

On behalf of the Logan County Fair Board, I want to welcome you as a potential contestant.

The Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant will be held on July 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Grandstand of the Logan County Fairgrounds. It will be conducted in the same manner as the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.

Please check the following dates and notify us of any conflicts.

**Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Contestant Deadline/Contestant Application Due  
**Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm** – Workshop/Dance Number  
**Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 3-7 pm** – Mandatory Pictures/Workshop  
**Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm** – Workshop  
**Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm**- Workshop/Rough Draft of Application Due/Dance Number  
**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**- Workshop/Speech Rough Draft/Donations Due  
**\*Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 6-9:30pm** – Mock Interviews/Track Seating Tickets Available/Final Application Due  
**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 3-8 pm**- Final Rehearsal with EmCee/Dance Number/Raffle Ticket Proceeds Due/Royal Dinner  
**\*Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** – Interviews & Pageant

Should you be chosen as the Logan County Fair Queen you will be the Hostess for the Logan County Fair. This means you will need to be free to attend the Fair from **Wednesday, August 1st to Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**.

You are required to have a chaperone with you at all times. We will alternate amongst our Pageant Crew and parents are welcome to attend as well.

As the Logan County Fair Queen you will also need to represent our county at the Governor's Luncheon on **Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Illinois State Fair.

Look through the attached pages carefully. You may also access some information at [logancountyfair.com](http://logancountyfair.com).

Sincerely,  
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## **OUR FIRST EVENING TOGETHER**

We will be having a joint dance number workshop with our Junior Miss Contestants!

## **OUR SECOND EVENING TOGETHER**

Pictures will be taken on location by Michael Gowin Photography, [gowinphotography.com](http://gowinphotography.com). Please come with your hair and make-up done; you need to wear a strapless or strappy dress that the straps may be slipped down over your shoulders. You will be provided a wrap and necklace to wear for your picture. These pictures will be utilized in the newspapers, the Pageant program and attached to your resume.



Next you will spend some time getting to know the other contestants. This will be followed by a catered meal. While eating, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and get to know the other contestants!

We will close out the evening with a mini-workshop. Please bring any clothing you are hoping to wear for the pageant to this mini-workshop and please wear heels.

## **WORKSHOPS**

For all of the above, we will meet at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, located at 1700 Jefferson St, Lincoln, IL 62656.

We will begin promptly, so arriving on time is imperative.

\* Will be at Lincoln Christian Church on McLean Street in Lincoln.

Workshops are held for your benefit and cover modeling, walking, posture, interview skills, speech skills and pop question preparation. Please always dress in casual business attire, such as a sundress or skirt, no capris or pants. This will allow us to see your legs, which helps with walking and posture instruction. You will also need a pair of heels--at least two inches and can not exceed four inches. Platform heels should be avoided. If you have a pair of taupe heels bring them also.

The pageant crew will also provide help with your pageant wardrobe. Please understand that you do not need to purchase anything new for the pageant. If you do purchase something, we suggest *leaving the tags on and keeping all receipts until the directors have approved the item*. The following is the required attire for each portion of the competition:

- Interview Suit - Appropriate attire for this portion of the competition would be a nice suit, heels and hose. You will not find this suit in the Junior's section. We have many suits available in our Contestant's Closet that may be rented for \$30.
- Evening Gown - A "pageant gown" is not necessary for county competition; however, the gown must be floor length. Choose a gown in your best color and shoes and accessories which add to your total look, not distract from it. There is no need to purchase a gown for this competition if you do not have one. Many contestants borrow from a friend.
- Swimsuit - Swimsuits must be one piece and a solid color. It should NOT be extremely low cut at the neck or high cut on the legs, per state competition rules. A suit with built in support is best. These are also available in our Contestant's Closet. As the Director, I

reserve the authority to instruct any entrant to change her swimsuit should her first selection be inappropriate for competition. You must wear 2 - 4" taupe heels with your swimsuit. No jewelry is to be worn during this phase of competition.

### **REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals allow you time to implement skills learned during the workshops. Following the Final Rehearsal, the contestants and current Queen are invited to a Royal Dinner held at a business in Lincoln. This will be a time to honor Queen Meg and celebrate with one another.

### **THE CONTESTANT'S CLOSET**

The Contestant's Closet is offered to help make the Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant affordable. All items can be rented for the fees listed below and will need to be returned the evening of the pageant. All monies received go directly back in to the pageant.

Interview Suits - \$30

Swimsuits - \$25

Taupe Heels - \$20

### **HOW CONTESTANTS ARE SCORED**

Each category carries a percentage of the total score. Each category is judged and scored independently from all other categories. Categories include: Personal Interview 35%, Speech and Communication Skills 30%, Beauty and Physique (in swimsuit) 15%, Stage Presence (in evening gown) 15%, and Pop Question 5%.

- Personal Interview - Individual interviews will be held in the afternoon prior to the pageant, beginning around 2:00pm. Please wear daytime make-up and arrive with your hair done for the entire pageant. Remember, this is the time the judges see you close up and first impressions do count. The judges will be especially interested in your personality, mental alertness, sincerity, grammar, general knowledge, personal appearance, manners, etc. The judges will be provided with an application from each contestant. The questions asked will be about you, your interests, and your personal views and goals. There will be no political or controversial issue questions that you need to "study" for. Interviews are four minutes long and will be timed.
- Communication Skills – You have the opportunity to speak for one minute on any subject of your choosing. Since the majority of the Queen's job is to promote the Logan County Fair, how a contestant speaks and relates to a crowd is very important.
- Beauty and Physique - While you are in your swimsuit, judges look for proportion of figure, bone structure, muscle tone, posture, walk and facial beauty.
- Stage Presence - Points are accumulated while you appear in your evening gown. The score is accumulated by grace, poise, and the confidence the contestant projects, not the gown.
- Pop Question - You will also be asked a "pop question" on stage. The same question will be asked of each contestant. The answer does not need to be lengthy.

### **ABOUT THE JUDGES**

There will be a panel of three men and/or women who are genuinely interested in you. Our judges are serious, yet fun-loving people from various places throughout Illinois. They want to enjoy this experience as much as you. Be yourself!

### **PRODUCTION NUMBER**

Each contestant will participate in our production number. The production number begins the Grandstand portion of the Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant. The production number is not a scored portion of the pageant, but a fun way to start off the evening in front of Logan County.

### **THE QUEEN**

Our 2017 Logan County Fair Queen, Meg Meeker, will be present at practices to share information about her reign and your possible responsibilities, should you be chosen as Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

### **THE CREW**

Bethany Rademaker, Director is a former Logan County Fair Queen. Our crew is comprised of knowledgeable and helpful ladies that all have experience within the pageant circuit and share an ultimate goal of success. Please trust our experience in matters concerning your preparation for our local pageant and for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant if you are chosen as the Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

### **EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE INTERVIEW SUITS & SWIMSUITS**

Below are pictures of interview suits and pageant swimsuits to give you a better understanding of what you will need to wear. Remember that we offer some like these in our Contestant's Closet.



# 2018 Logan County Fair Queen Pageant

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- All application information must be typed, except the signatures.
- Please note that the judges will see your resume as you have presented it! Please take the time to proofread.
- Your resume will be used by the judges to create their interview questions for you. Please only include information you are comfortable talking about.
- Your resume may only be **1 page** in length. If you have a great number of activities or honors—choose the best and leave off the rest. Use short descriptive phrases instead of lengthy paragraphs. For example, instead of “I was in show choir for three years,” write under ACTIVITIES: show choir – three years.
- Use only current information from high school years forward. We suggest beginning with the most current information and working your way backward.
- I will attach your contestant photo, taken by Michael Gowin, to your resume for the judges.
- Please complete the contestant application/signatures, your resume rough draft, rules signatures and email to [logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com) by **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**!

Questions:

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**2018 Rough Draft RESUME**

**Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant 2018**

**HOMETOWN**

**CONTESTANT**

**NAME**

**HIGH SCHOOL  
& GRADUATION DATE**

**COLLEGE & CAREER PLANS**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

**ACTIVITIES**

**SPECIAL HONORS**

# QUEEN RULES

2018 Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant  
Pageant Director – Bethany Rademaker

## General Rules & Contract

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Logan County, Illinois for a minimum of six months prior to the pageant date.
2. Contestant must be a minimum of sixteen years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her twenty-second birthday by January 1st of the following year.
3. Contestant must be single; never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled; never have been pregnant and cannot be an adoptive parent to a child.
4. Contestant must have been born female and have always been a female, per the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Fair Queen Pageant.
5. Contestant must not be on probation or have been arrested, incarcerated or convicted of a felony offense.
6. Contestant will not partake of alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or other dangerous chemicals regardless of the route of consumption.
7. Contestant must be of good moral character; has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent.
8. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
9. Contestant agrees to appear on stage in a one-piece swimsuit and an evening gown, and agrees to present a speech up to 60 seconds in length; contestant will also be personally interviewed in business professional attire by the judges. All clothing must be viewed and approved by the directors prior to the pageant.
  - o Swimsuit must be one-piece, solid color and should fit well. Swimsuits with plunging necklines or too high on the hips are not allowed; pads to increase bust size are not permitted. If the swimsuit is questionable, the contestant will be requested to change it.
  - o Evening gowns are to be floor length.
10. Contestant will limit themselves to one piercing in each ear lobe. All other visible piercings must be removed or covered. All visible tattoos must be covered with clothing or body make-up.
11. No additional contestants will be accepted after the deadline.
12. Contestants are required to attend all of the rehearsals and workshops unless excused, in advance, by the pageant directors.
13. Contestants are required to secure \$75 in donations which will be placed in the pageant fund and used by the newly selected queen for expenses accrued throughout her reign.
14. Contestants are required to sell 40 raffle tickets. The money secured will be used to pay for awards that will be given the evening of the pageant.
15. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating and/or providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials or photographs on internet/web sites including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, or Personal Blogs. Contestant attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant name or likeness are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Logan County Fair Queen Pageant.

16. The Contestant agrees that the time, manner and method of conducting and judging the pageant shall be solely within the discretion of the officials and that the decision of the judges shall be final.
17. The Contestant agrees that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorizes the use of the contestant's name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the contestant to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.
18. The Queen will be chosen and crowned the night of the pageant. No preliminary contest will be held unless deemed necessary by the Pageant Directors.
19. Admission into the fair will be free for the contestant only.
20. The newly selected queen will serve as hostess for the Logan County Fair; represent the Fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant in January the following year and crown the next Miss Logan County Fair Queen.
21. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected queen will be:
  - o The Queen will abide by all the contestant rules as stated previously.
  - o The Queen will not participate in or represent any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.
  - o The Queen will represent the Logan County Fair at as many other area pageants and other functions as deemed necessary by the director.
  - o The Queen will be chaperoned by a Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Directors at all times while she is representing the Logan County Fair.
  - o The Queen must furnish the registration application for the State Pageant to the Pageant Directors before September 15th.
  - o The Queen will present trophies, ribbons and assist in drawings during the Fair. She will appear in appropriate attire (crown and sash). She will also take part in other public relations activities deemed necessary by the Pageant Directors.
  - o The Queen will be required to attend the Governor's Luncheon at the Illinois State Fair and the Central Zone Meeting of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs.
  - o The Queen will be required to attend the Logan County Fair Appreciation Banquet.
  - o The Queen will be required to help secure the prizes for the next year's queen.
22. All personal appearances as Miss Logan County Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Directors; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

If the newly selected queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a candidate, she will relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title. Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the Pageant Director of the Logan County Fair Association.



# 2018 Logan County Fair Queen Pageant

Due on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, to secure your contestant spot

I hereby acknowledge that the personal data shown on this application and resume is correct, and that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations that have been presented to us.

I understand that the time, manner and method of conducting the Pageant is solely within discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the decision of the judges is final.

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contestant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contestant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_