



## 2019 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

October 14-19, 2019

**Deadline – September 30, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.**

The Arkansas State Fair welcomes County and District Fair Queens from around the State. The crowning of the Arkansas State Fair Queen is the culmination of a five day event held during the State Fair beginning on Monday, no competition on Friday, and ending on Saturday. All events take place in the Arkansas Building of the Arkansas State Fair Grounds.

Four winners will be chosen from each of the four Regional Contests held Monday through Thursday. Each Regional winner will receive a plaque and the privilege of returning to the finalist competition on Saturday evening. An "Overall Interview Award" will be awarded to the contestant achieving the highest interview score of the top five finalists. The new State Fair Queen will receive the honor of choosing one of the two scholarship opportunities: a four year scholarship to SAU or a scholarship to complete an on-line Master's degree.

### **Qualifications, Rules, Regulations and Policies:**

- 1. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age and not more than 23 years of age on the opening day of your county or district fair pageant.** Any contestant participating in the Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition may only hold their respective county/district title. **Contestants holding additional titles of any kind will be ineligible to compete.**
2. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Arkansas. She cannot be, or at any time have been, married, engaged, pregnant, or have had a child. A contestant must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
3. Past Arkansas State Fair Queens are ineligible to compete again. Contestants in the State Fair Queen Pageant are ineligible to compete in State Fair Youth Talent or Rodeo Queen Contests in the same year.
4. A contestant **can only** compete in the county contest and win the Fair Queen Contest sanctioned by the County Fair that is held **in the county where she resides. Attending school in the county does not constitute residency.** In the event a contestant whose parents are divorced and live in separate counties, and has been court ordered to reside jointly with both parents, she can only **compete in one** of the two counties in which her parents reside. If the family resides in two different counties, she can **only** compete in **one county contest.** This matter must be taken care of before the contestant gets to the state competition. In the event a conflict arises, the Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to verify accurate residency, according to above said court documents or any additional documentation.
5. The State Fair is now requiring the county to send their county winner to the state competition. All other county contestants that competed in their county competition may then proceed to compete in their respective District competition as well as the Capitol City competition. Through these avenues, a contestant will have three opportunities to attend the Arkansas State Fair competition. *Capitol City is an open preliminary competition for contestants that have participated in their county and district competitions of that calendar year. In addition, any previous county or district fair queen may participate in Capitol City as long as they meet the age requirements. The Capitol City competition will be held on **Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Arkansas Building of the Arkansas State Fair.***
6. Entries to the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant are limited to one contestant from each Fair or contest sanctioned by the Arkansas State fair. However, counties with two Fairs recognized by the State will be allowed to send one contestant from each Fair, provided each holds a sanctioned Fair Queen Contest.

7. Contestants are required to be on time for all rehearsals and events. Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director and/or State Fair Management. If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the State Fair Director at 501-690-4809 or 501-412-4569.

8. Contestant Resumes must be completed in their entirety. All resumes should be signed by each of the following: the contestant, parent/guardian of contestant, county/district director. All contestant resumes MUST be submitted to the Arkansas State Fair five business days following their county/district fair. No additions or corrections are permitted once the resumes are received. Each judge will receive a copy of the contestants resume. Resumes MUST be typed and contestants should adhere to grammar usage and mechanics. Contestants are strongly encouraged to have their resume proofread prior to submission. **Contestants must submit a photo to [pageants@asfg.net](mailto:pageants@asfg.net) which will be utilized for on-line voting of contestant crowd favorite.**

9. No entry forms will be accepted after 5:00 pm on September 30, 2019. **Entry forms MUST be mailed or emailed by the county or district director. Beginning this year, NO entry forms will be accepted from individual contestants. All county and district directors are responsible for submitting their winners entry forms to the Arkansas State Fair.** All contestant information will be returned in the mail to the respective county or district director, whom will disburse to the contestant. In the event the Arkansas State Fair does not receive a Director's form, all contestant data will be sent to a general fair address on file. The contestant will receive two gate admission passes and a parking pass.

10. All contestants are required to utilize the assigned dressing area at the Arkansas Building. **No one will be allowed back stage with the contestants.** A complimentary makeup person, hair dresser and assistants will be furnished by the State Fair. More information will be posted on the website as fair time approaches. **No other Makeup person or Hair dresser will be allowed inside or around the Arkansas Building.**

11. Contestants competing in the Arkansas State Fair Queen contest must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Arkansas State Fair may result in the Fair Queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards. ***Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, county or district directors, traveling companion, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but all future contests.***

12. The Contestants of the Arkansas State Fair Queen competition must have the physical and mental capabilities to participate in this contest. The winner must also maintain such said capabilities in order to fulfill assigned duties and a strenuous working schedule.

13. The State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management of the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules 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 amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules or any rule/statement given orally may be disqualified from the Regional or Finals Contest by the State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management.

### **Entry Forms:**

Directors may obtain the applications for the Arkansas State Fair Queen Contest from the State Fair website. Directors are responsible for submitting their contestant's data to the Arkansas State Fair. Photographs are necessary. Once the Entry Form is received at the State Fair office, no additions or corrections to the Entry Form will be allowed. **The entry form must be legible and received at the State Fair Office within 5 days of your county or district fair. All correspondence must be made with your director. Do Not call the State Fair Office verifying receipt of your application.**

## **Rehearsal:**

**You Must be at the Arkansas Building at 8:45 a.m.**

Obtain the appropriate region and day of your competition from the Regional Competition data on the website. **Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.** You **must** attend the morning orientation and rehearsal in order to compete that evening. **No exceptions!** No contestant can leave the fairgrounds once you have checked in at the Arkansas Building. If the parent decides to leave the fairgrounds they will have to pay gate admission and parking when they return.

## **Competition Clothing:**

Each contestant must participate in a private interview in addition to Swimsuit and Evening Gown competitions. Contestants will need the following clothing:

**Private Interview** – A dress or suit may be worn in addition to jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses. No uniforms.

**Swimsuit** – A one piece swimsuit is required and **MUST** be conservative. Swimsuits will be checked for modesty at rehearsal. Any contestant doubting the appropriateness of their swimsuit should bring two. **No monokini swimsuits allowed.** Sarongs may be worn **BUT** may not be removed at anytime throughout the contestants modeling pattern. Contestants **MUST** following the pattern given to them in rehearsal.

**Evening Gown** – Contestants should choose an evening gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.

## **Admission and Parking:**

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 (see attached map). **Passes will be required, which will be mailed to the contest director. Two admission passes and one parking passes will be disbursed to each contestant.** There will no longer be a list at the gates. All others must pay gate admission and a parking fee. No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. However, contestants and traveling companions will be allowed to unload at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel.

## **Interview:**

Interviews will begin at 12:30 pm. The Interview will account for 50 percent of a contestant's total score. All interviews will be five minutes long and will be timed and monitored. The interview points accumulated at the Regional Contests will be carried over to the finalist competition. The Judges and Contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.

## **Swimsuit:**

Swimsuit will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence are also included.

## **Evening Gown:**

The Evening Gown Competition will account for 35 percent of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on over-all first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked an on-stage question and will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response. Her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her Evening Gown score.

### **Dressing and Backstage:**

Contestants must report to the dressing room inside the Arkansas Building at 4:00 p.m. to prepare for the evening competition. The Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association is not responsible for loss or damage to clothing or other personal items left in the dressing room or in other areas. **No one will be allowed backstage. Failure to comply with this rule will result in automatic disqualification. No Makeup people or Hair dressers are allowed in the building. NO electronic devices of any kind are allowed in the dressing and backstage area. NO EXCEPTIONS will be given to this policy. Contestants failing to adhere to this policy may face disqualification from the contest.**

### **Finals:**

Finalists, from each of the four Regional Contests, will be chosen to compete in the Finalist Competition Saturday evening. The finalists are to be in the Arkansas Building at 8:30 a.m., Saturday morning for roll call. The Final Contest will begin at 5:30 pm. Any contestant who fails to attend the Finals rehearsal will be disqualified as a Finalist contestant and will be ineligible to compete again in future contests.

### **Judging:**

The judges will be appointed by the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. **Critiques will not be provided to anyone, nor will any contestant, or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.**

### **Fair Queen Duties:**

The Winner of the Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition will be presented a working schedule that must be adhered to.