

Contestants

MISS GEORGETOWN FAIR PAGEANT 2021

Personal Characteristics

The Georgetown Fair Queen is a representative of not only herself, but a representative of the Georgetown Fair, the Board of Directors, the Georgetown Fair Pageant/Directors, All Past Queens and Vermilion County. This role will provide the opportunity to meet many new people and represent an organization that has promoted family values and fellowship for over 80 years.

This can be a year of a lifetime, and will require representing the Georgetown Fair in a specific manner. Representing the fair shall be described as wearing the sash and/or crown in any public setting although with or without the crown, the Queen or contestant is representing the Georgetown Fair. Any young lady age 16-21 (not 22 before January 1, 2022) is eligible to participate in the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant.

Personal Characteristics:

In order to be eligible, contestants must certify to the Personal Characteristics in this section:

- a. Must be a minimum of **16 years of age** and not have reached her **22nd birthday by January 12, 2022.**
- b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Illinois for a minimum of six months.
- c. Contestant must have a current driver's license. Never been convicted of a felony offense.
- d. Was born female and has always been a female.
- e. Must be single and never been married or had a marriage annulled.
- f. Never been pregnant or cannot become pregnant during her reign. Is not the adoptive parent of a child.

g. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

h. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to cease representing herself using the first title and only represent the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant when becoming a contestant in the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must notify The Miss Georgetown Fair pageant directors, agree to the above statement, have a signed form from the said pageant relinquishing her title and sign a form confirming her intention to solely represent the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant should she become Miss Georgetown Fair.

Is of good moral character....

Dictionary Definition of Moral Character: Moral character or character is an evaluation of a particular individual's durable qualities. The concept of character can imply a variety of attributes including the existence or lack of virtues such as integrity, courage, fortitude, honesty, and loyalty, or of good behaviors or habits. Moral character primarily refers to the assemblage of qualities that distinguish one individual from another.

Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment 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 Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Georgetown Fair Queen Pageant, Fair Board, and Directors.

This is considered a "beauty" pageant but there are several areas of competition other than "beauty". The pageant is judged on 5 categories. They are as follows:

4 minute Personal Interview

1 minute Speech

On Stage Question

Evening Gown

Beauty and Physique

INTERVIEW /Speech

The Interview takes place in the morning on the day of the pageant at the First Church of Christ Annex in Georgetown. Three (3) to Five (5) very highly qualified judges (depending on the number of contestants) will ask questions from the application filled out previously by each contestant in the 4 minute interview. Other questions pertaining to anything but religion and politics (unless the contestants application shows cause for this kind of questioning) may be asked. After each contestant interviews they will be called back into the room individually for their speech. The speech is to be one minute in length and the topic can be of the contestants choice (no singing, rhyming, poems, or props). When all contestants have completed their speeches, they are dismissed at the same time to return to the fair grounds in time for the pageant to begin.

OPENING NUMBER/ON STAGE QUESTION

The pageant begins with the opening number which is taught at practices previously. Each contestant will again come on stage individually and be ask their onstage question. The question is derived from the best question answered in the contestants interview and will be rewritten by the judges.

BEAUTY & PHYSIQUE

Next will be the Beauty and Physique Competition. This part of the competition is included as it is a requirement at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant for all contestants. Each contestant models a one piece, single color swimsuit of their choice. There are specific regulations for the swimsuit that will be covered in the practices.

EVENING GOWN

Finally the Evening Gown is next. Each contestant models the evening gown of their choice and again, there are requirements that should be followed that will be covered at practices.

TOP 5 AND QUESTIONS

Top 5 are chosen and are brought individually on stage, the same three question will be asked each contestant and after they recite their speech. The remaining Top 5 finalists are in the dressing trailer wearing headphones with music so they will not hear the questions.

When the judges scores are tallied by our auditor, the Queen and her Court will be named. The judges points given are the final and only decision on choosing the Queen.

CONTESTANT PRACTICES/SCHEDULE

A practice schedule is set and posted on this website in the hope that any potential contestant will make arrangements at their workplace so they may attend all practices. Each practice has a purpose and essential tips are given for each phase of the competition. Missing a practice means you miss out on learning pertinent information needed to compete in the pageant. Each practice day will have an agenda written so you know what to bring, wear, and how long it will last. The more you learn the more prepared you are on pageant day! Each contestant is allowed to miss 3 practices – and those practices must be approved by the pageant directors. If you just do not show up without calling to a practice this is considered an unexcused missed practice (taking into consideration an emergency of some sort). A log is kept that is given to the judges during judging so they will be aware of attendance. The Pageant Directors want you to learn as much as you can and be prepared before the pageant and that is what these practices are designed to do – prepare you so when the pageant comes there are no surprises!

A schedule has been posted on georgetownfair.org under “Calendar”.

Pageant Practices are closed to everyone except Pageant Crew and Contestants unless otherwise written in the schedule.

BACKSTAGE AT THE PAGEANT

No one is allowed at the interviews or backstage before, during or after the pageant. There are security guards at the entrance to the backstage area and they are put there for a reason – to protect the contestants. There are qualified pageant crew members in the trailer that can handle any problem and help with any situation that may arise as well as help each contestant as she prepares for each phase of the competition.

No phones or apple watches are allowed backstage. This is to prevent any unauthorized pictures to be taken and consequentially posted to social media. Also prevents the Top 5 from being text the final 3 questions before their time on stage giving unfair advantages.

SPONSORSHIP FEE

There is a \$75 sponsorship fee for each contestant. This can be from any business or personal donor in any increments. Checks should be made out to the Georgetown Fair Association.

When you compete in the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant you are applying for a job that lasts one year. Make sure you understand that there are appearances, Fair events, and Sponsor events that you are invited to attend as the Georgetown Fair Queen during the year. This is your job – representing the Georgetown Fair and agriculture for the state of Illinois. You will sometimes be asked to speak at events (the Queen will always know what she is to speak about and will have talked everything over with the pageant directors before arriving or before speaking), always help during the event, autograph pictures, and always doing so with the poise and grace the Georgetown Fair Queen is known for throughout Vermilion and all counties in Illinois. The Queens family and school schedule always comes first. The directors and Queen will always meet to discuss the schedule and will try to accommodate everyones schedule.

The Queen and Court receives a cash scholarship (given on Friday of Fair Week). The scholarship amounts are as follows:

1. Queen: \$2000
2. 1st Runner Up: \$650
3. 2nd Runner Up: \$550
4. 3rd Runner Up: \$450
5. 4th Runner Up: \$350

The number of places may change depending on the number of contestants. (Changing to only Queen, 1st, 2nd places). A schedule will be given to the Queen and her Courts' parents the night of the pageant for the week of the fair. The schedule will tell times, clothing, plus activities where each needs to be present. Not all events are attended by the Court but Queen needs to attend the Fair from 8:00 in the morning till duties are fulfilled in the evening from Tuesday August 10 to Saturday August 16 and attend County Fair Day on the Governors Lawn Friday, August 13 accompanied by the Pageant Directors. The Queen will open all events at the Georgetown Fair including the Concert on Friday Night.