

2018 Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen Pageant

The Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association welcomes you to the fair pageant. We want you to enjoy your experience in our pageant 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, pageant director by calling or texting 501-350-8567 or by email at lonokecountyfairqueen@yahoo.com. All qualifications and rules are based on State requirements set forth by the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant. **It is imperative that you understand that being crowned as Queen in the Lonoke County Fair Queen competition has responsibilities and expectations that are explained in our rules and regulations and must be fulfilled accordingly. Please read all the qualifications and rules and regulations carefully before signing.**

Qualifications, Rules and Regulations

1. Contestant must be at least 17 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on September 18, 2018. (opening date of Lonoke County 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, engaged, 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).
5. **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 fair office 501-628-4948 or pageant director 501-350-8567
6. 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 10, 2018.** 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 form is submitted. **A digital photo is to be emailed to Lonokecountyfairqueen@yahoo.com prior to pageant. This is not for photogenic competition. Arkansas State Fair is requiring this.**
7. 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 in both areas 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 or CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED IN DRESSING AREA!!**
8. 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 and/or monetary awards.
9. 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.
10. The contestants of the Lonoke County Fair Queen competition must have the physical and mental capabilities to participate in this contest. The winner must also maintain such said capabilities in order to fulfill assigned duties and schedule.

11. Our Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen will be expected to make at least 3 appearances wearing crown and sash to the Lonoke County Fair to greet visitors for no less than one hour (time and day to be approved by director). Queen will assist any time during fair week that she is asked, including but not limited to, handing out awards in the livestock and exhibit areas on Saturday morning of the fair. She will ride in the Lonoke County Fair Parade, Arkansas State Fair Parade (if there is one), Lonoke Christmas Parade and Cabot Christmas Parade. She will also help promote the Lonoke County Fair and Livestock association throughout the year by volunteering if a situation arises and she is asked to do so on behalf of the fair. Our queen will represent Lonoke County Fair first and foremost above any other title held.

12. Any prospective Lonoke County Fair Queen must agree to place their position and title above any other title they may hold within the county and agree to show precedence of said title in any and all situations where there happens to be a choice of titles to represent if holding more than one title in the county.

13. *The Arkansas State Fair is now requiring the county to send their county winner to the state competition. County contestants can compete at the respective district competition. Contestant must have entered a sanctioned county contest to compete at either level.* The contestant being crowned 2017 Lonoke County Fair Queen will be required to compete in the Arkansas State Fair Pageant October 15-20, 2018. There is no entry fee for State Fair Pageant. Any contestant who competes in the Lonoke County Fair and Livestock is eligible to compete at the Southeast District Pageant. There is no fee for this as well. Contestant will compete in county, district, regional 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. 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.** If you are crowned queen or interested in advancing to district competition but was not crowned queen, you and a parent or legal guardian are to report to the dressing room immediately following pageant.

14. 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.

Registration

Upon arrival contestants are to report immediately to registration table, at which time you will check in, turn in photo if entering photogenic and receive your number which will be pinned on each outfit on the right top of thigh before being allowed on stage. No one is allowed on stage before pageant, no exceptions. Check-in time will be **no later** than 12:30, interviews will begin promptly at 1 pm. beginning with Jr. division. If you are late for this and it is determined by director to be a non-emergency event you will be disqualified and forfeit entry fee. All registrations for afternoon competition have the same deadline to check-in so don't wait until the last minute because we will stop check-in at 12:30.

Entry Fees are as follows:

Pageant Entry Fee: \$50.00

Photogenic: \$10 (optional)

Make all Checks, Money Orders, and/or cashier's checks payable to:
Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association and mail to
Lonoke County Fair Pageant
C/O Tracy Henderson
112 South Center
Lonoke Arkansas 72086

REHEARSAL:

Rehearsal will be the evening before the pageant. **THIS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY.** We will begin promptly at 7 pm. You will receive your shirt to wear for the parade of contestants at this time. We will have a quick informative meeting with answers to any questions you may have at this time. Rehearsal is closed to the public, 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.

COMPETITION CLOTHING and EXPECTATIONS

PRIVATE INTERVIEW:

dress or suit, jewelry and shoes of choice-- no hats, gloves or purses. **INTERVIEWS** will begin promptly at 1 pm beginning with Junior Queen contestants and advance by age categories and 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. You will report to the education building to wait your turn, if you are not there when it is your turn you will not receive a score for this part of competition, you will not be chased down.

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. **SWIMSUIT** will account for 15% of contestants 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:

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

Photogenic (optional 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 contestant's name and age on the back. All photos will be returned to you and must be picked up at the table in dressing room 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.

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" and receive one half of their ticket sales back. 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

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. You can follow our Facebook page at Lonoke County Fair Queen for information as well or the fair website at www.lonokefair.com.

2018 Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen Pageant

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 _____ T-SHIRT SIZE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____ PRESENT GRADE _____

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: _____

READ THE RULES!!! BE ON TIME!!!