

## **2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair** **Rules, Guidelines, and Responsibilities**

To enter the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair pageant, each contestant must acknowledge and agree to the rules, guidelines, and responsibilities set forth by the pageant. These will apply to her activities throughout her year of service if she is chosen as the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair.

### **CONTESTANT ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR PAGEANT PRACTICES**

- It is *extremely* important that the contestant arrives on time to all practices and events. Attendance will be taken at the scheduled start time. A schedule of practices will be provided to each contestant.
- If the contestant knows she will be absent or late, she is to notify the Pageant Director. Advanced notice of at least two (2) hours is considered excused. Emergencies also constitute an excused absence.
- We will work with any and all contestants regarding necessary absences as long as we are kept informed of those dates and reasons. If you have concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Pageant Director for further discussion.
- Contestants must mandatorily attend a final dress rehearsal prior to pageant day.

### **PREREQUISITES**

- Contestant is a United States citizen and resident of Macon or Piatt County, Illinois or attends a school in Macon or Piatt County, Illinois.
- Contestant must have been born a female and have always been a female.
- Contestant must be a minimum age of 10 years of age and maximum age of 13 on June 5, 2025.
- Contestant must never have been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
- Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to cease representing herself using the current title and only represent the Macon County Fair should she be crowned the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
  - Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must notify the Macon County Pageant Director and agree to the above statement, signing a form confirming her intention to solely represent the Macon County Fair in the event she is named the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair.
- Contestant and parent/guardian agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges. Contestant and parent/guardian agrees that the decision of the judges is final.

## **DUTIES**

- The 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair will mandatorily serve as a host of the Macon County Fair which is June 4th through June 8th. The reigning 2024 Macon County Fair Queen will serve as the host for events on June 4th with the new Queens taking over on June 5th.
  - The newly selected Junior Miss **MUST** be able to be present at the fair each day of its duration during all required daily events. The Junior Miss will attend all required events at the Macon County Fair unless given express permission to do otherwise by the Pageant Director.
- The 2025 Junior Miss will mandatorily represent Macon County at the 2025 County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on August \_\_, 2025 alongside the 2025 Queen and Little Miss. The Junior Miss must obtain or purchase appropriate attire to wear for this event. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director and/or a member of the Pageant Crew.
- The 2025 Junior Miss will mandatorily support the 2025 Queen at the 2026 Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant to be held January \_\_ and \_\_, 2026.
- The 2025 Junior Miss must partake in 6 volunteer activities during her reign. One of these events must be an agriculture related service event of her choice in the fall of 2025.
  - Mandatory events include Harvest Fest in the Fall and Farmers Breakfast in the Spring.
- The 2025 Junior Miss will attend local area events and functions as possible during her reign. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or Pageant Crew Member while she is representing the Macon County Fair. Other adults may chaperone the queen, as approved by the Pageant Director. No boyfriends or other males, not including the Junior Miss's father will be permitted as a chaperone. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The 2025 Junior Miss will not be permitted to compete for any other title during her reign. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The 2025 Junior Miss shall send written thank you notes to all sponsors, donors, and crew members on the list provided to her by the Pageant Director by August 1, 2025.
- All personal appearances, photographic sessions, and picture releases as the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **BEHAVIOR AND CHARACTER**

- The 2025 Junior Miss agrees to keep her hair a natural shade (blonde, brown, black, red, auburn, etc.) with no purple, pink, blue, green, etc.
- The 2025 Junior Miss agrees that all visible body piercings will be limited to only the ear and only one earring in each ear lobe during appearances and events.
- The 2025 Junior Miss will refrain from smoking and/or vaping and consuming alcoholic beverages at any time during her representation as the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County

Fair. Regardless of age, the 2025 Junior Miss is prohibited from consuming alcohol WITH or WITHOUT her crown during fair week. The Junior Miss shall obey all laws regarding alcohol consumption. Illegal consumption of alcohol and/or drug use of any kind will result in the forfeiture of her title and all prizes awarded.

- The 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair must maintain appropriate personal grooming (as determined by the Pageant Director) at all times when in public. Her wardrobe must be appropriate as per the Pageant guidelines and in a pressed and clean condition at all times.
- Throughout her reign, she will conduct herself in an appropriate manner at all times, both with and without her crown. The Junior Miss is to be truthful, respectful, punctual and communicate in a timely fashion with the Pageant Director, crew members, and any and all County Fair Representatives she comes into contact with.
- Parents and family of the Junior Miss are welcome to be present for any and all events where the public is permitted. Parents and family must understand that while the Junior Miss is performing her official duties, the Pageant Director and Pageant Crew are the Queens official chaperones.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating, and/or providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials, or photographs on the internet/websites including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, “X” (“Twitter”), Tik-Tok, Threads, Lemon, or Personal Blogs. It is at the discretion of the Pageant Director to determine what is inappropriate.
- The Pageant Director will be given access to the Junior Miss’s social media and has the right to ask the Junior Miss to remove herself from all social media for the duration of her reign. *This is not a common practice and will only be implemented if serious issues arise.*
- The Pageant Director may also ask the Junior Miss to remove any inappropriate content in lieu of removing social media during the duration of her reign. Failure to do so if asked will result in the Junior Miss forfeiting her 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair title and all prizes and gifts received.
- Contestants and parents/guardians agree to have their photo taken by professionals hired by the Pageant Director.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- Any misconduct brought to the Pageant Directors or Fair Board’s attention will result in a written warning; any such behavior after that warning may result in being stripped of her title and all prizes.
- Any conviction of crime or definitive proof of misconduct will result in her losing her title immediately and all prizes.

- If the Junior Miss is stripped of her title, the 2025 1st runner up will take over as Junior Miss.

***As a contestant in the 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair Queen Pageant, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations leading up to the June 5, 2025 pageant and to continue if I am selected to be the next 2025 Junior Miss Macon County Fair Queen.***

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***Signature of Contestant***

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***Date***

***I, the parent or legal guardian of the newly crowned titleholder, acknowledge and agree that this is a one-year commitment. I understand the responsibilities involved in holding the title, and I commit to ensuring my child's attendance at all scheduled events, appearances, and obligations associated with the title. Furthermore, I agree to provide the necessary attire for my child to be appropriately dressed for all events and engagements as required by the pageant organizers. I understand that the pageant director has final say in what is or is not appropriate. I recognize that failure to comply with these requirements may result in forfeiture of the title.***

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***Parent/Guardian of Contestant***

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***Date***

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***Pageant Director***

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