

**Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant
Jr Miss Pageant
Director: Haley Ebeling
Saturday, June 2th
General Rules**

Dear Parent,

Congratulations and welcome to the 2021 Jr. Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant. The following packet includes information about the pageant and pageant rules. Haley Ebeling is the HOIF Pageant Director. She will be running all Little Miss practices and is in charge of overseeing the entire pageant. After reading this letter, please sign and return to Haley at the first practice or misshoifqueenpageant@gmail.com. A \$75 entry fee will be due by June 5th. Checks payable to Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant.

1. To participate in the Jr Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant 2021, each contestant/parent must understand and accept the requirements of the Pageant, including the rules, guidelines and limitations for contestants
2. Contestant must have been born a female and have always been a female.
3. Contestant must be a minimum of 11 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 14th birthday by the day of the pageant. 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/parents 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.
5. Once a contestant has been named Jr Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen, she cannot compete in said pageant again.
6. Applications will be taken as first-come-first-serve. Application deadline is June 5th, 2021. Only 20 total Jr Miss participants will be allowed.
7. Contestants are encouraged to attend practices. They are required to attend Dress Rehearsal and 3 of 5 practices.
8. Contestant agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges, appear in formal attire and answer a pop question. Contestant agrees that the decision of the judges is final.
9. The newly selected Jr Miss will serve as hostesses of the HOI Fair July 13-17, 2021 and will be present at all fair events accompanied by a guardian. The Jr Miss will represent the Fair for the remainder of her reign in activities and events as scheduled by her director. This includes attending County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair while accompanied by her parent(s) or guardian(s), and practices and functions dealing with the pageant and the crowning of the new Jr Miss. Contestant agrees to abide by all the rules of the said pageant now in effect or hereafter to be announced.

10. Each contestant will appear on stage the night of the pageant, Saturday June 26st, 2021, in a evening gown dress of her choice. We recommend a tea length or floor length gown and age appropriate. No strapless and slits in the skirt are not allowed. The back must be at least bra strap level and can't be fitted from the waist down. One shoulder dresses are allowed, as long as it covers the chest area well. High low dresses are allowed as long as the front comes down past the knee. Make sure you can walk well in the shoes you choose as you will be judged on stage presentation. Some make-up will be allowed, but please don't overdo the makeup as they should look like 11-13 year olds. Hair can be professionally done if chosen, but is certainly not a requirement.

11. Each contestant will be judged using the following scoring system:

- 35% - Interview
- 25% - Evening Gown
- 25% - Stage Presence
- 15% - Pop Question

12. INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held at the HOIF on the day of the pageant at approximately 1:00pm. All contestants should wear their pageant t-shirt, denim shorts, white socks, and white shoes. Everyone will be judged on their ability to answer questions clearly and decisively, eye contact, smile, posture, maturity for age and overall appearance. Remember, at this time the judges see you close-up, make-up should be minimal. The interview will be THREE minutes. Just relax and be yourself. Everyone can leave to prepare for the pageant as soon as interviews are done.

12. RAFFLE TICKETS

We require that each contestant sell a minimum of 20 raffle tickets. Each ticket sells for \$5.00. These tickets are for a cash prize raffle of \$100 that will be held on the night of the pageant. Ticket holders DO NOT need to be present to win! In years past, there have been multiple different \$100 winners awarded. Please return your sold ticket stubs and collected money to a pageant crew member on the nights of practice. Please turn in your minimum required 20 tickets by June 25th. Any unsold tickets will need to be purchased by the contest/parent(s). Thank you for your support in this fundraiser as it pays for stage decorations, prizes, trophies, sashes, chair rental, programs and the many other expenses it takes to put this pageant on.

13. Any reports of misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior of a contestant or a parent will result in immediate disqualification.

I hereby acknowledge that the personal data as shown on the application is correct; and that I have read and understand the Jr Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant Official Rules and Duties. I understand that the time, manner and method of conducting the pageant is solely within the discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the decision of the judges is final. I hereby agree to comply with all rules of the Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Queen Pageant.

Please Print Parent's Names below as you would like it to appear in the pageant program

Contestant's Signature _____

Guardian's Signature _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CONTESTANT AND GUARDIAN ALONG WITH YOUR **\$50** TO BE OFFICIALLY ENTERED IN THE PAGEANT. PLEASE SUBMIT BY JUNE 5th 2021