



## *2018 Monroe County Fair Queen*

### *Rules & Guidelines*

*Monroe County Fair Grounds*

*Attn: Georgia Davis*

*PO Box 1446*

*Bloomington, Indiana 47402*

### **Deadline to apply is June 18, 2018 - Pageant Date is Saturday, June 30, 2018**

1. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have turned 22 years of age on or before January 1, 2019. **Meaning...your 2018 county contestants can be 17 years old IF they will be 18 on or before January 1, 2019. Likewise, they can be 21 years old, provided they do not turn 22 on or before January 1, 2019.**
2. Each contestant must be a Monroe County resident, a U.S. citizen and represent their home county. One the contestant's parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: the contest may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of their activities are in the county in which they entered the contest. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
3. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in their community, such as church groups, Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.
4. No professional model is eligible for the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant. (A professional model is one who earns a livelihood by modeling.) A contestant, who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
5. Any contestant who had competed in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
6. Any county representative selected after the 2018 Indiana State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2019 Queen Pageant.
7. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Monroe County Fair Queen Committee reviews all contestants' Internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
8. If any of the previous conditions listed in this brochure is not followed by the contestant, the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Director has the right to disqualify that contestant from competition.
9. Only the county winner (or the First Runner-Up, if the winner becomes ineligible; the Second Runner-Up if the First Runner-Up is unavailable, etc.) may represent the county at the 2018 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.
10. Each contestant will receive an official 2018 Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant T-shirt, which will be worn during County Inductions during the public preliminary judging on Saturday night, June 30, 2018

Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be judged on the basis of: poise, personality and ability to converse.



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**The judging is divided into three divisions:**

**I. Interview – 50 points total**

- A. Ability to converse – *20 points*
- B. Personality – *15 points*
- C. Poise – *15 points*

**Attire for interview:** Must be black and white attire meaning: skirt, pants or suite of black with a white shirt/blouse. No t-shirts or colored bras allowed.

Each contestant will have one, five - minute interview with each of the three judges. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (15 minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews will be conducted on Friday, June 29, 2018, are private and not open to the public.

**II. Formal Wear – 20 points total**

- A. Posture and poise – *10 points*
- B. Overall impression – *10 points*

**Attire for formal wear:** Formal gown or tuxedo

When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2-inches above the knee cap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the County pageant may be discounted by the judges. Public preliminary judging will take place on Friday night, June 29, 2018.

**III. Professional Wear – 30 points total**

- A. Posture and poise – *10 points*
- B. Overall impression – *10 points*
- C. 1 minute speech on a topic of your choice - *10 points*

A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed. Public preliminary judging will take place on Friday night, June 29, 2018.

Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging point. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only. Final selection is the judges' decision.

The Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Director reserves the right to change the fore going terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.



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#### **For the Winner:**

1. The winner of the County pageant will receive the title "Miss Monroe County 2018" (2018 Queen) and must be prepared to spend the entire 7-day period at the 2018 Monroe County Fair on the fairgrounds.
2. The winner must agree to appear for the Monroe County Fair Board of Directors in official capacities as required throughout the year until a successor is crowned. All appearances made by Miss Monroe County Fair 2018 in official capacity must be approved by the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
3. The winner must agree not to accept another pageant title or endorse any commercial product as "Miss Monroe County Fair" for 12 months following the 2018 Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant without the written permission of the Monroe County Fair Board.
4. The winner will receive all prizes, gifts, and awards at the end of the Monroe County Fair.