

Miss Lawrence County Jr. Fair Queen Pageant

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Saturday July 25, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Directors: Allisen Rhinehart, & Jacee Rhinehart

618-843-8015/618-843-3003

Entry Fee: \$50

Rules & Regulations

- Contestants must be 16 years of age by July 25, 2019 and not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2020.
- Registration open April 1, 2020. Paper applications are available or you may email misslawrencecounty@gmail.com. **Registration fee is \$50 and is due at the first practice.**
- **Registration closes May 30, 2020.**
- Full time legal Parent/Guardian must have an address of Lawrence County; or entrant must attend school or be a graduate of either schools in Lawrence County.
- Contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled.
- Contestant cannot have had a child and never have been pregnant.
- Contestant cannot be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense.
- Contestants will limit themselves to one piercing in each earlobe. All other visible piercing –ear or body–must be removed during practices, pageant night, and if she is crowned Miss Lawrence County – during all official appearances. All visible tattoos must be covered with clothing or body makeup during pageant interview, pageant night, and during all official appearances as Miss Lawrence County.
- Contestant agrees not to make any alterations to her appearance (i.e. piercing, tattoos, and drastic hair changes) until the end of the pageant (July 25, 2020).
- Contestants are required to attend all practices, or have an excused absence approved by the pageant directors.
- It is the contestant's responsibility to practice and prepare on their own outside of practices. This includes interview questions, writing and practicing your one minute speech, and walking in your heels/wardrobe etc.
- Cellphones must be put away at all practices.
- Contestant is of good moral character and not have been involved in any act of extreme immorality. Contestant must have conduct becoming of a queen contestant at all times, including but not limited to: information, comments, blogs (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.), or photographs in person, on a cellphone, or on the internet while vying for the title of Miss Lawrence County. Any attitudes, actions, or activities perceived as conduct unbecoming of a contestant or reigning queen or a contestant's representative as determined by the pageant crew or Lawrence County Jr. Fair Board, can and may result in the immediate removal of the entrant from contest or reign at any point. The decision of the recall of a contestant or queen due to moral character is that of the Lawrence County Jr. Fair Board and the Pageant Crew and shall be final.
- Contestant must be of good physical condition and make known to the pageant crew any condition that might affect the ability to participate in or perform the duties of a contestant or queen.
- Professional models are not eligible.
- Contestant agrees to abide by all the rules of the county pageant that are now in effect; or hereafter announced. Contestant agrees that the time, manner, and method conduction and judging contest shall be the sole discretion of the pageant crew and the decision of the judges is final.

During the judged pageant the contestant must agree to:

- Be personally interviewed for 4 minutes by a panel of judges wearing a two-piece business suit or business dress.
- Present a 1 minute speech on a topic of contestant's choice for judging on stage. No poems, singing, chanting, or rhyming allowed.
- Answer a pop question for judging on stage.
- Model on stage in a one-piece, solid-color swimsuit, taupe/nude colored heels, (2-4 inches in height recommended) are required for this portion of the competition.
- Model on stage in a floor-length evening gown. Shoes must be appropriate for dress style and can be any color as long as they match the dress. Slits in gowns must be no higher than 2 inches about the knee. No necklines lower than nipple line. No high-low hem, the gown must be floor length in the front and back. No pantsuits. Front and side panels of gown must be solid fabric – no see through material (a panel of matching fabric may be used to cover this area if appropriate).
- All wardrobe (shoes, jewelry, and clothing) will be approved by pageant directors before final decisions are made.
- All contestants must agree that the decision of the judges is final at the end of the competition. There can only be one queen and it does no one any good to be a sore loser. Trash talking other contestants or the new queen only speaks about your character. It is okay to be disappointed but please keep your opinions and the opinions of your family members/friends to yourselves.
- The Queen's court, 1st Runner Up, 2nd Runner Up, and Miss Congeniality are encouraged to participate in Fair Week activities and grandstand events.

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Duties, Responsibilities & Expectations of the Miss Lawrence County Fair Queen:

For any reason the new queen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning queen, she agrees to relinquish the title immediately, all privileges connected with the said title, together with all prizes awarded to her to date, including but not limited to, her crown, sash, trophy, and every gift not inscribed with the queen's name. She shall be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up and said runner-up shall be awarded all the gifts as if she were chosen queen of pageant night.

The newly crowned queen must agree to participate in functions becoming of a queen which may arise during the year alongside other reigning queens. Activities connected with the Lawrence County Fair should take precedence over other personal appearances. The queen agrees not to enter any other pageants during her reign except the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant in January 2021.

The Queen will represent the Lawrence County Fair at, **but not limited to**, the following functions:

- Lawrence County Jr. Fair Week, July 26-August 1, 2020.
- Kids Shopping Day, August 1, 2020.
- County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield (August 14, 2020).
- Queen's Luncheon at the DuQuoin State Fair (Late August – date TBA).
- Sumner Fall Festival Parade, Lawrenceville Homecoming Parade, and Red Hill Homecoming Parade (Dates TBA).
- Southern Zone Meeting (Usually first or second Sunday in November – date TBA) Scrapbook of her year as queen so far due at this event.
- Capital Classic (Championship will be held at Lawrenceville) November 28, 2020.
- Elk's Christmas Light Parade and Santa in the Park – December 5, 2020.
- Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant as part of the Illinois Association of Agriculture Fairs (IAAF) Convention, January 2021.
- Kids Shopping Day Marathon (March 2021)
- Visiting surrounding county fair queen pageants during summer of 2020 and 2021.

The 2020 queen will serve as the official hostess for the Lawrence County Jr. Fair July 26 – August 1, 2020.

- She will be present for official contract signing and lunch with the Fair Board on Sunday July 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. She will receive her gifts at that time as well as sign thank you cards to Pageant Sponsors. She will then go down to the Barns for games with the 4H kids.
- She will be present for the 2nd Annual Gospel Sing and Queen's Reception on Sunday July 26, 2020.
- She will be present Monday through Thursday at all judged 4H and Open shows.
- She will be present each night for the Grandstand events Sunday through Saturday. (Times TBA).
- She will remain present until dismissed by her co-directors at all events during the fair.
- She will dress appropriately for all events. No short shorts, no revealing tops. Crown and sash are required for all appearances during Fair Week.
- She will be present for her official pictures to be taken by official pageant photographer.
- She will be chaperoned by Jacee, Allisen, a member of the Pageant Crew or Fair Board, or an approved adult.
- These are often early mornings and late nights so make sure to eat during the day and/or bring light snacks and water. Queens eat for free at Connie's Kitchen in main building.

Surrounding County Fair Queen Pageants (summer)

- She will represent Lawrence County at area county fair queen pageants.
- She will be chaperoned by Allisen, Jacee, the Pageant Crew, or an approved adult.
- She will wear a knee length non-formal, summer dress, heels or wedges, crown, and sash. No rompers, strapless dresses, or short or low cut dress allowed.
- She will be required to have her hair and makeup done for the event.
- She will sit with visiting queens and her chaperone at all times and will not go anywhere alone.

County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair – Director's Lawn – Springfield (August 14, 2020)

- This is a day trip, we will leave early in the morning and be home in the evening. She will be chaperoned by Jacee, and or Allisen. Family members are welcome to attend, however tickets must be pre-ordered during our fair week.
- All county fair queens will be present.
- She will wear a knee length professional dress pre-approved by Co-Directors, heels, appropriate jewelry, and her crown and sash.
- She will be required to have her hair and makeup done. It is usually hot, so an up do is fine.
- She will need to bring a comfortable outfit and shoes to walk around the State Fair. No rompers, short shorts, or revealing tops are allowed.
- We will stay at the State Fair for a few hours to walk around and grab something to eat.
- This is a great opportunity to make new friends she will be spending her year with.

County Parade Appearances (Dates TBA)

- She is required to appear in the following area parades: Sumner Fall Festival, Lawrenceville Homecoming, Red Hill Homecoming, and the Elks Christmas Light Parade. (More could be added)
- Co-Directors will take care of registration process, then let her know locations and times to meet for parade line up.
- She is required to wear an evening gown that has been approved by Co-Directors.
- She is required to have hair and makeup done and wear her crown and sash, with appropriate jewelry.
- She does not have to throw out candy, but if she decides to she must supply it.
- She must provide her own transportation during the parades.

Queen's Luncheon at the DuQuoin State Fair – DuQuoin – (August TBA)

- She will be chaperoned by Jacee, and or Allisen for this event.
- This will be a day trip. We will leave early and arrive home in the evening.
- She will wear a knee length professional dress pre-approved by Co-Directors, heels, and crown and sash.
- She will be required to have her hair and makeup done with appropriate jewelry.
- She will need to bring a comfortable outfit and shoes to walk around the DuQuoin State Fair. No rompers, short shorts or revealing tops are allowed.
- This is a great opportunity to visit with your southern zone queen in a smaller setting.

IAAF Southern Zone Meeting – Salem – (November 8, 2020)

- She will be chaperoned by Allisen, or Jacee for this event.
- She will be required to wear a two-piece business suit, pre-approved by Co-Directors, taupe heels, minimal jewelry, and her crown and sash.
- She will participate in a 4 minute mock interview held by the Illinois Pageant Directors Association. (IPDA)
- She will turn in her scrapbook she has made on her year so far as Miss Lawrence County Fair Queen to be judged.

Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant – Springfield – (January 13-17, 2021) Wednesday – Sunday

- She will be required to represent Lawrence County at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant as a part of the IAAF Convention.
- She will be chaperoned by Allisen, Jacee and any Pageant Crew Member.
- She will compete in the areas of interview, evening gown, swimsuit, and 1 minute timed speech. She will perform a production number that is not judged.
- The queen's state wardrobe will be approved by the Co-Directors. A state pageant wardrobe shopping trip will be scheduled as soon as possible to allow time for alterations.
- She will be required to pay for any alterations made to state wardrobe.
- She will be required to have: a floor length evening gown, 2 or more 2-piece business suits, taupe closed toe heels, a 1-piece swimsuit, pageant jewelry, several professional dresses, panty hose, and other undergarments.
- Hair and makeup for the entire event will be determined by appropriateness, practices beforehand, and approved by Co-Directors. Becky Shick and Taylor Greentree are the official Pageant Crew Hair and Makeup Team. A trial hair and makeup appointment will be scheduled.
- Family and friends will not be allowed in the queen's room. Only pageant directors and crew members.
- Family and friends will have Friday evening to spend time with their queen. More info will be given closer to state.
- Every day is early morning and a late night, eating and drinking throughout the day are important to maintain energy levels.
- She will not have access to her cellphone until after practices each night.

Co-Directors will have final say on all events or appearances as well as chaperones. Co-Directors must approve any extra events and or appearance beforehand. Other community events come up sometimes last minute. We will do our best to get information to the queen as quickly as possible.

The queen's wardrobe for events and appearances must be appropriate for the event and approved ahead of time by Co-Directors. Formal gowns are required for parades UNLESS weather inhibits. Hair and makeup must be done.

Crown and sash are required and must be on at all times during appearances.

She will be required to join the Lawrence County Pageant Facebook page and messenger group upon request. She will also be required to join the 2021 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Contestants Facebook upon request. She will be required to respond to emails sent out by State Pageant Crew.

In the event of illness, family emergency, funerals, the queen shall be excused from an event. The first runner up may be allowed to represent Lawrence County Jr. Fair at an event as approved by Co-Directors.

The queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages and recreational/illegal drugs, and will refrain from smoking at all times. (Vaping is included in smoking.) She will not post inappropriately to her own or to other's (i.e. nudity, suggestive outfits or poses) social media accounts (Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) and will refrain from using profanity when commenting or posting on any social media accounts. She will be required to accept friend request Co-Directors on all social media.

The queen is expected to conduct herself appropriately at all times during her reign. Any official reports of misconduct of the fair queen will result in immediate dismissal at the discretion of the pageant directors and fair board. She will be required to surrender her crown, sash, trophies, and ALL cash prizes in the amount of the total winnings immediately and the first runner up will then be eligible for title.

The queen will be chaperoned by pageant directors, pageant crew, fair board, or approved adult at any and all events where she officially represents the Lawrence County Jr. Fair.

The queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant, doing so will result in dismissal.

The queen shall not make any alterations to her appearance until the end of her reign at Miss Lawrence County in July. This includes but is not limited to: any piercings, any tattoos, and drastic hair changes (color or cut).

Any other photographic sessions or photos released wearing the crown and/or sash representing the Lawrence County Jr. Fair must also be approved.

Co-Directors will approve and have final say concerning the queen's wardrobe (evening gown, business suit, and swimsuit), any necessary alterations, hairstyles, and makeup to all events and appearances.

The retiring queen will not choose the theme, decorations, music, production number, and practice agenda for the following year's pageant. She may be allowed to choose a color with co-directors approval.

Good moral character is expected at all times by the queen. If she displays poor moral character or is disrespectful to co-directors, fair board members, pageant crew, or volunteers or any reports of such occur at any time during her reign, the pageant directors, under the discretion of the fair board, have the right and obligation to remove the title if integrity is not upheld.

The manner in which the Lawrence County Fair Queen conducts herself should always be that of respect for herself, the Lawrence County Jr. Fair and its fair board, at all times during her reign. If at any time the Lawrence County Jr. Fair Board and pageant directors feel that any of the rules or duties have been broken it is at their discretion to relive the reigning queen of her title.

The Lawrence County Fair Queen is a representative of the Lawrence County Jr. Fair Board. She is expected to conduct herself in a professional manner at all times and fulfill her required duties. She represents Lawrence County and the Lawrence County Jr. Fair and must do so with respect and honor for herself and title.

Lawrence County Jr. Fair Queen Pageant Contestant Contract

I, _____ have read and agree to abide by the stated rules and duties of the Miss Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant Organization as governed by the Illinois Pageant Director's Association. I understand that if at any time the Pageant Co-Directors and/or Lawrence County Fair Board feel that any of the rules or duties as a contestant or winner of the Miss Lawrence County Fair Queen Pageant have been broken or unfulfilled, I can be immediately dismissed and forfeit my entry fee, crown, sash, trophy, and ALL cash prizes earned in the amount of my winnings.

Queen Contestant
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the registration forms and \$50 entry fee by May 30, 2020.

**Mail to Allisen & Jacee Rhinehart at 5437 Kinkade Rd Bridgeport, IL
62417.**

For questions please call Allisen Rhinehart at 618-843-8018 or Jacee Rhinehart at 618-843-3003.

Emergency Medical Information Form

This information will be shared only with authorized medical personnel and pageant crew members to be used in case of an emergency.

Contestant Name _____

Sponsoring Fair _____ Birthdate _____

Home Address

Physician who conducted your most recent exam: _____

Location _____

Physician's Phone # _____ Date of Last Exam _____

For your own safety, please list any health conditions or allergies we need to be aware of: _____

Current medications (if any) _____

Who should be called in case of an emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Medical Release and Consent Form

Contestant Name: _____

Sponsoring Fair: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Medical Insurance Co Name: _____

Employer or Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____

Policy Holder Name: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

Policy Holder Birthdate: _____

I certify the policy named above is now in force and will be maintained through July 31, 2021. I understand that contestant are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in the Miss Lawrence County competition activities as well as traveling to or from the events; and agree to release the Miss Lawrence County and Lawrence County Junior Fair, it's Board, Staff, or Volunteers from any loss, damage, liability, or injury, however caused, arising from participation in this event or activities related to participation. Further, I certify that medical information given is true and accurate.

Contestant Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date