

Queen Pageant Scholarship Information

The Decatur-Macon County Fair Board is awarding a \$1000 scholarship to the newly selected 2008 Decatur-Macon County Fair Queen crowned Tuesday evening, June 10, 2008.

In return for this overall scholarship package, the fair asks the following:

- The queen will participate in the entire Fair Week by handing out ribbons, trophies, attending all five nights of Grandstand events, helping in the Fair office one day and any other duties that may be assigned during Fair Week by the pageant director or any member of the Fair Board. Queens are expected to rearrange work schedules and other responsibilities or commitments to be in attendance at the Fair during Fair Week.

- The queen and/or her family and friends will help with Bingo at the Pride of the Prairie building (Queen must be at least 18 years of age). This is great way to earn money toward the expenses of the State Pageant in January 2009. The fair will pay the queen and her helpers \$25 per person up to five people for selling bingo packages and raffle tickets. A commitment of one night per week, one night every two weeks or once a month can be discussed with the Fair Board and Pageant Director depending on what you hope to earn.

- Other duties throughout the year may include the following:
 - Planting flowers on the fairgrounds
 - Helping with clean-up days on the fairgrounds
 - Attending County Fair Day at the Illinois Sate Fair in August
 - Attending Central Zone meeting in October with the Pageant Director
 - Representing Macon County at the State Pageant in January 2009

SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS & GUIDELINES

1. The scholarship will provide \$1000 for the year (\$500 per semester). The recipient must be enrolled on a full-time basis at an accredited college, university or trade school. The first disbursement must be used in the academic year immediately following the pageant in which it is awarded. In the event the recipient is still attending high school, the award will be held for use in the academic year immediately following the recipient's high school graduation.

2. Scholarship funds will be made co-payable to the recipient and school and will be payable in equal installments for the academic year. (i.e., \$500 per semester if the academic year consists of 2 terms). Proof of full-time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress must be provided each term prior to award being paid. Acceptable documentation includes college/university billing statement and transcript.

3. Recipient will be expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress as well as full-time status for the entire academic year in which the scholarship is used. Satisfactory academic progress will be defined as a 3.0 GPA or higher. If the recipient fails to meet either of these requirements, the unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited unless a request for exception due to specials circumstance is filed and approved by the

Pageant Director and Fair Board. To qualify for scholarship disbursement, a transcript of current grades must be submitted to the Fair.

4. Recipient will be expected to fulfill duties as assigned by the Pageant Director or the Fair Board.
5. Although the queen's scholarship will be paid in full for their education, once former queens are finished with their yearly reign they are strongly encouraged to continue supporting the Fair, the Pageants and Bingo.