



### *Rules of the Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant*

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Adams County, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date.
2. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
3. Contestant must never have been convicted of a felony offense.
4. Contestant must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been or become pregnant.
5. A contestant must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1 of the following year.
6. Contestants are required to attend the final rehearsal and at least two others. Workshops are not considered rehearsals.
7. Parents are not allowed to attend practices.
8. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges and to appear in a one-piece swimsuit, formal and afternoon attire for judging. Contestant agrees that the decision of the judges is final.
9. The newly selected queen will serve as hostess of the Adams County Fair, and will represent the fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in January of the following year. The new queen is expected to arrive at the Adams County Fair Grounds at 7:30am or before, with her chaperone. She will stay at the fair grounds until after the main event has finished (around 11:00 pm) and either the pageant director or fair board member has said she is dismissed.
10. The new queen must come fully prepared for the day ahead, each day of the Adams County Fair. She will wear a casual and tasteful daytime outfit for the daytime events, and is allowed to go back to the trailer to clean up and change for the evening in the late afternoon. For evening the queen is expected to wear something semi-formal/casual.

11. All chaperones for the new queen must be over the age of 21 and a responsible adult. The new queen is not allowed to appear with a boyfriend at any time.

12. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected Queen will be:

A. The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages while representing the Adams County Fair at any function, with or without the crown and sash being worn.

B. The Queen will refrain from smoking while representing the Adams County Fair at any function, with or without the crown and sash being worn.

C. The Queen will not enter any other pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.

D. The Queen will represent the Adams County Fair at as many other area pageants and functions as possible. She will be chaperoned by the pageant director or by a chaperone approved by the director at any time she is representing the Adams County Fair.

E. All personal appearances as Miss Adams County Fair shall be approved in advance by the pageant director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Adams County Fair Queen.

F. The Queen will not be an advocate for any specific political side while wearing crown and sash.

13. Facebook, Twitter, Myspace and any other social network that contestants and/or the newly selected queen are a part of will be monitored and must represent respectful and tasteful words and images constantly.

14. Monthly check in with director via phone is required.

15. Director and pageant committee will plan send off party as well as wardrobe showing. The Queen will volunteer to be a part of this event and any duties the director/ and or fair board see fit.

16. If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown, scepter, and all prizes upon the direction of the pageant director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.

17. Anything that the fair board and/or pageant director deem a rule after the present time, will be deemed a rule at that time. Fair board and pageant director have final say.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed herewith, and that I am complying with them in every way and that the personal data provided to the pageant director is true and correct.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pageant Contestant                      Date                      Parent/Guardian                      Date