

8th Annual Junior Miss Macon County Fair Pageant

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General Rules

1. Contestants for the Junior Miss Macon County Fair must be a minimum of 11 years old by the pageant date (Monday, June 9, 2008) and not have reached her 14th birthday by the pageant date.
2. Contestants for the Junior Miss Macon County Fair must be a single female; never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been pregnant. The contestant is now and has always been a female.
3. Contestants must have been a resident of Macon County, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date or attend a school in Macon County.
4. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen and never have been convicted of a felony offense.
5. Contestant agrees to be
 - 1) personally interviewed by the judges
 - 2) judged on stage in sportswear/casualwear
 - 3) present a memorized one minute speech on stage
 - 4) model formal wear on stage for judging
6. All clothing must be viewed and approved by the director prior to the final rehearsal.
7. Contestants are required to have a "sponsor" (business or family) who will accept responsibility for their \$50.00 entry fee.
8. All contestants are required to help sell at least 25 - 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the pageant date to help cover pageant expenses. Raffle will be held during the pageant. Winning ticket does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each.
9. Hair & Make-up for this pageant must be age appropriate.
10. Practices and rehearsals are strongly encouraged and must be attended by all Junior Miss contestants unless excused by Director. Refer to Pageant Format for greater detail concerning Rehearsals.
11. Contestants will limit themselves to one hole/piercing in each ear lobe. All other visible piercings ear or body must be removed. Any and all visible tattoos and body art must be covered with clothing or body make-up.
12. The newly selected Junior Miss will help serve as one of the hostesses for the Macon County Fair June 11-15, 2008. Please note that Sunday June 15th is Fathers Day but there are still requirements at the fair on that Sunday.
13. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected Junior Miss will be:
 - a) She will not partake of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs and will refrain from smoking while representing the Macon County Fair at any function.
 - b) She will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign unless dates do not conflict with her responsibilities and permission is obtained from the Pageant Director.
 - c) The Junior Miss will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Macon County Fair.
 - d) All personal appearances shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Junior Miss Macon County Fair.
 - e) The Junior Miss is required to participate during the entire week of the Fair by handing out ribbons, being introduced at the beginning of each Grandstand event (all five nights) and any other duties assigned by the Pageant Director or any member of the Fair Board. She will also sell 50/50 raffle tickets for the grandstand events (all five nights) to help the Queen cover the cost of her State Pageant wardrobe.
14. The newly selected Junior Miss will be required to collect prizes for next year's Junior Miss Macon County Fair Pageant including purchasing a crown pin to be given to the newly crowned Junior Miss when you retire.
15. Upon crowning you will be given a scepter to utilize throughout your reign. At the end of your reign, if you choose to keep the scepter you will be responsible to purchase a new scepter to be given to the new Junior Miss. We will list your name in the program in the gift section.
16. Attendance at local parades throughout your reign is strongly encouraged upon approval of the Director. You are responsible for securing a convertible or appropriate transportation for all parades.

17. If the newly selected Junior Miss cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.
18. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL.

Junior Miss Macon County Responsibilities and Expectations:

The Junior Miss is expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times, regardless of whether she is officially representing the fair or not.

The Junior Miss is required to be present at the Macon County Fair for the entire week distributing award ribbons, being introduced at the beginning of each Grandstand evening event and any other duties designated by the Pageant Director or any member of the Fair Board.

The Junior Miss will sell 50/50 raffle tickets during every grandstand event all five nights of the Fair to help cover the cost of the Queen's State Wardrobe.

The Junior Miss may visit other county Fair Queen Pageants with the Macon County Fair Queen and Pageant Director whenever possible.

The Junior Miss's attendance at local parades throughout the year is strongly encouraged but all events must be approved in advance by the director.

The Junior Miss is responsible for securing a convertible or appropriate transportation for parades.

The Junior Miss will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or by someone approved by the director any time she officially represents the Macon County Fair.

The Junior Miss will abstain from public display of affection toward boyfriend during the fair week or at any function.

The Junior Miss will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign unless dates do not conflict with her responsibilities; however, she must consult with the director before making a commitment to participate in other pageants.

The Junior Miss's personal appearances must be approved in advance by the Pageant Director along with any photographic sessions or pictures taken or photos released with the Junior Miss wearing her crown and/or sash officially representing the Macon County Fair. Director will approve queen's wardrobe and all clothing.

The Junior Miss will be required to secure the prizes for the next year's Macon County Fair Junior Miss Pageant and is expected to purchase a crown pin and scepter to be presented, as a gift, to the newly crowned Junior Miss. The Pageant Director will make arrangements to purchase the crown pin and the new scepter.

The Junior Miss is expected to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities outlined (above) and if any rule(s) is/are violated, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title. Should she choose to decline the title, the following runner-up/contestants will be offered the title based on scores received during the Miss Macon County Fair Junior Miss Pageant.

The manner in which the newly selected queen conducts herself should always be that of respect for herself, the Macon County Fair, and its Fair Board, at all times during her reign. If at any time the Macon County Fair Board and Pageant Director feel that any of the said rules or duties have been broken it is their decision to release the reigning Junior Miss of her title. At that time it is required to immediately return all cash and prizes to the pageant director.

ENTRANT/CONTESTANT SUPPLEMENTAL FACT SHEET

The contestant is currently _____ years of age. The contestant was born on _____, _____. The contestant has included with this supplemental fact sheet proof of date of birth in the form of _____ (birth certificate, driver's license, driver's permit or state identification). The Contestant agrees to provide the Macon County Fair with any additional information or documents that may be required to determine her date of birth if the Contestant's date of birth is in question towards her eligibility.

The contestant understands that if she is claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss Macon County Fair Junior Miss Pageant, she must be a permanent resident of Macon County, Illinois for at least six (6) months prior to the first phase of the onstage competition.

The Contestant's current permanent residence is at _____ in the Town of _____, State of Illinois. The Contestant has resided at this address since _____, _____. If her residency at this location was established within six (6) months preceding the local or state competition in which she is competing, her last previous residence was at _____ in the town of _____, State of Illinois. The Contestant lived at that address from _____ (month/year) to _____ (month/year). The Contestant agrees to provide the Macon County Fair with any additional information or documents that may be required to determine her residency in Macon County, if the Contestant's residence is in question towards her eligibility.

The Entrant is of good moral character and has not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude. Entrants must have conduct becoming of a Junior Miss contestant at all times, including but not limited to information, comments, blogs, or photographs in person, on the phone, or on internet sites, while vying for the title of Junior Miss Macon County Fair 2008. Any attitudes, actions, or activities perceived as conduct unbecoming of a Junior Miss contestant or a Junior Miss's contestant's representative as determined by the Pageant Directors can and may result in the immediate removal of the entrant from the contest at any point prior to the crowning of Junior Miss Macon County Fair 2008. The decision of the recall of an Entrant due to moral character is that of the Executive Board of the Macon County Fair Association and the Pageant Director and shall be FINAL.

The Entrant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Junior Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant and the Decatur Macon County Fair Association, now in effect or as here after announced.

- A. Any attitudes, actions, or activities perceived as conduct unbecoming of a Junior Miss can and may result in the immediate recall of the entrant.
- B. In case of marriage, pregnancy, death, or in any other reason the Entrant chosen is unable to fulfill her obligations as an Entrant, she agrees to relinquish all privileges and prizes awarded to her, upon the direction of the Pageant Director.
- C. If the Entrant cannot fulfill all of the expressed or written duties or violates a rule set forth for an Entrant, she will immediately relinquish all privileges and prizes awarded to her, upon the direction of the Pageant Director.
- D. The Executive Board of the Decatur Macon County Fair Association and the Pageant Director has the discretion of recall, should any improprieties or negative circumstances occur.
- E. Convictions of any crime, other than a minor traffic offense, shall be cause for recall. The decision of the recall of an Entrant is that of the Executive Board of the Decatur Macon County Fair Association and the Pageant Director and shall be FINAL.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Who should be called in case of an emergency?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone Number: _____

Dentist: _____ Phone Number: _____

Medications Entrant is Taking and Reason: _____

Known Medications Entrant is Allergic To and Effects: _____

Known Allergies and Effects to Entrant: _____

Any Physical Problems that could cause Entrant Discomfort: _____

I, _____, am of sound mind and good physical condition. (If my health comes into question, I may be asked to produce a doctor's note confirming my affirmation.)

I do not use, consume or abuse the use of any alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances. I do not have any ailment that would impair my ability to compete for or represent the title of Junior Miss Decatur Macon County Fair 2008. I am of good moral character. I have not been involved at any time in any attitudes, actions, activities, information, comments, blogs or photographs in person, on the phone, or on internet sites that my question my moral turpitude. Other than minor traffic offenses, I have never been convicted of any crimes and have no adjudications presently pending against me.

I understand that my daughter is NOT covered by any medical/accident insurance by Decatur Macon County Fair Association and that I as parent/guardian am responsible for medical/accident insurance. My daughter's own medical insurance will be used as the primary coverage needed; and I will not hold the Decatur Macon County Fair Association or its Pageant Director responsible for any insurance coverage that might occur during the practices or the week of the Fair.

Entrant/Contestant's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature/Date

LIABILITY RELEASE

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in the Junior Miss Macon County Fair Queen pageant 2008, the entrant, on behalf of the Executive Board of the Decatur Macon County Fair Association and the Pageant Director, hereby:

1. Acknowledges that the entrant's participation in the Junior Miss Decatur Macon County Fair Pageant 2008 may include activities that may be hazardous to the entrant and assumes the risk of injury or harm associated with such participation.
2. Releases and forever discharges the Executive Board of the Decatur Macon County Fair Association and the Pageant Director and its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively the "Releasees") of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action (collectively the "Claims") in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to myself or property howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during my participation in the Miss Decatur Macon County Fair Junior Miss Pageant 2008 or pageant related events, whether prior to, during or subsequent to my attendance and notwithstanding that any Claim may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of any of the Releasees.
3. Indemnifies and holds harmless the Releasees from and against any and all liability incurred by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my participation in the Decatur Macon County Fair Junior Miss Pageant 2008.
4. Understands and acknowledges that the Releasees do not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for the entrant and therefore agrees to assume responsibility for such insurance coverage on the undersigned.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE READING, UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING WITH THE FOREGOING.

Entrant's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature/Date