

# **Description of Competition Judging.**

Miss Adams County is a traditional pageant for women of Adams County who are ages 16-22.

Areas of competition include: Interview, Speech, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown. Finalists will be interviewed on-stage for the placing of top entries.

## **PRELIMINARY SHOW**

### **1) Swimsuit**

Miss Adams County Queen must exemplify a lifestyle of good physical, emotional and intellectual health.

- a) Delegates can model a 1-piece swimsuit that is of solid color.
- b) Swimsuit may have embellishments.
- c) Swimsuit must not feature low cut at the neck or high cut on the legs.
- d) Swimsuit must be in good taste and **MUST** be approved by director before pageant.
- e) High heels (e.g., taupe, skin-tone) are recommended.

(Judging criteria: fitness, modeling, personality, beauty, grooming and fashion sense)

### **2) Evening Gown**

Miss Adams County Queen must carry herself with dignity, grace, poise and elegance. Judges will not be evaluating the cost or designer label of the gown, but rather how well it suits the delegate (e.g., fit, color, style) as well as delegate's on-stage presentation.

- a) Evening gown must be floor length.
- b) Evening gown must be in good taste and approved by director before pageant.

(Judging criteria: modeling, personality, beauty, and grooming and fashion sense.)

### **Speech**

Speech topic is selected by delegate and written by the delegate. Speeches must be 60 seconds or less. After speech is given sponsors will be thanked. Speech **MUST** be timed and approved by director before pageant.

- a) Speech will be given in opening number attire which will be selected by director.
- b) 60 second speech along with sponsor being thanked.

c) Judging criteria: topic, presentation, and communication skills.

### **Interview**

A private 4 minute interview will be conducted on pageant day before on stage portion of competition. Delegates are to wear business suit, panty hose, and heels. Judges will ask questions from fact sheet. Director will be only other person in the room to time interview.

- a) Wear suit, panty hose, and heels.
- b) Questions will come from fact sheet and if contestants provoke political or religious topics. Questions asked will be about you, our interest, your goals.
- c) No hand shaking.

(Judging criteria: answers to questions, confidence, and poise.)

### **On Stage Interview**

Miss Adams County Queen must be able to express herself with confidence. Finalists will respond to one question on-stage chosen by judges. The questions will be taken from either discussion from interview or a general pageant question.

(Judging criteria: Articulation, Quality of Response, Beauty, Personality)

### **FINAL SHOW**

The Miss Adams County will consist of:

Opening Number segment (not judged).

Interview competition segment which will be weighted at 35%.

Onstage Speech which will be weighted as 30%.

Swimsuit competition segment which will be weighted at 20%.

Evening Gown competition segment which will be weighted at 15%.

### **Opening Production Number (not judged).**

The Miss Adams County Fair Queen Pageant will include a choreographed opening number. This opening number will be planned by pageant director and fair board. Delegates shall wear the designated color or outfit for opening number as specified by Miss Adams County Pageant. The Opening Production Number is not judged.

### **JUDGING**

- a) A minimum of 4 judges will evaluate delegates in the areas of competition
- b) Adams County Fair Board and Pageant director have sole discretion and complete authority to select judges.
- c) Reasonable efforts are made to secure a professionally diverse panel of judges.
- d) Judges' names are not released to delegates prior to the pageant.
- e) Delegates may not approach the judges or engage in conversation with judges prior to or during the competition.
- f) Judges are provided with instruction regarding scoring procedures prior to the competition.
- g) The decision of the judges is final and not contestable for any reason.

**SCORING:**

Scoring is conducted on a 10-point scale:

9-10 = Excellent

7-8 = Very Good

5-6 = Good

3-4 = Average

1-2 = Below Average

The following procedure is used for judging:

Pageant director will appoint a score calculator to be in attendance of the pageant for adding scores and reporting results.

Non-finalist awards will be awarded to contestants that have not placed in the top 5. The highest scoring contestant in the following areas of competition will be awarded on stage during award ceremony: Interview, Speech, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown.

Miss Congeniality will be voted on in confident before each contestant begins interview. Pageant director will score and winner announced during awards ceremony.



