

# ***Miss Independence County Contest***

## **Rules and Regulations**

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 FOLLOWING HER CROWNING TO HOST THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTESTS.** The new queen will represent the county at the State Fair Queen Pageant. The new 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
7. **\*\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners along with the new Miss Congeniality will receive a scholarship from the Citizens Bank with \$200 going to 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up and \$100 going to 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality.**
8. **\*\* The Fair Association will not be responsible for anything STOLEN, LOST, DAMAGED, OR TORN CLOTHING.**
9. **\*\* No Scores will be returned.**
10. **\*\*There is a rehearsal and meeting on Thursday July 10 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.**

11. \*\* In the event the contest winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill her duties or becomes ineligible during the course of her reign, the first runner –up will then take her place. 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 from this year’s contest but also from future contests.

12. \*\* 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 Asso. will be required to relinquish her title and RETURN ALL PRIZES.

YOU MAY ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT GATE OFF OF WARROIR ROAD OR ENTER THROUGH THE BACK GATE OFF OF WHITE DRIVE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN 1 ADULT TICKET AND 1 CONTESTANT TICKET ONLY. YOU WILL BE ENTERING A NORMAL TICKETED GATE. LINES MAYBE LONG SO ALLOW YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME IN CASE THE LINES ARE LONG.