



# 2019 Monroe County Fair Queen

## Rules and Guidelines

Deadline to Apply is:

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Pageant Date is:

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Monroe County Fair Queen Committee Mission Statement:

To execute a pageant that will produce a lady of character, who handles difficult situations with grace and embraces all types of people with kindness, and who acknowledges that, during her reign, she is representing Monroe County and the Monroe County Fair Board at all times.

1. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and may not have turned 22 years of age on or before June 1, 2020. (In other words: 2019 Queen contestants may be 17 years old IF they will be 18 on or before June 1, 2020. Likewise, Queen contestants may be 21 years old provided that they do not turn 22 on or before June 1, 2020.)
2. Each contestant must be a Monroe County resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent their home county. One of the contestant's parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. *The only exception:* the contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county IF the majority of their activities are in the county in which they entered the contest.
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. Professional models are not 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 upon occasion for modeling, or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
5. Any contestant who has competed in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant may not compete again.
6. Any county representative selected after the 2019 Indiana State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2020 Queen pageant.
7. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised that the Monroe County Fair Queen Committee reviews all contestants' Internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
8. If a contestant does not follow any of the previous conditions listed in these guidelines, the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Director has the right to disqualify that contestant from competition.
9. Only the county winner may represent the county at the 2020 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant (or the First Runner-Up, if the winner becomes ineligible; or the Second Runner-Up if the First Runner-Up is also unavailable, etc.).
10. Each contestant will receive an official 2019 Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant t-shirt, which will be worn during County Inductions during the public preliminary judging on Saturday night, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
11. Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be judged upon 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:** Black and white attire, i.e., skirt, pants, or suit of black with a white shirt or blouse. No t-shirts or colored bras allowed.

**What to Expect:** Each contestant will have one five-minute interview with each of the three judges; therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews, for a total of 15 minutes, answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.

Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, are private, and are 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 a cut or design that is judged inappropriate for the Monroe County Queen Pageant may be discounted by the judges.

Public preliminary judging will take place on Saturday night, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### 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

**Attire for Professional Wear:** Suit or other professional wear. A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed.

Public preliminary judging will take place on Saturday night, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging points. 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 foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.



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### **For the Winner:**

1. The winner of the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant will receive the titles of "Miss Monroe County 2019" and the "2019 Fair Queen" and must be prepared to spend the entire 7-day period at the 2019 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 2019 in official capacity must be approved by the Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator.
3. The winner must agree to not accept another pageant title or endorse any commercial product as "Miss Monroe County" for 12 months following the 2019 Monroe County Fair Queen Pageant without the written permission of the Monroe County Fair Board of Directors.
4. The winner will receive all prizes, gifts, and awards at the end of the Monroe County Fair.