

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT/ CODE OF CONDUCT

ENTRY FEE / PAYMENTS

A sponsorship is required to enter the Miss Adams County Fair Queen as a delegate. The fee amount will be determined by pageant director and fair board. Delegate may seek sponsors or may pay the entry fee herself. Payment may be made by personal check. The Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant is self-supporting and relies solely upon entry fees to cover production expenses and scholarship. Production expenses are determined by the pageant director, pageant chairman, and/or fair board. A significant percentage of the sponsorship fee is directed back to each delegate in the form scholarship. Any fundraiser throughout the year that is profitable will be used in scholarship awards for contestants.

Sponsorship includes:

Media recognition

Contestant thanking sponsor on stage during speech portion of competition.

REFUND POLICY

All fees paid to the Adams County Fair by the due date deemed by pageant director. Sponsorship is **NOT REFUNDABLE.**

DEADLINES

The entry deadlines are posted in the Miss Adams County paperwork. Sponsorship must be paid in full by the final entry deadline. All required delegate paperwork must be complete and received by pageant director by the paperwork deadline which is posted in the paperwork. Required headshot photo will be taken by photographer designated by pageant director. **All** deadlines are strictly enforced and must be adhered to by the entrant.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Attire. Delegates provide their own competition attire. All attire must be approved by the pageant director by the designated date.

Travel. Delegates make their own travel arrangements. Most practices will take place at Heinze Dance Academy in Quincy, IL. The last practice is subject to be at fairgrounds. Rehearsal will be at fairgrounds.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Contestant and new queen affirm that she is and will continue to be a person of good moral character.
- 2) Contestant and new queen affirms that she has not committed and will not commit any act

inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the pageant, its representatives, sponsors and/or licensees.

- 3) Delegate will conduct herself in a courteous, professional manner at all times during the Miss Adams County Pageant and while representing a Miss Adams County Fair title.
- 4) Delegate will not slander or libel other contestants, judges, staff, or anyone else involved with or connected to the Miss Adams County Fair Queen title, pageant, Adams County Fair and Adams County Fair Board. Defamatory verbal, online and/or written remarks against and the Miss Adams County Fair Queen pageant, fair or fair Board will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of any or all prizes and awards won, and legal charges.
- 5) Any delegate and/or winner found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified. A queen found in violation of this will be stripped of her crown.
- 6) Entrants prior to the fair and winner of the Adams County Fair Pageant agree to NOT post any pictures on social media and/or other sites presenting them in inappropriate settings/situations. Examples include inappropriate parties, drinking, drugs, smoking, and/or inappropriate sexual-oriented poses. (This includes inappropriate poses and pictures posted by others.) The delegate/winner is representing Adams County and should consider herself a role-model to younger girls in the area. Violation of this important section will result in disqualification/forfeiture of winnings and crown. This determination will be made by the Pageant Director, Pageant Chairman, and/or Adams County Fair Board. Be mindful and aware of all places and situations you put yourself in as cameras are everywhere. Public posts regardless of whether they are yours or not of an inappropriate nature are grounds for disqualification.
- 7) Good sportsmanship is always expected. Disruptive behavior before, during, or after the pageant may result in disqualification and/or removal from the premises.
- 8) Delegate agrees to sign a Code of Conduct statement indicating agreement to abide by the terms specified here. Failure to sign the Code of Conduct statement does not in any way release delegate from responsibility to abide by the Code of Conduct stated here.
- 9) All issues related to the Code of Conduct and consequences for violation thereof shall be determined solely and exclusively by Pageant Director, Pageant Chairman, and/or Adams County Fair Board. The Entrant agrees to accept such determinations made by director and/or fair Board both as to herself and others.

PARTICIPATION IN PAGEANT EVENTS

Delegates are expected to be on time and present for scheduled rehearsals and events leading up to and during the pageant finals. Delegates must attend two practices and dress rehearsal. In the event of illness or unforeseen event, a delegate may be excused from attending an event deemed by pageant director and/or Fair Board. The Pageant director and fair board are the only individual/entity with the authority to release a delegate from a scheduled event.

WINNER'S CONTRACT

- 1) If selected as a Miss Adams County, the delegate agrees to sign a contract stating agreement to arrange and make appearances throughout her year's reign.
- 2) All appearances **MUST** be discussed and confirmed with the pageant director before attending. Appearances may include but are not limited to parades; radio, television, and newspaper interviews; and public appearances at events.
- 3) Winners are expected to provide photos of appearances for the Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant for website and promotion.
- 4) Winner **MUST** attend public appearance with an approved chaperone. This chaperone may **NOT** be a boyfriend or younger friend. Approved chaperones must be parent, older sibling, pageant director, fair Board member or family friend, as approved by the Pageant Director and/or fair board.
- 5) If the delegate is unwilling to sign the contract and/or unable or unwilling to fulfill the obligations, the title won and all prizes will be awarded to the first runner up.
- 6) The reign of Miss Adams County Fair Queen will commence immediately after crowning and will end immediately following the crowning of their successor.
- 7) Miss Adams County Fair Queen agrees to make monthly contact with pageant director, by phone. By not adhering to this requirement, the winner will be found in violation of this contract. That will result in the forfeiture of her crown.
- 8) Miss Adams County agrees that she will not enter any other pageant or compete for any other titles during her year's reign.
- 9) The Miss Adams County Fair Queen is the overall winner's main pageant-related priority. The winner is expected to give her time and energy to this title and this title only during their year's reign.
- 10) Miss Adams County Fair Queen agrees to attend the next year's pageant to crown her successor.
- 11) The winner/entrant is directed **NOT** to use the name/or likeness of the Adams County Fair or Miss Adams County Fair Pageant in any private social media forums, media, or press releases. The name/image of the Adams County fair and its events are exclusive to the fair and fair board. The Queen is instructed to post **ONLY** on the Miss Adams County Facebook page as directed by the pageant Director. The fair does encourage you to post pictures of yourself at the fair or representing the fair on private social media pages. **HOWEVER** the name of the page **cannot include** the name of the fair or pageant. That is **EXCLUSIVE** property of the Fair Board and the Adams County Fair and Pageant.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT:

Publicity and Promotion. By virtue of participation in the Miss Adams County Pageant

delegate agrees to allow Miss Adams County Pageant, the right to use her name, likeness, voice and/or biographical information for purposes of publicity and promotion now and in the future.

Photography & Videography. Delegates and their families are permitted to take photos and video during pageant competition. Professional photography will be made available by the official Miss Adams County Photographer, Kim Bush.

Disqualification / Title Relinquishment. If delegate is disqualified or relinquishes, for any reason, any title awarded to her, all prizes must be returned in full, and in condition received. If, for any reason, the winner resigns or is disqualified, the 1st runner-up will assume the title and all prizes.

AGREEMENT

- 1) By submitting the signed entry form and to the Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant the delegate agrees to abide by all policies, rules and regulations set forth by the Miss Adams County Fair Pageant.
- 2) Participation in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant also indicates acceptance and agreement to abide by all policies, rules and regulations set forth by Miss Adams County Fair Queen.
- 3) Delegate attests that all information submitted to, is true and accurate.
- 4) Falsification of information and failure to comply with the policies of Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes won without benefit of refund in full or in part at the sole discretion of Miss Adams County Pageant and/or Adams County Fair Board.

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINT: _____

DATE: _____