



# The Marion County Fair Queen and Princess Pageant Rules

**June 21-30, 2019**

1. Queen contestant must be at least 17 years of age on or before **June 1, 2019** and each Queen contestant cannot have reached their 21st birthday on or before **June 1, 2019**.
2. Princess contestant must be at least 14 years of age on or before **June 1, 2019** and each Princess contestant cannot have reached their 17th birthday on or before **June 1, 2019**.
3. All contestants must be single, female, and have never been married, have never been pregnant or be knowingly pregnant at the start of the pageant. If the selected court member marries or becomes pregnant during her reign of one year, she must relinquish her title and any prizes awarded immediately.
4. Each contestant must be of good standing in her community and not have any type of arrest record. Each contestant or selected court member will continue to be a person of good moral character who has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the Marion County Fair, its representatives, and/or sponsors. Contestants will not smoke, consume alcohol, or use illegal substances while representing Marion County or on fairgrounds property.
5. Any visible tattoos must be covered with clothing or makeup and any visible piercings must be without jewelry, except earlobes, during the pageant, any fair appearance or board approved event.
6. Each contestant must be a resident of Marion County and a legal U.S. citizen. One parent or legal guardian must be a Marion County resident.
7. No professional model will be considered eligible for the pageant. A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling.
8. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one school or community organization; i.e., church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, community service organizations. Eligibility is NOT limited to 4-H.
9. Former County Fair Queens are not eligible to enter.
10. All contestants or selected court members should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised that the Marion County Fair Directors review all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior. Any derogatory statements, pictures or videos will be passed on to the judges and points could be deducted or result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of any and all prizes and awards.
11. Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, personality, communication skills, overall impression and stage presence when applicable in the following **Divisions I-V**:

- Division I**      Interview – Attire – Dress, Pant Suit or Suit with sleeves (shoulders must be covered). Each contestant will have three minutes with each judge for a total of nine minutes before the judges. Each contestant will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges. Judging will be on poise, personality, ability to converse & application.
- Division II**      Prepared Speech - **Queen Contestant Only** - Attire: Pageant T-shirt and modest shorts. Each Queen contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted for speeches going over one minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed.
- Division III**      Professional Wear – Attire – Suit, Pant Suit or Dress with sleeves (shoulder must be covered). Suit does not have to be of same fabric. Attire worn by contestant in interview MAY also be worn/judged in professional wear category. Props are NOT allowed. Judging will be on posture, poise, and overall impression.

- Division IV**     Formal Wear – Attire – Long Evening Gown At least one portion of the evening gown hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestant’s foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the outfit. Gowns with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2” above the kneecap), a low-cut bodice, and/or cut/design inappropriate for the contest may be discounted by the judges. Judging will be on stage presence and overall impression. Sunday dress or age-appropriate gown will be acceptable for Princess Contestants.
- Division V**     One on-stage Question - for the top contestants from each age division

12. Each contestant is encouraged to seek a sponsor for her participation in the pageant but **it is not required this year**. Sponsorship donations can be either \$50 or \$100. Each sponsor will be listed in the program book along with each contestant’s photograph. A sponsor can either be a local business or a family member.
13. Parents, relatives, friends, hairdressers, makeup artists etc. shall not be allowed backstage or in the contestant areas on the evening of the pageant. Any contestant violating this rule will risk deductions.
14. The Marion County Fair Court will consist of:

- One **Queen** - Selected from Queen contestants
- One **First Runner-Up** - Selected from Queen contestants
- One **Princess** - Selected from Princess contestants
- One **Miss Congeniality** - Selected by contestants\*
- One **Miss People's Choice** - Selected by audience vote\*

15. Contestants must decorate a container that exhibits their personality. The container may be plastic, wood, or cardboard (no glass), the size of a shoe box and include name, contestant number and photo. These will be displayed at the entry of the pageant. Throughout the pageant, audience members can vote for their favorite contestant by putting money in that contestant's jar, \$1=1 vote The contestant\* with the most donations at the end of the pageant will be given the “People’s Choice Award.”

\* Should the contestant with the highest number of votes also have been selected by the judges to be a member of court; then the contestant with the next highest number of votes will be Miss Congeniality or Miss People's Choice as long as she did not make court.

### Queen, Princess and Court

1. The newly crowned Queen must be prepared to spend her weekend days and evenings as well as her weekday evenings, for the duration of the ten day Marion County Fair and make scheduled appearances at various fair activities and functions. The remaining court, including the Princess, must also be prepared to spend many of their days and evenings appearing at a variety of fair activities and functions during the fair with the Queen.
2. Scholarship Money will be awarded at the conclusion of the fair week.
3. Any contestant crowned Marion County Fair Queen shall not compete for any other title while holding the title of Marion County Fair Queen with the exception of running for the title of Miss Indiana State Fair Queen. The Marion County Fair Queen will also be required to relinquish any title that she currently holds. Any violation of this policy will result in the loss of said title and all prizes.
4. The Queen will also be asked to attend other community events throughout Marion County and the State as the official ambassador representing the Marion County Fair for the duration of her reign of one year. Public appearances must be approved by the Marion County Fair Board, Pageant Director or Superintendent and the official Marion County Fair **tiara & sash** will be worn and not altered. Any violation of this policy will result in the loss of said title and all prizes.
5. If the current Marion County Fair Princess becomes a Queen Pageant Contestant in the next year, she will no longer have any princess duties during the next year’s pageant. The current Queen will crown not only her own successor but also the new Princess. A MCF Princess is not eligible to compete again at Princess level.
6. Queen & court member dress code: there must be no visible cleavage or midriffs, no mini-skirts, spaghetti straps or bare shoulders (exception: evening gowns) . Shorts must be worn under dresses. Queen Committee may request court member change into more appropriate clothing.

7. The Queen **must** compete at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant as the Marion County representative held each January at the Indiana State Fair Grounds at the date determined by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Committee. The Indiana State Fair requires each county representative to be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached her 22nd birthday on or before June 1st of the following year. If the selected Marion County Fair Queen does not meet the State Fair criteria, she cannot compete and the position will be given to the next highest scoring contestant that is eligible.
8. Decisions affecting this contest will be made only by the judges. All decisions are final and scores **will not** be available at the conclusion of the pageant. The only exception is that the queen will be allowed to see her score sheet in preparation for the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.
9. If any one of the previous rules and conditions listed is not followed by the Queen, court member or family representative, the Marion County Fair Directors have the right to disqualify that individual from the competition or fair. The disqualified individual must relinquish all gifts & titles that have been awarded to her.
10. The Marion County Fair Board or Committee has the right to use any photographs or video made during any activity connected with the pageant, and to use contestant name with any promotional efforts on behalf of the pageant or the Marion County Fair.
11. Marion County Fair Queen Pageant Committee reserves the right to change foregoing rules & responsibilities at any time as may be deemed expedient.

**All Pageant Contestants are required to be at the following events**

*Please follow these guidelines very carefully*

**Monday, June 17, 2019**

6:30 p.m. Contestant orientation will be held in the Coliseum, Marion County Fairgrounds. Each contestant, under the age of 18, must have one parent or legal guardian at this meeting. Additional friends or family members should NOT attend.

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

11:30 a.m. A luncheon will be held for the Princess and Queen contestants only.  
 1:00 p.m. Contestant Interviews will begin immediately following the luncheon.  
 6:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal will be at the Marion County Fair Grounds Coliseum.

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

6:00 p.m. Arrival of all pageant contestants to get ready for the pageant, Coliseum.  
 7:00 p.m. The 2019 Marion County Fair Queen and the 2019 Princess Pageant begins.  
 At Conclusion: Mandatory Fair Queen, Princess and Court Members meeting.

**If you have ANY questions about the pageant or if you will be late or absent to any of these activities, please e-mail [marioncountyfair@comcast.net](mailto:marioncountyfair@comcast.net) or call 317-435-1127 as soon as possible.**