

**49th Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant
Rules and Contract**

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1. Contestants participating in the Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant must be at least 17 years of age by the pageant date (June 10, 2008) and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of the following year (2009).
2. Contestants must be a single female; never have been married or had a marriage annulled. The contestant is now and has always been a female.
3. Contestant is not pregnant now, nor has ever been pregnant. The contestant is not the adoptive parent of any child.
4. Contestants must have been a legal resident of Macon County, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date or attend a high school or college or work (full-time or part-time) in Macon County.
5. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen.
6. Contestants can never have been charged with or convicted of a felony offense (other than minor traffic offenses). There are no adjudications presently pending against her.
7. Contestants cannot have held a county fair queen title in Illinois or competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair at the state pageant.
8. Contestants will limit themselves to one piercing in each ear lobe. All other visible piercings – ear or body – must be removed or covered. All visible tattoos must be covered with clothing or body make-up.
9. Contestants are required to have a “Sponsor” (business or family) who accepts responsibility for their \$75.00 entry fee.
10. Contestants are required to sell at least 25 – 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the pageant date. Tickets are \$1.00 each and proceeds will be used to cover pageant expenses. The raffle will be held during the pageant. Holder of the winning ticket does not need to be present to win.
11. Contestants must attend all practices and rehearsals unless excused, in advance, by the Director. No exceptions!
12. Any official reports of misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior of a contestant or a parent will result in immediate disqualification.
13. All clothing must be viewed and approved by the director prior to the pageant.
14. Contestants cannot drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or smoke during any pageant practices, rehearsals or other events they may attend as a contestant of the Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant (e.g. County Fair Queen Pageants, Photo Shoots, etc.) If any contestant drinks, smokes or uses drugs as outlined, they will immediately be disqualified from the competition.
15. Contestants will use extreme caution and are encouraged to make their web profiles private when posting on myspace, facebook, blogs, any other web page(s) or Internet site(s). This includes photos that may be posted as well as written comments.

Contestants must also agree to:

16. a) be personally interviewed wearing a business suit or daytime dress, which has been pre-approved by the director by a panel of judges
- b) appear on-stage for judging in a one-piece swimsuit, which has been pre-approved by the director, and taupe heels

- c) appear on-stage for judging in an evening gown of their choice which has been pre-approved by the director;
- d) present a speech up to 60 seconds in length on-stage for judging.

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST AGREE THAT THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!

Miss Macon County Fair Queen's Duties, Responsibilities and Expectations:

The newly crowned Queen will serve as the official hostess for the Macon County Fair June 11 – June 15, 2008.

The Queen will represent the Macon County Fair at County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 8, 2008 – date to be announced from the State Fair officials.

The newly crowned Queen will also assist with the Farm Progress Show the odd years when it is held in Decatur.

The newly crowned Queen will represent the Macon County Fair at the Central Zone Meeting on the last Sunday in October - date to be announced from the IAAF board.

The newly crowned Queen will represent the Macon County Fair at the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention held in January 2009 – date to be announced from the IAAF board.

The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs and will refrain from smoking while representing the Macon County Fair, officially or unofficially, at any time.

The Queen is expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times, regardless of whether she is officially representing the fair or not. If at any time during her reign she is charged with, or convicted of, a felony crime, she will be required to relinquish her crown immediately and the title will be offered to the first runner-up. If the first runner-up chooses to decline the position the title will then be offered to each of the following runner-up/contestants based on scores received at the Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant.

The Queen 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 event and any other duties designated by the Pageant Director or any member of the Fair Board.

The Queen will sell 50/50 raffle tickets during every grandstand event all five nights of the Fair to help cover the cost of State Pageant wardrobe. The director is responsible for the money throughout the year and pays, or distributes funds, for wardrobe and other items as purchased.

The Queen is strongly encouraged to visit as many other County Fair Queen Pageants with the Macon County Pageants Director whenever possible.

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

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

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

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

The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign (with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant) unless dates do not conflict with her responsibilities; however, she must consult with the director before making a commitment to participate in other pageants.

All extra spending cash desired by the Queen during her year is the responsibility of the Queen.

Thank you notes are mandatory and to be written and mailed during Fair Week and throughout the year as deemed necessary. The generosity of our FAIR family and friends is outstanding and the Queen should always be gracious with a small note of thanks.

The Queen'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 Queen wearing her crown and/or sash officially representing the Macon County Fair. Director will approve queen's wardrobe and all clothing.

Activities connected with the Macon County Fair should take precedence over all other appearances although school or college will take precedence over everything.

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

The Queen 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 Queen 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 queen 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 Queen 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 _____, _____. The Contestant has included with this supplemental fact sheet, proof of residency in the form of a copy of her Driver's License. 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 queen 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 Miss Macon County Fair 2008. Any attitudes, actions, or activities perceived as conduct unbecoming of a queen contestant or a queen 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 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 Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant, the Decatur Macon County Fair Association, and Illinois Association of Agricultural Fair's Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant 2009 contests now in effect or as here after announced.

- A. Any attitudes, actions, or activities perceived as conduct unbecoming of a queen 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 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 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 Miss Decatur Macon County Fair Queen 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 Queen 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 Miss Decatur Macon County Fair Queen 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