

Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant

Director: Haley Ebeling

Tuesday, July 16th, 2019

General Rules

1. To participate in the Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant 2019, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Pageant, including the rules, guidelines and limitations for contestants that will be applicable to her activities during her year of service if she is selected Miss Heart of Illinois Fair (HOIF) Queen.

2. Contestant must have been born a female and have always been a female.

3. Contestant must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2020. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Illinois for a minimum of six months.

4. Limitations - Contestants must reside within the area encompassed by HOIF School Districts (Knox, Fulton, Woodford, Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Tazewell, Mason, & Peoria counties) or must be attending HOIF Schools, or has graduated high school from a HOIF high school. Any girl whose parents are residing within the area encompassed by HOIF School Districts, who is a student at a university, college, trade school or other school of higher education, shall be eligible. Any potential contestant who is competing in another county pageant encompassed by HOIF counties, prior to the HOIF pageant on 7/16/2019, is ineligible UNLESS said pageant is complete prior to June 18th 2019 when applications for HOIF pageant are due.

5. Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled. Contestant can never have been pregnant. Is not the adoptive parent of a child.

6. Contestant must have a current driver's license. Contestant must not be on probation, incarcerated or ever convicted of a felony offense.

7. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.

8. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to cease representing herself using the first title and only represent the Heart of Illinois Fair should she be crowned Miss Heart of Illinois Fair. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must notify the Heart of Illinois Fair pageant director, agree to the above statement, and sign a form confirming her intention to solely represent the Heart of Illinois Fair should she become Miss Heart of Illinois Fair. Please ask if there is any confusion.

9. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and or providing or having knowledge **of inappropriate language, materials or photographs** on internet/websites including but not limited to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube or Personal Blogs.**

10. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL. Interviews will require a skirt suit or business dress with sleeves (no cap sleeves). No slacks. Evening pageant attire will consist of the contestant appearing in a production number dress (TBD), swimsuit, and floor length formal evening gown for competition. Gown cannot have side cutouts, no low backs below the natural waist, no low bodices, and any slits must be no more than 4" above the knee. Swimsuit must be one-piece solid color, no low bodices, no side cutouts

and cannot have leg openings above the hipbone (hipbones must be covered). **Pageant Director MUST APPROVE ALL CLOTHING prior to dress rehearsal.** Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- Personal Interview: 35% of overall score
- 1 minute, topic of choice, speech: 30% of overall score
- Evening Gown: 20% of overall score
- Swimsuit: 15% of overall score

The Contestant agrees to cover all visible tattoos with cosmetics or a band-aid for competition and/or any time after she is selected as the HOIF Queen and wearing crown and sash. Visible body piercings will be limited to only the ear and only one earring in each ear lobe on pageant day. Nothing else is acceptable during interviews or competition. Hair must be a natural shade (blonde, brown, black, red, auburn, etc.) no purple, pink, blue, green, etc. Please ask if there is any confusion.

11. ATTENDANCE POLICY: It is extremely important that the Contestant arrives on time to all practices and events. Attendance will be taken at the scheduled start time. If the Contestant knows she will be absent or tardy in advance, she is to notify the Pageant Director of her intentions. Advance notice of at least 24 hours is considered excused. However, if the Contestant does not give advanced notice about being late or absent for any reason, other than an emergency, it is considered unexcused. With two unexcused absences or tardies, the Contestant and Pageant Directors will sit down to discuss the Contestant's attendance and commitment to the pageant.

12. The reigning Queen will forfeit her title, prizes (including scholarship award) and privileges to the 1st runner-up in the case of marriage at any time prior to the 2020 HOIF or in case of gross misconduct as defined and determined by and in the sole discretion of the Pageant Director & HOIF Fair Board.

13. The Queen must meet with pageant director before January 1, 2020. She must also help gather donations for the 2020 HOIF Queen Pageant. Scholarship money may be reduced or forfeited if she does not comply with these terms.

14. If the scholarship recipient should determine not to attend a post-secondary institution within three years of being awarded the scholarship, the recipient thereby forfeits the prize. The scholarship money is not transferable and not redeemable for cash.

15. Contestants must file applications with the HOIF Pageant Committee on or by June 18, 2019. A maximum of 25 contestants will be allowed. Applications will be taken as first-come-first serve.

16. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected Queen:

a) The new 2019 Queen will serve as the hostess of the Heart of Illinois Fair, which is July 16th through 21st so she must be able to be present at the fair for its' duration. The Queen will represent Heart of Illinois Fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant to be held January 2020. These two events are mandatory for the Queen.

b) The Queen will not consume alcoholic beverages while representing the Heart of Illinois Fair, including, but not limited to her time spent on the fairgrounds, and including the weekend

of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. The Queen regardless of age will not be permitted to consume alcohol WITH or WITHOUT her crown during the fair.

c) The Queen will refrain from smoking while representing the Heart of Illinois Fair at any function and including the weekend of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. Throughout the year of the Queen's reign, she will conduct herself in an appropriate manner. The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant, which will be held in Springfield in January of 2020.

d) The Queen is under obligation to present herself in a self-respectful manner at all times throughout her year as Queen, even when not officially representing HOIF. This includes obeying all laws regarding alcohol consumption. Illegal consumption of alcohol and/or drug use of any kind could result in the forfeiture of her title and all prizes awarded.

e) The Queen will represent the HOIF at as many other area pageants and functions as possible. She will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or a pageant crew member when she is representing the HOIF. The Queen may be chaperoned by another adult other than the Pageant Director ONLY with prior approval from the Pageant Director.

f) All personal appearances as Miss HOIF Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director, as well as photographic sessions and picture releases as Miss HOIF. The Queen may not set up or designate someone else to set up her personal appearances as Miss HOIF 2019.

g) The new 2019 Queen must maintain immaculate personal grooming at all times when in public and her wardrobe must be in a pressed and clean condition at all times. The Queen needs to be respectful, cooperative, punctual and communicate in a timely fashion with the Pageant Director.

h) If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties, or violates any rules set forth in the guidelines, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director and HOIF board. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.

i) The newly selected Queen agrees to meet with the pageant director and or board the morning after the pageant to sign a copy of these rules, which will serve as her contract with the HOIF Fair throughout her year of service.

2019 HOIF Queen: _____

Pageant Director: _____

