

## Terms & Conditions

### *For contestants:*

- 1.) Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and have had her 21st birthday as of the first day of the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.
- 2.) Contestant must be unmarried and must have never been married.
- 3.) A contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. Citizen and represent her home county. One of her parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception, she may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of her activities are in the county in which she enters the contest. Should a fair represent more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
- 4.) Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair or the State Fair Queen Pageant. If Miss Indiana State Fair becomes pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
- 5.) Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.
- 6.) No professional model is eligible for the State Fair Queen Pageant. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling.) A contest, 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.
- 7.) Any contestant who has competed in a State Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete again.
- 8.) Any county queen selected after the previous Indiana State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the following Queen Pageant.
- 9.) Transportation for contestants and chaperones to and from the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant will be the responsibility of each contestant.
- 10.) Each contestant and chaperone must stay in their assigned hotel room throughout the pageant.
- 11.) If any of the terms and conditions listed in this brochure are not followed by the contestant and/or the county, the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Director has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.

### *For Counties:*

- 1.) Each county is encouraged to select its entry on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse at a competitive contest.
- 2.) Only the county winner (or the first runner-up if the winner becomes ineligible) may represent the county at the Indiana State Fair.
- 3.) Each county winner must be accompanied to the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant by her mother. The Indiana State Fair strongly encourages mothers to chaperone and share the experience with their daughters. In case it is impossible for a mother to attend, a female adult (25 years or older) may act as a chaperone if first approved by the county fair and then by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Director.
- 4.) Professional pageant coaches and trainers are not eligible to act as a chaperone in place of a mother. If a contestant's mother is a professional coach, she is eligible to be her daughter's chaperone.
- 5.)\* The Queen MUST be available the full week of the county fair.
- 6.)\* We must uphold the high standards of Miss Newton County and Court. Any knowledge of illegal drugs or alcohol will result in the relinquishment of title.
- 7.)\*The Queen and the Court are expected to be a hostess at the fairgrounds. They are expected to attend all of the shows and events from the beginning of the fair until the end of the fair week. Any and all physical contact with the opposite sex is discouraged while in queen and court attire.
- 8.)\* Contestants are required to attend all meetings. Judges are advised of the number of meetings a contestant attended. It is left in the judge's discretion as to whether he or she would like to base their final decisions on contestant's participation.
- 9.)\* All Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant rules will apply on the county level.

**\*These rules are Newton County Committee Rules**