

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

To enter the 2025 Miss Macon County Fair Queen 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 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 fair events on June 4th, 2025.
- 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 and/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 16 years of age by June 5, 2025 and cannot have reached her 22nd birthday before January 1, 2026.
- Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled. Contestant must never have been pregnant and is not the adoptive parent of a child.
- Contestant must have a current driver's license. Contestant must not be on probation, incarcerated or have been convicted of a felony offense.
- Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate in the Macon County Fair Queen Pageant.
- 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 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 Miss Macon County Fair.

- Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges. Contestant agrees that the decision of the judges is final.
- Contestant agrees to cover any visible tattoos for dress rehearsal and pageant day on June 5th, 2025.

## DUTIES

- The 2025 Miss Macon County will mandatorily serve as the 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 2025 Queen to take over upon being crowned.
  - The newly selected Queen *MUST* be able to be present at the fair each day of its duration during all daily events. The Queen will attend all required events at the Macon County Fair unless given express permission to do otherwise by the Pageant Director.
- The 2025 Miss Macon County will mandatorily represent Macon County at the 2025 County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on August \_\_, 2025. The Queen must obtain or purchase a business dress to wear for this event. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director and/or a member of the Pageant Crew.
- The 2025 Miss Macon County will mandatorily represent Macon County at the 2025 Central Zone meeting. The Queen must obtain or purchase a business dress to wear for this event. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director and/or a member of the Pageant Crew.
- The 2025 Miss Macon County will mandatorily represent Macon County at the 2026 Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant to be held January \_\_ through \_\_, 2026.
  - The Queen will be chaperoned for the entire Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant by crew members of the Macon County Fair Queen Pageant.
  - Chaperoning the Queen includes overnight stays at the Crowne Plaza from January \_\_ through \_\_, 2026. Parents, siblings, or friends, etc. are not allowed to stay in the hotel room.
  - During the week of the state pageant, the Queen understands that the director is her sole chaperone and will not leave without the director unless verbal permission is given.
  - The Queen agrees that her Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant Wardrobe will be finalized and approved by the pageant director on or before December 1, 2025.
    - Wardrobe will not be provided by the Macon County Fair. The Pageant Director will plan a day to go shopping with the Queen to assist with choosing her state wardrobe. All purchases are subject to the Pageant Directors Approval. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- The Queen agrees to have official pictures taken for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant by the photographer sponsor, unless otherwise communicated to the Pageant Director. The photos must be taken by August 1st. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The Queen is required to work with the Pageant Director and State Pageant Preparation Crew at a minimum of twice per month (via in person or zoom), starting in September through January for preparation for the state pageant (including clothing, interview, speech, pop question, and stage presence.) You will receive a detailed calendar with appointment dates. Other dates may be added with individuals that will help prepare the Queen.
- The 2025 Miss Macon County 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 Miss Macon County 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 Queen's father will be permitted as a chaperone. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The 2025 Miss Macon County will not be permitted to compete for any other title during her reign except the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The Queen 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 Miss Macon County Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The Queen will be required to attend at minimum, 3 fair board meetings throughout her reign. It is essential to maintain a relationship with your fair board.

## **BEHAVIOR AND CHARACTER**

- 2025 Miss Macon County agrees to cover visible tattoos at any time during her representation of the Macon County Fair at any and all events as Queen.
- 2025 Miss Macon County agrees to keep her hair a natural shade (blonde, brown, black, red, auburn, etc.) with no purple, pink, blue, green, etc.
- 2025 Miss Macon County 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.
- 2025 Miss Macon County will refrain from smoking and/or vaping and consuming alcoholic beverages at any time during her representation as the Macon County Fair Queen. Regardless of age, the 2025 Queen is prohibited from consuming alcohol WITH

or WITHOUT her crown during fair week. The Queen 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.

- 2025 Miss Macon County 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 Queen 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 including the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant weekend.
- Parents and family of the Queen are welcome to be present for any and all events where the public is permitted. Parents and family must understand that while the Queen 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 Queen’s social media and has the right to ask the Queen 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 Queen 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 Queen forfeiting her 2025 Miss Macon County 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.
- In the case of marriage, or for any reason being unable obligations as the reigning Queen for the entire, she agrees to immediately relinquish the title and all privileges to said title

(including crown, sash, trophy, plaques, and prizes not yet awarded by that date) and to be succeeded to the next eligible runner up.

***As a contestant in the 2025 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 Miss Macon County Fair Queen.***

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***Signature of Contestant***

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***Date***

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***Parent/Guardian of Contestant***

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***Pageant Director***

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