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2019 Ms. ARKANSAS STATE FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

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

The Arkansas State Fair welcomes eligible contestants from around the State of Arkansas. The crowning of the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen will be held during the State Fair on Saturday evening of the Arkansas State Fair Queen and Junior Arkansas State Fair contests. All events take place in the Arkansas Building of the Arkansas State Fair Grounds.

Qualifications, Rules, Regulations and Policies:

1. **Contestants must be at least 35 years of age and no more than 55 years of age on the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair.** Any contestant may participate in the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen contest, without holding a county/district title. The Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen contest is an open preliminary. **The winning contestant will be required to sign a contract for their service.**
2. All applicants must have been born a female in addition to being a legal resident of the State of Arkansas. Applicants must have resided in the State of Arkansas for a minimum of six months prior to entering the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
3. All applicants will continue to be a person of good moral character, affirming they have not committed nor will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions reflecting unfavorably on the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition, representatives and sponsors. Applicants will not willingly appear in provocation and sexually explicit photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the competition, or during her reign as Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen.
4. The Contestants of the Ms. 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.
5. Any contestant participating in the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition should not hold any other title unless it is their respective county / district title.
6. Please email a digital photo to pagenats@asfg.net

Entry Forms:

Applicants may obtain the applications for the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Contest from the State Fair website. Applicants 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 by 5:00 p.m. September 30, 2019, with the \$100.00 entry fee. Do not call the State Fair Office verifying receipt of your application.**

Duties of Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen:

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

Rehearsal:

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

Rehearsal and orientation will begin at 9:00 am. **All Contestants must attend the morning orientation and rehearsal in order to compete that evening.**

Competition Clothing:

Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges and will be assessed individually and comparatively in Fair Attire and Evening Gown competition. Contestants will need the following clothing:

Rehearsal – Since the rehearsal is closed to the public, contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing. We recommend the contestants rehearse in the same shoes they will wear in each phase of competition.

Private Interview – Dress or Suit, Jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses.

Fair Attire – Something you would wear to the State Fair.

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

Interview:

Interviews will begin at 1:30 pm. The Interview will account for 50 percent of a contestant's total score.

Interviews are five minutes long, timed and monitored. **The Judges and Contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.**

Fair Attire:

Fair Attire will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Over – all first impression, 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. Judges are instructed "not to judge the gown", but to "judge the contestant in the gown."

Dressing and Backstage:

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 other areas. **Contestants and Competition Officials only are allowed back stage at any time. Violations to this policy may result in disqualification.**

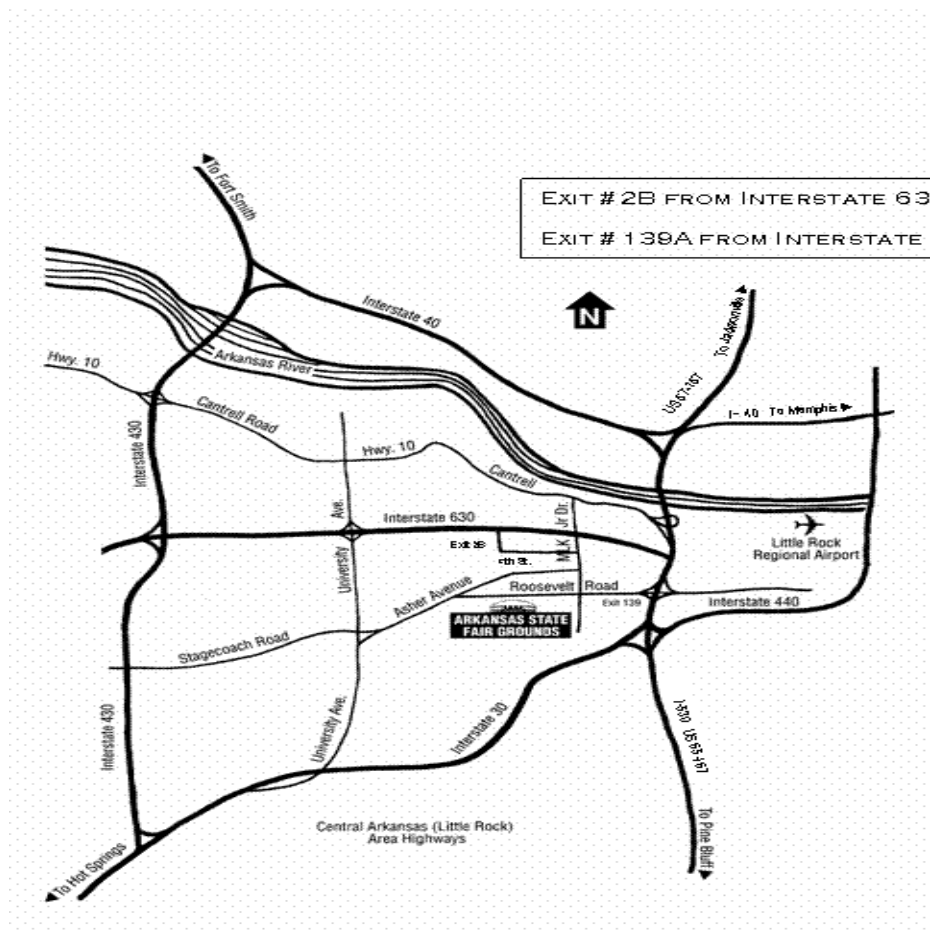
Judging:

The judges will be appointed by the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a competition 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.

Admission and Parking:

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 (see attached map). All contestants must have passes to enter fairgrounds which will be mailed to the contestants. No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. However, contestants will be allowed to unload at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel.

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.



Access to Gate 11 from Roosevelt Road:

Turn south on Schiller Street, along the East fence of the fairgrounds, go to the end of Schiller Street. Security staff will assist with directions to the Arkansas Building and parking instruction.

