Entry forms for the State Fair Pageant and District pageant will be completed by director following the crowning of last division of pageant to be sent to Arkansas State Fair. **This will be done following the crowning of last division due to time urgency. This must be done so State Fair has time to send you your packet and gate passes. You must be present in order for forms to be filled out appropriately.**
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. Any reigning Lonoke County Fair 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 Fair 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 contestants 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. Application attached to pageant application.
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 six votes for \$5. Contestants 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. 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 provided.

### **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, and your swimwear for approval if you are in question about it.

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

**SWIMSUIT:** One piece swimsuit is required. Must be PROPER. Swimsuits will be checked for modesty at rehearsal. Any contestant doubting the appropriateness of their swimsuit should bring two. No monokini or tankini swimsuits 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.

Swimsuit will account for 15% of contestant's total score. 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 to 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 contestant or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.

**Contact information: We will primarily communicate through e-mail and text with the contestants. Please ensure that you have provided a good e-mail 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 your number which will be pinned on each outfit on the left top of thigh before allowed on stage. You will also provide photo if entering photogenic at check in. No one is allowed on stage before pageant, no exceptions. Time and location of interviews will be announced prior to day of 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  
and 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 form carefully before filling it out. Must be legible.

CONTESTANT FULL 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 \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT COLLEGE DEGREE/SPECIAL TRAINING DO YOU WISH TO SEEK?

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LIST YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. (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? \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST THREE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF

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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. Complete rules are available online at [www.lonokecountyfair.com](http://www.lonokecountyfair.com).

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 FAIRS REPRESENTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Are you a 4-H Member \_\_\_yes\_\_\_ or \_\_\_no\_\_\_?

Club(s) member of: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a FFA Member \_\_\_yes\_\_\_ or \_\_\_no\_\_\_?

Chapter member of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the Rules!!!! Be on Time!!!!**