



Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant 2019 Official Rules and Information

Welcome to Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant! The lucky young lady who is chosen as the 2019 Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen will reign over this year's Fair and receive a generous prize package.

How do I apply and what are the fees?

Please read all the following rules and information prior to submitting your application. To apply as a contestant in the 2019 Junior Miss Lake County Fair Pageant, follow the instructions for an Adobe PDF "Fill-in" form online (available at www.lcfair.com), print out the completed application and submit the **typed** application, a headshot photo and a \$65.00 competition fee. **Application must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019. Confirmation notices will be sent to applicants within 10 days of receipt.**

OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. Contestants must be at least 11 years of age but not 14 before August 1, 2019.
2. Contestants must be a legal resident of Lake County.
3. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen.
4. Contestants must never have been convicted of a criminal offense.
5. Former contestants are welcome to participate; however, anyone who has held the title of Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen is not eligible to participate.
6. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or other dangerous substances.
7. Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in any act activity that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to social media are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Lake County Fair Queen Pageant.
8. Contestants agree to the following:
 - a. Abide by all the rules of the pageant
 - b. Attend all mandatory events
 - c. Be interviewed by our panel of judges
 - d. Appear in conservative dress or skirt set for judging*
 - e. Appear in a floor-length evening gown for judging*
 - f. Present a 45-second rehearsed speech on stage
 - g. Demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout and after the competition
 - h. The decision of the judges is final, and scoring is kept confidential
9. Contestants will be required to sell a **minimum of 10 fair tickets** (\$10/adult, \$5/child or senior) each through the pageant. The contestant receives free entry the night of the pageant, so please feel free to purchase these tickets for friends and family. Tickets can be used anytime during fair week. **All sales go directly to fund the pageant, and the contestant who sells the most tickets will be recognized and awarded the night of the pageant.**

*All wardrobe and attire MUST be reviewed and approved by the Lake County Fair Pageant Director.



If selected as Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen, you will serve as the official hostess for the 2019 Lake County Fair from July 25 – July 28, 2019. You agree to the following:

- To represent the Lake County Fair by being present at the Lake County Fair each day of the Fair and to make appearances and radio interviews guided by a representative of the Lake County Fair Board and/or Pageant Director. Your presence is also required at the 2020 Pageant Interviews, at the Fairgrounds on the first two days of the 2020 fair and at the 2020 Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant.
- To arrive each day at the fair with packed meals, other snacks/sustenance **and/or** cash to purchase food/beverages from fair vendors throughout the course of the day.
- You will not pursue another pageant title during your reign as Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen.
- To represent the Lake County Fair at various local functions.
- To abide by the instructions and direction of the Lake County Fair Pageant Director regarding any fair-related activity.
- Appearances of any kind made wearing the 2019 Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen sash and crown must have the consent of the Lake County Fair Pageant Director. These appearances will be related to or sponsored by the Lake County Fair. All appearances must be chaperoned by the Lake County Fair Pageant Director or representative.
- While wearing the 2019 Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen sash and crown, you will not chew gum and will dress and act in a respectable manner.
- You will not partake in underage consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or smoking during your reign.
- If you cannot fulfill the expressed duties, violate any rule set forth, or conduct yourself in a manner unbecoming of a queen and representative of the Lake County Fair, you will immediately relinquish your title, crown, sash and all prizes upon the direction of the Lake County Fair Pageant Director. The 1st runner-up will then be eligible for the title.



IMPORTANT DATES

Participation in the Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant is a major commitment. It can also affect the schedule of your entire family. There are mandatory events that will require your time and attention. Should you be selected as fair queen, you will be required at the fair from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. each day. Your schedule could also include additional duties beyond fair week. In order to help you coordinate your time, we have included the following calendar of events for your review. Any date listed below with the word **MANDATORY** in the description column, is indeed, a **required** event for each contestant. Out of fairness to everyone absolutely NO exceptions cannot be made.

*****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

DATE	DESCRIPTION
Friday, June 28, 2019	OPTIONAL General Informational Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Lake County Fairgrounds, Event Center/Expo Hall <i>Contestants and parents welcome</i>
Monday, July 1, 2019	Application Deadline All applications must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Wednesday, July 17, 2019	MANDATORY Rehearsal Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Lake County Fairgrounds, Event Center/Expo Hall
Wednesday, July 24, 2019	OPTIONAL Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Lake County Fairgrounds, Event Center/Expo Hall – Blue Ribbon Stage
Thursday, July 25, 2019	MANDATORY Interviews Time: TBD Location: Lake County Fairgrounds, Event Center/Expo Hall – Blue Ribbon Stage
	MANDATORY Junior Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Lake County Fairgrounds, Event Center/Expo Hall – Blue Ribbon Stage



COMPETITION DESCRIPTIONS

There are four phases of competition in the Junior Miss Lake County Fair Pageant: Personal Interview, Speech and Communication Skills and Stage Presence. The five highest-scoring contestants in the combination of these categories will compete as a finalist during the latter portion of the pageant.

- 1. PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** This category of the competition will take place earlier in the day prior to the on-stage pageant. Each contestant will be interviewed for four minutes by our panel of judges. Judges will score each contestant from 0-35 points. Contestants are required to wear a conservative dress or skirt set and taupe heels. The judges will use this time as an opportunity to learn about each contestant, her personality, qualities and attributes. **TIP: Be your natural, enthusiastic self!**
- 2. SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Each contestant will be required to deliver a 45-second rehearsed speech on any subject they choose, as long as it is not political or controversial in nature. Since the majority of the fair queen's job is to promote fairs and agriculture, how a contestant speaks and relates to a crowd is very important. Contestants are required to wear a conservative dress or skirt set with taupe heels. Judges will award 0-30 points for this category. **TIP: Put some thought into your speech so you feel well prepared as the competition approaches.**
- 3. STAGE PRESENCE:** Each contestant will model a floor-length, age-appropriate evening gown of her choice. No sheer fabric or cutouts are permitted, and the back of the dress must not go below the natural waistline. If your dress has a slit, it must not exceed 4 inches above the knee. The judges will award 0-15 points according to a contestant's grace, poise and confidence. **TIP: Here's your chance to really shine. Your gown should be formal and in good taste. This is your last opportunity to impress the judges before they choose the five finalists.**
- 4. FINAL COMPETITION:** Our tabulators, from a local independent accounting firm, will compute the scores from the above categories. The contestants with the five highest scores will be chosen as finalists. The finalists will be escorted off stage into a sound-proof area. Each finalist, one at a time, will be called on stage to answer a surprise question, mimicking a live broadcast interview. Judges will rank each contestant from 1 (Queen) to 5 (4th runner-up) based on the responses of the contestant. **TIP: The judges are looking for the candidate who they feel can best represent the Lake County Fair by communicating effectively, including radio and TV interviews.**

Any questions? Contact Alyce Brownlee, Lake County Fair Queen Pageant Director
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