

PRINCESS PAGEANT FORMAT

Fees/Paperwork/Deadlines

Entry fee along with entry form is due on or before Sunday, June 1st. \$25.00 check to Macon County Fair.

Happy Ads for the program are \$10.00 each and due by June 1st. Checks to Macon county Fair.

Business Ads for program \$50/\$100/\$200/\$200 and up are due Sunday June 1st. Checks to MCF.

T-shirt size and \$10 due by Sunday June 1st. Checks to SCREEN THIS.

Consent form, which includes a parent signature due on or before Sunday June 1st.

Photography release form due on or before Sunday June 1st.

Raffle tickets (25 tickets at a time) and money are due by Sunday June 8th.

Entry Forms

You can type or print the entry form, consent form and all of the rules direct from the Macon County Fair website: www.maconcountyfair.com Entry forms should be one page – do not submit extra pages. Your entry form is the information that will be given to the Master of Ceremonies to read during the pageant and the questions your child is asked on stage will come from this application. If you do not want something read to the crowd – then do NOT list it on your entry form. For example: if you want the emcee to introduce “Melissa Muirheid” then don’t write down that her name is “Melissa Renee Muirheid” – because that is what he will read!

Pageant T-shirts

Princess participants may purchase a T-shirt for \$10 to wear during the week of the fair along with the tiara they will be given pageant night. T-shirts are optional for Princess girls, as they will not be worn on stage. Sizes are available in Youth 6-8, Youth Medium 10-12, Youth Large 14-16. T-shirts will be handed out at the final rehearsal on Sunday June 8th. Checks need to be made payable to the business name of SCREEN THIS.

Grandstand / Dressing Room

Princess participants will not be charged to enter the grandstand during pageant night. You will need to drop your daughter off at the dressing room (ADM Building) which is parallel to the grandstand. Please have your daughter dressed and ready to go. You will check her in to the dressing room attendant and you can take a seat in the grandstand for better viewing. Princesses should arrive at the dressing room by 6:15 pm.

IF there are enough Princess girls to warrant two nights, we will split the girls up into two groups and one group will participate on Monday night June 9th along with the Junior Miss contestants and the other group will participate on Tuesday night June 10th along with the Queen contestants. Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends must pay the \$5.00 entry fee into the grandstand to view the pageant.

The princesses will be transported to the stage via courtesy vans. Once your child has received her tiara, crown trophy and goody bag you are free to leave or you may stay and watch the remainder of the pageant. Each Princess is encouraged to visit the fair during fair week wearing her Macon County Fair Princess Pageant T-shirt. Please bring an activity or something for your child to do to help occupy the down time in the dressing room.

Parking

After 4:00 pm the Fair charges \$2.00 to park. Princess names will be on a list for the volunteer people directing parking so they will not need to pay.

Pageant Program Photo

Val Cook of Val Cook Photography will take the ONE group photo of the Princesses to be placed in the pageant program. The girls should wear a nice outfit but it does not need to be the actual dress they will wear on stage during

pageant night. If they have a nice sundress, Easter dress or if you want them to wear a summer shorts outfit that is acceptable too.

Rehearsals

All practices will be held in the Decatur Building on the fairgrounds across from the Grandstand next to the Fair Office. Practices are CLOSED to everyone except the participants. Princesses may be dropped off at the Decatur Building and picked up later or you may stay in your vehicle until rehearsal ends but there will be NO PARENTS, SIBLINGS etc. allowed during workshops. We feel with the noise level in the building we can accomplish much more without the added stress of having “mom” watching all the time. We will wrap up each rehearsal by speaking with the parents/guardians/caregivers on what was accomplished at the practice. The wrap up meeting with the parents will take place OUTSIDE the building so please make sure you step out of your vehicles and gather in a group for final instructions.

Practices are necessary for your child to feel comfortable. Please make every effort for your child to attend the few rehearsals we have scheduled for the little girls.

MANDATORY Final Rehearsal – Sunday, June 8th 2:00 pm at the Grandstands

Final Rehearsal is the only rehearsal that is open to the public. You may bring your dress shoes to practice walking on the actual stage.

Junior Miss Pageant & Parade of Princesses – Monday June 9th at the Grandstands 6:30 pm

Queen Pageant – Tuesday June 10th at the Grandstands 7:00 pm

Introductions during the Pageant

Princesses will be introduced on stage by the emcee wearing a nice sundress or Easter dress. They will be unaccompanied by an adult and will be expected to walk the entire length of the stage by themselves which is something we will practice. While walking, the emcee will read information from their entry forms and then ask them 1-2 questions using the microphone.

If your daughter gets butterflies before going on stage and doesn't want to walk the stage by herself, our current Queen and current Junior Miss will offer to walk the stage with her. Please be assured that we will not force anyone to go on stage that does not want too. Once all of the girls have been on stage individually, they will come back on stage as a group for a photo.

Attire

Your daughter can wear a dress that she might wear to church or Easter but I really prefer a cute summer sundress. Your daughter does not need an expensive dress to participate. She is beautiful because she is a little girl – not because of the outfit she is wearing. Pageant gowns, fancy dresses with sequins and rhinestones, tea-length gowns, floor-length gowns are **NOT** allowed for this county fair pageant. The Sunburst pageant program is very different from the fair. No pants, hats, gloves, capes, trains or anything resembling bridal or bridesmaid attire! Hose are not necessary as sandals or dress shoes with socks are fine.

AT A REHEARSAL BUT PRIOR TO FINAL REHEARSAL DIRECTOR WILL APPROVE DRESS

Make-Up

Princesses – A very small amount of powder is fine if your child has oily skin under the lights or is perspiring. Lip-gloss is fine as long as it isn't tinted with color. Full foundation, eye shadow, lipstick and mascara are **absolutely forbidden**. Hair should be age appropriate. Make sure your child looks like a little girl – not Miss America.

Fundraising

Each girl will be given 25 raffle tickets to sell at \$1.00 each. The raffle will be held during the pageant and the holder of the winning tickets does not need to be present to win. The pageant will raffle off cash prizes and the proceeds will be used to cover pageant expenses. A prize will be given to the Princess who sells the most raffle tickets. We will sell raffle tickets through Sunday June 8th.

Coronation

Each Princess will come back on stage individually to receive their tiara, crown trophy and their goody bag. Our reigning Queen and Junior Miss will assist in the coronation.

People's Choice Award

Each princess will be given a plastic shoebox to take home and decorate. Have fun with these and be creative! Make sure your name is on the box. The boxes must be returned to a member of the pageant committee before Final Rehearsal Sunday June 8th. The boxes will be placed at the entrance of the pageant under the grandstand and people can vote for the princess of their choice. The princess who makes the most money will be given a special prize and the rest of the funds will go back to the pageant to help cover costs. The retiring Queen and Junior Miss will judge the boxes and will give an award to the best-decorated box.

Business Ad for Program

If you know of a business that is willing to help sponsor the pageant by purchasing a program ad, please let us know. We will list their name in the program given free to all that attend. If the business needs a receipt let Melissa know. There is not enough room in the program for a business card size ad but we will list them in a special section of the program called Pageant Sponsors.

There are four advertising tiers: \$50 – Bronze \$100 – Silver \$200 Gold \$200 & Up is Platinum

Happy Ads

Happy ads will be placed in the pageant program and there is no limit on the number of ads you can submit. This is a great way to encourage your child and help pay for the program! Each Happy Ad is \$10 and is due by Sunday June 1st.