

Preliminary Contest:

June 24, 2021

Palmer Community

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Lakeville, IN



Pageant Date:

July 3, 2021

St. Joseph County

4-H Fairgrounds

South Bend, IN

RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES CONTRACT **MISS ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT**

As a Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant contestant, I agree that all statements below concerning my behavior are true and agree to the following rules and responsibilities for my conduct before, during and after the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant.

1. Contestants must be a minimum of 18 years old by **June 1, 2022** and cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before **June 1, 2022**.
2. Contestants must be an Indiana resident, a US citizen and represent their home county. One of their parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception, the contestant may reside in an adjoining county if 90% of their activities are in St. Joseph County (i.e.: school, church, work, 4-H, etc.) The winning contestant must live in Indiana during her year reign of Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen.
3. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant. If Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen 2021 becomes pregnant any time during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts, scholarship, and prizes. Contestants must also be unmarried and must have never been married.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one organization in their community, such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Contestants are NOT required to be a 4-H member to participate in the pageant.
5. Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen must be employable by the state of Indiana as required by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant rules.

6. No professional model will be considered eligible for the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling). A contestant who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling, or who works for a fashion board is NOT considered a professional model.
7. The contestants will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and the ability to converse. Judging includes a prepared speech, interview, formal wear, professional wear, and an on stage question.
8. I understand that my behavior while participating in the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant and if chosen Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen, and at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant is a reflection of myself, my family, my school and St. Joseph County. I will behave accordingly as a good role model and upstanding citizen. This includes appropriate use of social media networks.
9. The winner of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant will be crowned Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen 2020 and must be prepared to spend the remaining duration of the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, July 2-10 2021 as a hostess of the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair. In the event that the newly crowned Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen is not able to fulfill her duties, all awards and prizes must be relinquished to the next eligible contestant in line.
10. The winner of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant will be crowned as Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen 2021, and will be required to attend Queen's Day at the Indiana State Fair in August 2021 and the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant January 7-9 2022.
11. I understand if chosen as the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen and/or runner-up and/or court, I will dress accordingly during all activities, and will take direction from the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee as to the proper dress attire.
12. The Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during workshops, rehearsals and any Fair or Pageant related activities. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, their school, St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, Inc., St. Joseph County and the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant. Unsportsmanlike conduct

could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant. Any contestant and/or family member, friend and guest showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to her disqualification from the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant.

13. I will NOT defame the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant, the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, Inc. and Fair Board, the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee, and/or ANY of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant contestants, and/or ANY of the St. Joseph County Fair Queens past or present through any action of my own, whether it be oral, written or otherwise stated before, during or after the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant. I understand if I defame any of the above named in any way, I will be banned from future St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageants and the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair's Fair Board could seek legal action.
14. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised that the St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee, and the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
15. Any contestant who has competed in the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
16. The Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee reserves the right to change the foregoing "Rules and Responsibilities" contract as deemed necessary at any time.



I _____, have read the rules and responsibilities set by the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee and agree to abide by all the requests. I understand that falsifications of any information on my entry form are justification for immediate disqualification, and that the decision of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant Committee is final. I also understand and agree not to hold the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant/Committee, St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, Inc. or sponsors liable in case of injury or accident during participation in any pageant events or rehearsals. Further, I also grant the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant the right to use any photographs or video recordings made during any activity connected with the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant; and I also give my permission to use my name with any of the previously mentioned above in any promotional efforts on behalf of the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant and/or the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair, Inc. This constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is legally binding.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Legal Guardian/Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Each Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant contestant will be judged on the basis of the ability to converse, speaking ability, poise and personality.

This judging is divided into four categories totaling 100%/points:

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| Category I | Interview | 50% / points of scoring |
| | Ability to converse | 20% / points |
| | Personality | 15% / points |
| | Poise | 15% / points |
| Category II | <u>Prepared Speech</u> | 10% / points of scoring |
| Category III | <u>Professional Wear</u> | 20%/points of scoring |
| | Posture & Poise | 10% / points |
| | Overall Impression | 10% / points |
| Category IIII | <u>Formal Wear</u> | 20%/points of scoring |
| | Stage Presence & | 10% / points |
| | Overall Impression | |
| | Stage Question | 10% / points |

The following attire is REQUIRED for the Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant and Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant:

Category I: INTERVIEW (50% / points of scoring)

Attire : Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress

Each contestant will have one three-minute interview with each of the three judges. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 minutes total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.

Qualities depicting a good interview: interesting, sincere, honest, natural, poised, ability to articulate, relaxed, self-confident and YOURSELF.

Category II: PREPARED SPEECH (10%/points of Scoring)

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress

Each 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. Speeches will be delivered with a microphone, either on a stand or hand-held, as part of the Professional Wear competition.

Category III: PROFESSIONAL WEAR (20 %/points of Scoring)

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Prepared Speech category)

Pant suits or pant separates will be allowed. Suit pieces do not have to be of the same fabric.

Category III: FORMAL WEAR (20% /points of Scoring)

Attire: Formal Gown or Tuxedo

At least one portion of the evening gown hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestants foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the dress. **Gowns with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap) and/or low-cut bodice and/or cut design is inappropriate for the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant may be discounted by the judges. Keep in mind that the spotlights are very bright; wear a long slip particularly if your gown is either sheer or light colored.** Gloves and jewelry are optional in formal competition. Any style tuxedo is acceptable and must include pants, jacket and tie. To show versatility you may want to select a gown which is a different color from your professional wear.

Shoes: Shoes may be pumps or sandals with a 2-3 inch heel for the formal wear. This size heel is only a suggestion and not required. Practice in your shoes to make yourself feel ease in them before the pageant.

Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen & members of the court are expected to participate in various activities and events throughout the 2021 St. Joseph County 4-H Fair July 2-10 2021. The following is a list of responsibilities. Please note, new events and activities may be added leading up to, and during the fair.

- Welcome & Greet at Main Gates, and other areas around fairgrounds
- Greet at events
- Participate in distributing ribbons at Livestock Shows
- Participate in daily antique tractor parade (5pm)
- Daily Queen's Story Time
- Media appearances
- Check in throughout the year to be updated about parades, other community appearances.
- Assist with workshops preparing for 2022 Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant.
- Emcee 2022 Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant prelims
- Participate in 2022 Miss St. Joseph County Fair Queen Pageant, and crown the 2022 queen.

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