

Miss Independence County Contest

Rules and Regulations and Legal Contract

1. **** ALL Miss Independence County Contestants must be age 16 through 21 years by August 1.**

2. **** NO PROFESSIONAL MODEL** (one who has been paid for modeling) is considered eligible. The contestant must be a female legal resident or attended a high school from January through May of 2008 or attended a college during the spring semester of 2008 (having completed a minimum of 12 hours) in Independence County. The contestant cannot be or at any time have been married, pregnant, had/have had children, miscarried or had an abortion. This rule applies to all contestants with special attention pertaining to the new queen and first/second runners up during the course of their reign. The contestant must have never been convicted of a crime nor have criminal charges pending.

3. ****Contestants in the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant may no longer be contestants in the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest in the same year alternatively.**

4. **** Contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty, poise, stage presence, and personality. Each contestant will be judged on stage wearing an evening gown, sportswear/activity wear, and an on-stage question. The sportswear attire will at the contestant's own discretion. However, the selection should be one that is creative and compliment the contestant's lifestyle.**

5. **** Miss Independence county Contestants will interview individually July 15th. The purpose of the interview will be to help the judge determine the personality qualifications and speech qualities. A suit is required for this phase of the pageant. THE INTERVIEW IS MANDATORY OF EACH CONTESTANT. No opening and closing statements will be required and are unnecessary. No interview will last longer than 5minutes. All interviews are timed and monitored by a contest director. THIS PHASE IS PRIVATE. NO TOLERANCE.**

6. **** MISS INDEPENDENCE COUNTY MUST BE PRESENT DURING EACH EVENING'S PAGEANT TO HOST REMAINDER OF THE CONTESTS, Wednesday morning for exhibitor judging, Friday morning for the Senior Citizen's Pageants / Day and Kid's Day on Saturday morning following her crowning.**

7. ****The new queen will represent the county at the State Fair Queen Pageant. The new 1st and 2nd Runner-Up will be given an option to participate at district level. However, if anyone is unable to attend a delegate will be chosen by the Independence County Pageant Association.**

8. **** Miss Independence County will receive a \$250.00 cash award, a full tuition scholarship to UACCB funded by their school, a \$500 scholarship by Batesville Health Care, a \$1500.00 matching wardrobe from *A Formal Affair* and a portrait made by Robert O. Seat Photography. The new 1st and 2nd Runners along with the new Miss Congeniality will receive a scholarship from the Citizens Bank with \$200 going to 1st Runner-Up and \$100 going to 2nd Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality.**

9. ** The Fair Association will not be responsible for anything stolen, lost, damaged, or torn clothing.

10. ** No Scores will be returned.

11. **There is a rehearsal and meeting on Thursday July 10th at 6:00 P.M. at the Fairgrounds. **THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN A DEDUCTION FROM YOUR FINAL SCORE OF 15%. NO EXCEPTION.**

FAIR QUEEN DUTIES:

MISS INDEPENDENCE COUNTY MUST BE PRESENT DURING EACH EVENING'S PAGEANT TO HOST REMAINDER OF THE CONTESTS, Wednesday morning for exhibitor judging, Friday morning for the Senior Citizen's Pageants / Day and Kid's Day on Saturday morning following her crowning. The new queen is expected to ride in the annual Water Carnival Parade (if possible the Christmas Parade would be appreciated), conduct at least 2 public appearances in the course of her reign, and return for all mandatory meetings in the 2009 fair year.

JUDGING:

1. ** **No scores will be returned.** The Independence County Fair Pageant Association appoints the judges. They are persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind and meet the requirements of the Arkansas State Fair Association. **THEIR DECISION IS FINAL – NO EXCEPTIONS.** Critiques will be given to the Queen and both Runners-Ups for future contest. All remaining contestants will be granted a critiques (not your parents, supporters, coaches, etc.) should time allow. Time is a factor due to the fact that the judge's will be judging the Youth Talent Contest. No critique will last longer than 3 minutes. **THIS WILL NOT BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOR THE JUDGES BY THE CONTESTANTS OR A JUDGE BASHING. A PAGEANT DIRECTOR WILL MONITOR ALL CRITIQUES.** The critiques will consist of all 3 judges, the contestant, and a pageant director.

2. ** In the event the contest winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill her duties or becomes ineligible during the course of her reign, a replacement will then be selected. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, chaperone, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only form this year's contest but also from future contests.

3. ** Any reigning Miss Independence County who does not conduct herself properly at all times, or who brings unfavorable publicity to herself and/or in Independence County Fair Assoc. will be required to relinquish her title and **RETURN and REPAY ALL PRIZES.**

LEGAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT

THE DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT RESERVE THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO, OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE CONTEST, AND THE RIGHT TO AMMEND OR ADD TO THE RULES AS THEIR JUDGEMENT MAY DETERMINE. THE CONTEST DIRECTORS WILL DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO FAILS TO ABIDE BY ANY RULE THAT IS STATED OR GIVEN FROM THIS CONTEST, ANY FUTRURE CONTEST AND THE STATE FAIR FINALS.

Therefore, by signing this contract and submitting to the Miss Independence County Pageant Organization the contestant agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in your application/fact sheet and critical issue are true and accurate; (2) the contestant is to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Independence County pageant Organization described in this contract in the period before and during the year of service, and (3) the contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in this contract and the Arkansas State Fair Association. In the event the Miss Independence County Pageant Organization determines that any statement or representation by the contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the program, the Organization will have sole discretion to determine whether the Contestant will continue to participate in the pageant or remain a title holder.

I do hereby solemnly swear that the statements made in my application/critical issue are true. I am aware that if any of the statements are false (willfully) I am subject to punishment. I do hereby solemnly swear and state that I understand the penalties of violating the above mentioned rules. I also understand that during the course of my reign as Miss Independence County if any RULE IS VIOLATED that my title will be revoked, ALL PRIZES RETURNED AND REPAID, and the 1st Runner-Up will continue my reign for the remainder of the year.

Signed _____ Date _____

The above statement duly sworn before me on this 10th day of July year 2008 of our Lord, county of Independence.

Notary Signature _____ Date _____

My commission expires _____ year of _____.

Directors Signature _____ Date _____