

## PAGEANT FORMAT

### Fees/Paperwork/Deadlines

Sponsor Entry Fee along with Entry Form is due on or before Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Checks to Macon County Fair  
Miss - \$75.00 Junior Miss - \$50.00

Happy Ads for program are \$10.00 each and due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks made payable to: Macon County Fair

Business Ads for program \$50/\$100/\$200/\$200 up are due Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks to: Macon County Fair

T-shirt size and \$10.00 is due by Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks made payable to: Screen This

Consent form, which includes a parent signature, and Photography release is due on or before Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Raffle tickets (25 tickets at a time) and money is due by Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

### Entry Forms

You can type and print an entry form, consent form and all of the general rules direct from the Macon County Fair website: [www.maconcountyfair.com](http://www.maconcountyfair.com) The judges will see your entry form so it should be neat, concise and proofread for spelling errors! The judge's first impression of you is your entry form so make sure it looks nice! Entry forms should be one page – do not submit extra pages. If you do not want something read to the crowd – then don't 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! Forms are due no later than Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can hand entry forms in at a rehearsal but June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all paperwork – no exceptions.

### Pageant T-shirts

Queen and Junior Miss contestants will be required to purchase a pageant T-shirt to be worn on-stage for introductions. T-shirts are \$10.00 each and checks should be made payable to the business name of "SCREEN THIS". Sizes are available in Youth Small 6-8, Youth Medium 10-12, Youth Large 14-16, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large and Adult XL. T-shirts will be handed out at the final rehearsal on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Grandstand

Queen contestants will not be charged to enter the grandstand for both Monday night's pageant and Tuesday night's pageant. Junior Miss contestants will not be charged to enter the grandstand for the Junior Miss and Parade of Princess competition on Monday night but if you elect to attend on Tuesday night for the Queen pageant, you will be charged \$5.00 each. This applies to Princess contestants as well. **IF** we have enough Princess candidates to warrant splitting them up into two groups – one group competing on Monday night and the other group competing on Tuesday night, Princesses will not be charged to enter the night of their specific competition.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends must pay the \$5.00 entry fee into the pageant held in front of the grandstands. The **ONE** back stage helper that each contestant is allowed will not be charged. The grandstand will be cleared the day of the pageant around 5:30 pm so you are not allowed to reserve seats. Grandstands will open approximately at 5:45 pm.

After 4:00 pm the fair charges \$2.00 to park. Contestant's names and the names of their **ONE** backstage helper will be on a list for the volunteer people directing parking so they don't have to pay to park.

### Pageant Program Photos

Val Cook of Val Cook Photography will take the photos at practice. This photo will be a head and shoulder shot and will be placed in the pageant program for all guests to view as well as your judges! Your hair and make-up should look nice for your photo. These photos will also be used for the Miss Photogenic Award judged by the photographer and possibly placed on the fair website and the local newspaper.

## **Dressing Rooms / ONE Helper**

Each contestant is allowed **ONE** helper in the dressing room. The dressing room is the ADM building parallel to the grandstand. You should arrive at the dressing room on pageant night 30 minutes prior to competition although I suggest you come earlier to reserve your area and drop your items off. There will be a few hanging garment racks already in place along with a couple of mirrors, one large box fan and picnic tables. Obviously no males are allowed in the dressing room. You are encouraged to bring your own fan, mirror, make-up, hair products, wet wipes and paper towels to remove the stick-um from swimsuit competition, clip-on light and extension cords. Contestants will be transported via courtesy van/shuttle up to the stage for competition. Choose a helper that makes you comfortable. If your mom makes you “nervous” – then choose your friend or your hairdresser and ask mom to take a seat in the grandstand. There will not be extra time for the helpers to walk back and forth from the dressing room to the grandstand to view the actual competition so if mom wants to watch you in the pageant – she shouldn't really be your backstage helper. We will clear the dressing room at 6:15 pm and once the pageant begins, no one is allowed in the dressing room except contestants, your one helper and our pageant helpers.

## **Rosettes/ Contestant Numbers**

Each contestant (except Princesses) will be given a rosette showing your contestant number to be worn the evening of competition. These rosettes are NOT a keepsake and need to be returned to the dressing room attendant pageant night or you will be asked to pay \$5.00 to replace it. Rosettes will be handed out during interviews at the farm bureau building. Once the pageant is finished, please hand your rosette in to the dressing room attendant.

## **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 contestants. Contestants may be dropped off at the Decatur Building and picked up later. Practices will start at 6:00 pm and end around 7:30 pm. At the beginning of each practice contestants may submit any paperwork and pick up raffle tickets. Parents are welcome to sit in your air-conditioned car and wait for the rehearsal to end 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 every evening by speaking with the parents/guardians/caregivers on what was accomplished at the practice and what needs to be worked on. The wrap up with the parents will take place OUTSIDE the building so please make sure you step out of your cars and gather in a group for final instructions.

Practices are mandatory unless excused in advance by the pageant director (and it needs to be a very-very good excuse for missing a practice). Judges will be given a spreadsheet showing who attended rehearsals, practices and workshops and whether excused or not and judges may use it for scoring at their discretion. Even if a contestant is excused by the director from a rehearsal, this information will be noted on the judge's spreadsheet. Contestants can dress in casual clothing and comfortable shoes for practicing but bring taupe shoes and evening gown shoes to practice walking and modeling. Dress casual, as this is NOT an actual dress rehearsal. You will not wear your competition clothing at the Final rehearsal. Bring taupe shoes and evening gown shoes to practice walking on the ACTUAL stage Sunday at Final Rehearsal. Final Rehearsal is the only rehearsal that is open to the public. The FINAL REHEARSAL on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> is required.

Final Dress Rehearsal – Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 pm at the Grandstands – Junior Miss & Princesses  
- 5:00 pm at the Grandstands – Miss Contestants

Junior Miss Pageant & Parade of Princesses – Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> – at the Grandstands 6:30 p.m.

Queen Pageant - Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> – at the Grandstands 7:00 p.m.

## **Interviews**

Individual interviews for the Miss candidates will be the actual day of the pageant, Tuesday, June 10, 2008 held at the Macon County Farm Bureau Building beginning at 2 pm. Junior Miss candidates will have their interview on Monday, June 9 2008 at the Macon County Farm Bureau beginning at 2 pm. You will be judged on your personality and your facial beauty at that time. The questions asked will be about you, your interests, your personal views and goals. Interviews are 4 minutes long and will be timed. All contestants will be judged on their ability to answer questions clearly and decisively, eye contact, hair, make-up, smile, posture, maturity for age and overall appearance. Treat this like a job interview. Just relax and be yourself! Appropriate attire for Miss candidates in this portion of the competition would be a business suit or nice dress (no strapless dresses, no cocktail dresses, no pantsuits and no slacks) wear heels and **hose**. Junior Miss candidates should wear a nice sundress, skirt or blouse. Junior Miss should look age-appropriate. I would not suggest a business suit for Junior Miss because it makes you look too old. Look your best--this is the time the judges see you close-up! Meet in the auditorium of the Macon County Farm Bureau Building. No parents, siblings or extra friends and extra observers allowed – they may wait outside in the car. After interviews are over ALL contestants will be brought back into the auditorium for one final look by the judges and a group photo. Contestants are welcome to then take belongings out to the dressing room on the fairgrounds and get a bite to eat prior to the pageant.

**AT A REHEARSAL BUT PRIOR TO FINAL REHEARSAL – DIRECTOR WILL VIEW OUTFIT**

## **Introductions during the Pageant**

Queen and Junior Miss Contestants should have a prepared introduction of themselves to present onstage during competition. This introduction includes your name, contestant number, age, and name of college/school and ending with a thank you to your sponsor. Example: "Good evening, I am 20-year old Melissa Muirheid from Oakley. This fall I will attend Millikin University as a sophomore majoring in Mass Communication. I would like to thank my sponsor Muirheid Farms. Thank you." Any variation of this example is fine. You are judged on your speaking ability.

Miss Contestants will wear a Queen pageant T-shirt along with denim shorts and flip-flops due to our Aloha theme this year. Junior Miss will wear Junior Miss T-shirts with denim shorts and flip-flops. All contestants will wear a Hawaiian lei to be given out at final rehearsal June 8<sup>th</sup>. Queen candidates will be introduced at the Junior Miss/Parade of Princess pageant Monday night and therefore it is required that Queen candidates attend the Monday night pageant which begins at 6:30 pm. Once Queen contestants are introduced on stage, you will be free to leave. There will be no charge for Queen contestants to attend Monday night's Junior Miss & Parade of Princess pageant. Queen contestants will wear their pageant T-shirt with denim shorts and flip flops for introductions at the Junior Miss pageant Monday night.

## **Swimsuits (one-piece) – Miss Contestants only**

This phase of competition combines general health, energy, posture, carriage and overall appearance. This is the ultimate test of composure and confidence on stage. It is a reflection of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle. To compliment this, swimsuits must be one-piece and should fit well. Solid colored suits with built-in bras or support are preferable. Bra cups are allowed and encouraged at the county level as well as a panty liner. Suits with plunging necklines or too high on the hips are not allowed; If the suit is questionable, you will be asked to change it. High-heeled taupe-colored pumps are required and should be broken in. No undergarments or hose may be worn with the suit. Rubbing oil on your legs makes them look greasy under the spotlights, so use lotion instead. Baby powder sprinkled inside your shoes will help make them more comfortable. No jewelry is to be worn during this phase of competition. Body piercings, tattoos and body art must be covered up. Miss candidates will wear their swimsuit and practice applying stick-um at one rehearsal to be announced. Stick-um will be provided at the practice as well as the evening of competition.

**AT A REHEARSAL BUT PRIOR TO FINAL REHEARSAL – DIRECTOR WILL VIEW SWIMSUIT**

## **Sportswear/Casual Wear – Junior Miss contestants only**

Examples are capri pants, a cute short outfit, skorts, and summer skirt – something you might wear out to the movies with your girlfriends or an outfit you might wear to the county fair. This is summer attire. You can wear sandals, flip-flops, tennis shoes or whatever looks best with your overall outfit.

**AT A REHEARSAL BUT PRIOR TO FINAL REHEARSAL - DIRECTOR WILL VIEW SPORTSWEAR**

## Communication Skills/Speech

Contestants (both Miss and Junior Miss) will prepare and perform a one minute timed speech on the topic of their choice as long as the topic is not immoral or controversial. Be creative. This is a chance to express to the judges something about yourself that you were not able to convey in your interview. Some ideas are your hometown, county, county fair, family, pet peeve or anything that makes you unique. Speeches will take place on stage with a microphone. (Singers change hands with the microphone – Giving a speech you DON'T change hands). No props are allowed. No singing, poems or sign language allowed. The same interview outfit you wear during interviews should be worn again on stage for the Speech competition. Heel color should match your outfit if you aren't wearing your taupe pumps. Because there are not many practices we ask that you have your speech written and memorized by the third practice. If you have questions on how to choose a topic best for you, contact Melissa before practice starts! Remember to speak loud and clear. Most people speak much faster than usual when in front of a large crowd so practice in front of family, friends, co-workers or anyone else who will listen to you.

## Evening Gown/Stage Presence

A "pageant" gown is not necessary for county competition; however the gown must be floor length. Choose a gown in your best color and coordinate your shoes and accessories so that they add to your total look, not distract from it. There is no need to purchase a gown for this competition if you do not have one – many girls borrow from a friend or rent one. Many girls will wear their prom dress or borrow a prom dress. The contestant will be judged on her appearance in her gown. Color, fit and style on her are all important. Choose a closed toe shoe if at all possible. A dress that fits **WELL** can make all the difference. We recommend a floor length gown for Miss candidates.

For Junior Miss Division - spaghetti straps are acceptable and the gown doesn't have to be floor length (can be tea length). I do not suggest a strapless gown for Junior Miss contestants

**AT A REHEARSAL BUT PRIOR TO FINAL REHEARSAL - DIRECTOR WILL VIEW EVENING GOWNS**

## Pageant Competition

We encourage you to invite as many people as possible to cheer you on. Contestants always seem more at ease when they have a large cheering section. Have your supporters bring signs, picture buttons, encouraging t-shirts, etc. (Be creative!)

## Make-Up/Hair

Make-up should be natural in interviews and darker for stage; the lights will wash you out. Hair can be up or down depending on the length but please consult with your hairdresser and the crew if you have questions. Your hair may be worn different the evening of pageant if you have time to style and/or change it after interviews. Unless your ONE helper is a hair stylist, you will not have a lot of time to change your hairstyles in the dressing room so plan accordingly.

Junior Miss - Do not try and compete with the queen candidates – your attire, make-up and hair should be age appropriate.

## Scoring – Miss Division

Contestants will be judged on the following:

- Personal Interview 30 points
- Facial Beauty during Interview 10 points
- Introduction 10 points
- Swimsuit-Physique 15 points
- Communication Skills/Speech 20 points
- Evening Gown/Stage Presence 15 points

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100 POINTS

## Scoring – Junior Miss Division

Contestants will be judged on the following:

- Personal Interview 30 points
- Facial Beauty during Interview 10 points
- Introduction 10 points
- Sportswear 15 points
- Communication/Speech 20 points
- Formal Wear/Stage Presence 15 points

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## Fundraising

Each contestant will be given 25 raffle tickets during rehearsals to sell. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Monetary awards will be drawn the night of the pageant by the emcee (\$100/\$75/\$50/\$25) and winners do not need to be present to win provided they have filled out their address on the ticket. A prize will be given to the contestant who sold the most raffle tickets in each division – Queen, Junior Miss & Princess. All proceeds go back to the pageant to help cover costs. Please turn in raffle tickets 25 at a time. We will sell raffle tickets through Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Business Sponsor Information**

If the business that is sponsoring you and paying your entry fee needs a business receipt, please let Melissa know.

## **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 and 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Awards**

Queen

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up

Junior Miss

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up

## **Non-Finalist Awards**

Best Interview

Swimsuit

Speech

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Best Interview

Best Sportswear

Speech

## **People's Choice Award**

Each Queen contestant, Junior Miss contestant and the Princesses will be given a plastic shoebox to take home and decorate any way you want. Have fun with these! Put your picture and name on the box along with your contestant number. These boxes must be returned to a member of the pageant committee *before* Final Rehearsal, Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. These boxes will be placed at the entrance of the pageant under the grandstand and people can vote for the contestant of their choice. The contestant who makes the most money will be given a special prize and the rest of the fund will go back to the pageant in order to help cover costs. The retiring Queen and retiring Junior Miss will judge the boxes and will give an award to the best-decorated box.

## **Miss Congeniality Award**

Both Miss and Junior Miss Contestants will vote during interviews at the Farm Bureau building and the announcement will be made during the pageant.

## **Photogenic Award**

Our pageant photographer Val Cook will vote on this award for both Queen contestants and Junior Miss contestants.