



Clark County Fair Pageant Rules

Sponsored by Clark County Extension Homemakers Council

Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Arkansas Hall

Henderson State University

www.clarkcountyfairpageant.com

Entry form along with a photo of the entrant, must be postmarked by Wednesday, August 31, 2011 or turned in no later than 4:30 pm Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the Clark County Extension Office, 640 S. 6th, Suite B, Arkadelphia, 71923. Include \$35.00 non-refundable entry fee. Checks are to be made out to Clark County Extension Homemakers.

Phone 870-246-2281.

Eligibility: All contestants must be legal residents of Arkansas and reside in Clark County or be full time students attending Clark County schools or universities. Contestant must never have been married nor had any children. Contestant must not ever have been convicted of a crime or have any criminal charges pending. Previous Arkansas State Fair Pageant winners are not eligible to participate. Winners of the 2010 Clark County Pageant are not eligible to compete in the same division in 2011.

- Little Miss – must be 4 years old and no more than 5 years old by the day of the pageant.
- Petite Miss – must be 6 years of age and no more than 9 years of age by the day of the pageant.
- Young Miss – must be 10 years of age and no more than 12 years of age by the day of the pageant.
- Junior Miss – must be 13 years of age and no more than 16 years of age by the day of the pageant.
- Fair Queen – must be 17 years of age and no more than 21 years of age by the day of the pageant.

Publicity: Photos will be taken at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 on the front steps of Arkansas Hall at HSU.

Rehearsal: Rehearsal will be the day of the pageant in the Arkansas Hall Auditorium. Fair Queen Rehearsal - 9am.

Junior and Young Miss Rehearsal – 10am. Little Miss Rehearsal – 11am. Petite Miss – 12 Noon.

Any contestant not participating in the rehearsal will be disqualified.

Competition Requirements: Little Miss and Petite Miss will wear formal wear and will answer a question on stage. All contestants must walk on and off stage independently. Junior Miss and Young Miss will wear evening gown, casual wear, and will answer a question on stage. Fair Queen will participate in a private interview, model casual wear, sports attire, evening gown, and answer a question on stage. All on stage questions will be taken from the entry form.

Competition Attire: Evening Gowns should be formal. For casual competition, girls should wear something they might wear to a concert or on a date. Fair Queen contestants: business attire is suitable for private interviews. Sports attire should represent a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, etc. or any outdoor sport such as hunting, fishing, horseback riding, etc. Gymnastics and dance do not qualify as a sport in this competition. Cheerleading is accepted, but discouraged due to possibility of low scores in the originality of attire category. Judging is based on choice of sport, originality of attire and on-stage modeling. Props are acceptable, but must be carried only. They cannot be used to demonstrate the sport during the on-stage modeling.

Backstage: Parents are NOT allowed backstage during the competition. Dressing rooms will be provided for contestants in the Young Miss, Junior Miss, and Fair Queen categories only. Only one female adult per contestant will be allowed in the dressing room during competition.

Photogenic Competition: If you choose to participate in the Photogenic Competition, submit a fee of \$10.00 along with one 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 color or black and white head shot **with entry form and pageant fee**. Photos must be less than one year old. The contestant's name must be written on the back of the photo. All photos will be made available for pick up after pageant. (This means that two photos will be required upon entry.)

People's Choice Award: All contestants must submit a separate photo at the time of registration, no larger than 5 x 7, for the People's Choice Award competition. Mark the back of the photo with the contestant's name.

Prizes: Crowns and trophies will be awarded to the winner in each age category. 1st and 2nd runners-up will receive a trophy. ALL Little Miss and Petite Miss Contestants will receive a trophy. Miss Photogenic and People's Choice winners in each category will also be recognized with awards. The Clark County Extension Homemakers Council will award a \$500.00 scholarship to the Fair Queen. Clark County Farm Bureau will award \$250.00 scholarship to the 1st runner up in the Fair Queen category. All winners must be photographed on the night of the pageant by our photographer. **Winners will receive scholarships AFTER the successful completion of all required duties.**

Winners' Required Duties: All winners must be available for a radio interview in the week following the pageant, participate in the Clark Co. Fair Parade, hand out ribbons at the Clark Co. Fair livestock show, attend the Clark Co. Fair Board Banquet, and return to the 2012 Clark County Fair Pageant. In addition, **Little Miss** winner must participate in the Southwest District Fair Parade/Pageant. **Fair Queen** must participate in the Southwest District Fair Parade/Pageant, and represent Clark Co. in the State Pageant. Fair Queen will be required to model swimsuit in the State competition. The **Fair Queen First Runner-Up** must be available for a radio interview in the week following the pageant. Details of these duties will be found in the Winner's Packet that winners will receive immediately following the pageant.

NOTICE: The Pageant Committee reserves the right to combine a division too small or separate a division that is too large. Contestants will abide by all rules and instruction given by the Pageant officials and recognize that officials have the right to keep order as they deem necessary during rehearsal and the Pageant. The director reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters. Judge's decisions are final. Contestants should not expect a critique verbally or in writing from the judges. No score sheets will be given out. Contestants, parents and other supporters are expected to show good sportsmanship and to behave sensibly.

Failure to abide by any of the above rules may result in disqualification from the contest.