

# COLES COUNTY FAIR

*Illinois Oldest Continuous County Fair*  
*Since 1854*

## MISS COLES COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

We welcome you as a participant in the Miss Coles County Fair Queen Pageant. The Coles County Fair is the oldest continuous agricultural exposition in the State of Illinois. Its Fair Queen Pageant has a long and rich history of presenting elegant and beautiful young women from Coles County and the surrounding areas. In order to protect the integrity of the Fair Pageant and in honor of the tradition of the many preceding Coles County Fair Queens, the rules and regulations are stated. Please read these rules carefully. It will be presumed that you understand them as you move through the Queen Pageant process.

1. Contestants for the Miss Coles County Fair Queen Pageant must be a minimum of 17 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1 of the following year. You must be single, never married, never had a marriage annulled and never been pregnant.
2. You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Coles County or reside in the following community unit school districts, Charleston #1, Mattoon #2, and Oakland #5. Also, you may be a resident of an adjoining county that does not have a county fair queen pageant. If you are a student at Eastern Illinois University or Lake Land College you must submit proof of enrollment if your parent or guardian does not reside in the pageant service area. A \$25 entry fee is required, made payable to the Coles County Fair.
3. Former county fair queens are not eligible to participate in the pageant as contestants. Each contestant must never have been charged or convicted of a felony offense, crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. As a contestant you agree to:

Attend all rehearsals unless excused by a director.  
Be personally interviewed by the judges.  
Appear in business suit, bathing suit and evening gown.  
Present a one-minute speech on stage.

During the day of the pageant, all body piercings will be removed and all tattoos covered. If the entrant wins the title of Miss Coles County, all body piercings will be removed and tattoos covered at all events where she is attending on behalf of the Coles County Fair Queen Pageant.

4. The newly selected queen will serve as hostess to the Coles County Fair, which will run Sunday through Saturday following her crowning on Sunday evening. She will open the fair for the following year before she relinquishes her crown. At all events, the Queen will be chaperoned by someone appointed by the Committee. No friends may accompany the Queen or members of her Court to these events. The Queen will not partake of any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and will not smoke while performing her duties as Miss Coles County Fair Queen.
5. Any contestant with illegal/negative photos or information posted on public websites will be disqualified.

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6. The pageant winner agrees to allow the Pageant Directors and the Coles County Fair Association to use her picture or likeness on posters, websites and other promotions for publicity purposes, as shall be determined by the Coles County Pageant Directors. This shall be solely determined by the Coles County Pageant Directors.
7. The Queen Pageant winner agrees that she shall not enter any other pageants during the period of her reign. All personal appearances, photo sessions and picture releases as Miss Coles County Fair must be approved in advance by the Pageant Directors. If chosen as Miss Coles County Fair, she will agree to compete in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. A chaperone will be designated by the Coles County Pageant Directors. All competition attire will be approved by the Pageant Directors before it is worn in the state competition. The Pageant requires a considerable amount of practice, preparation and expense. The rules and regulations, as may be from time to time adopted by the Pageant Directors, shall be strictly followed.
8. In case of marriage or any other event that results in the Queen being unable to perform the obligations of the position for the entire year, the pageant winner agrees to relinquish the title and all privileges of said title including but not limited to the crown, banner, scepter, trophy and prizes not yet awarded by the date of her resignation, if so requested by the Pageant Directors and/or the Coles County Fair Association Officers. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Miss Coles County Fair Queen, the next eligible runner up shall be appointed. The Pageant Directors and Coles County Fair Association reserve the right to disqualify Miss Coles County Fair Queen at any time at the Directors' or the Fair Association's sole discretion.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED IN THIS ENTRY BLANK, AND THAT I WILL COMPLY WITH THEM IN EVERY WAY AND THAT THE PERSONAL DATA PROVIDED TO THE PAGEANT DIRECTORS IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Contestant  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian if entrant is under the age of 18)

Parent /Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_