

## *Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant 2023*

The Georgetown Fair Queen and Contestant 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 with poise and grace. Representing the fair shall be described as wearing the sash and/or crown in any public setting. With or without the crown, the contestant is representing the Georgetown Fair as soon as she signs the Official Contestant Paperwork.

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

***Contestant 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, loyalty or of good behaviors or habits. Moral character primarily refers to the assemblage of qualities that distinguish one individual from another.

1. Must be a minimum of 15 years of age (16 by January 1 2024) and not have reached her 22nd birthday as of January 1, 2024.
2. Must be a United States Citizen with Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian a current resident of Illinois.
3. Potential contestant must not a misdemeanor record or has never been convicted of a felony.
4. Was born a female - listed on an original Birth Certificate, has always been a female, and remains an identified female throughout her reign.
5. Must be single, never married or had a marriage annulled.
6. Never been pregnant, cannot become pregnant during her reign. Is not the adoptive parent of a child.

7. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substance or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substance.

8. Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent.

9. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TicToc, Snapchat or any social media are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant, Fair Board, and Director(s). **If any unedited pictures depicting nudity in any form, actually drinking alcohol or using illegal substances are presented to the Directors or Fair Board will result in immediate relinquish of the crown/ scholarship.** The judges receive your application weeks before the pageant. The first place they will look after reading your application is your social media, they want to find out about the you beyond what they have read.

**10. Any contestant with a current title from another pageant must agree to relinquish the current title** - only representing the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant as a contestant in the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant. The contestant must notify their Pageant Director(s), agree to relinquish her title. The contestant must supply a signed letter from said pageant with her signature, the Pageant Directors signature with the statement agreeing to only represent the Georgetown Fair and has relinquished her crown not to be reinstated after the Georgetown Fair Pageant.

11. Cell phones and any kind of watch with cell service have restricted usage during Contestant practices and events. Phones/watches should be silenced during practices and put away. There are "break times" during practices that phones can be checked. When attending the AMBUCS Camps, Fair /Pageant activities, and the Fair Family Dinner phones should be left in the car or in the pageant trailer until events have completed. Parents should be given the phone numbers of the directors to contact in an emergency. No phones/watches are allowed backstage during the pageant. This is to prevent any selfies or pictures taken with someone dressing in the background. With the hustle and bustle backstage there really is no time for pictures!

12. Being the Georgetown Fair Queen is a year "job". The Queen will attend many events and appearances with preparation for both. The "job" sometimes calls for weekends Photoshoots, practices for the State Pageant, multiple events during one weekend, with early mornings and occasionally late nights. Now this does not mean every weekend every month. It could be holidays like Labor day which has 3 long parades, the National Sweetheart Pageant with makeup and hair times for all. If there are any reasons you feel this sometimes hectic schedule would not be something you could manage, talk with the Pageant Directors. With all this said, make sure you are prepared for a Fun filled year with lots of excitement and laughter!

13. All Events will be approved by the Queen but there are exceptions. Exceptions are Fair/Pageant Events, or pageant sponsored events that the Queen is required to be present. The director will send the event information by text to the Queen. Information about the event will also be sent with an explanation of the organization. All events are essential as they keep The Georgetown Fair/Pageant present throughout the year.

**14. On winning the Miss Georgetown Fair Queen Pageant the Queen is automatically considered a contestant in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. If chosen Queen of the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, the Queen is a paid employee of the State of Illinois, gets a car and gas for the summer months and is the Hostess for the Illinois State Fair and Duquoin State Fair. She wins scholarship monies, has a set clothing sponsor for Evening Gowns for summer pageants, and travels the state of Illinois. The State Fair Queen's duties are few until summer pageants begin and will include but not limited to a couple appearances for media events and of course, speaking to the Senate on FFA Day at the State Capital.**

## MISS ILLINOIS FAIR PAGEANT INFORMATION

1. January 10.11.12.13.14 . 2024- Wednesday travel, Thursday orientation and pictures, Friday interviews, Saturday afternoon and evening preliminaries, Sunday brunch then top 15 and final competition, Monday home ( returning home on Sunday night is an option but it will be very late). **Parents** are welcome to come on Friday night but there is no need to come earlier. Contestants are very busy Thursday and Friday with no spare time to visit.
2. **All Expense paid trip** by the Georgetown Fair Board:  
Food  
Hotel Room  
Entry Fee  
Opening Number Dress  
Pageant T-shirt  
Official Group Pictures in Evening Gown and Swimsuit.  
**The only expense for the Queen is her clothing (and she receives a clothing allowances as gifts).**
3. **70-75 contestants** from Illinois County Fairs Competing.
4. **Queen's Room** will be shared with a Director/Co Director with a second room next door for Directors/Co Director accordingly in the Crowne Plaza paid by the Georgetown Fair.
5. **Forever Queens Clothing Fund** - Donations may be more or less than \$1200 for a clothing allowance helping with a State Wardrobe. **This Allowance is only to be used for clothing for state and/or during the year. Funds will be kept by the Georgetown Fair Secretary and will be distributed as receipts are turned in. Checks will be written to the Queen for reimbursement.**

## **MISS GEORGETOWN FAIR PAGEANT**

The Georgetown Fair Pageant 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:

1. 4 minute Personal Interview
2. 1 minute Speech
3. Individual Onstage Question
4. Evening Gown
5. Beauty & Physique (swimsuit)

### ***INTERVIEW (35%)/SPEECH(25%)***

The interview takes place in the morning on the day of the Pageant held at the First Church of Christ Annex in Georgetown. Three (3) to five (5) highly qualified judges (depending on the number of contestants) will ask questions from the application completed previously by each contestant or other pageant questions. The submitted applications are sent to the judges weeks before the pageant begins. Interview will be timed - four (4) minutes in length. Other questions pertaining to anything **excluding** religion and politics (unless the contestants application shows cause for this kind of questioning) may be asked. After all contestants have interviewed, each will individually recite the one (1) minute memorized speech. The topic of the speech is of the contestants choice but must not contain singing, rhyming, poems, and no props may be used. Contestant will be holding an imitation microphone and will be released after their speech. No one is allowed to accompany any contestant to the interviews for any reason.

**Business dress** or a **business skirt suit** is **required** for interview. There will be **handouts** with pictures and information on both forms of clothing. Queen Brylie will be modeling her clothing she wore last year at a designated practice to show the requirements that will be listed.

***AN AIR CONDITIONED DRESSING ROOM IS PROVIDED BEHIND THE STAGE. EACH CONTESTANT HAS HER OWN DRESSING AREA WITH MIRROR AND CHAIR.***

***PAGEANT CREW WILL BE IN THE DRESSING ROOM TO ASSIST CONTESTANTS. MAKEUP AND HAIR SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON ARRIVAL BUT THE LADIES ARE THERE TO HELP IF TOUCHUPS ARE NEEDED.***

### ***OPENING NUMBER (0%)/ON STAGE QUESTION(15%)***

The pageant begins with the ***opening number*** which is taught at practices previously - **the dance is not judged**. The opening number outfit is purchased by the pageant. **Alterations of any kind must be approved by the Director BEFORE they are implemented.**

Each contestant will again come on stage individually, and be asked their ***onstage question***. The **question** is derived from the **best question answered** in the contestants interview. The question will be rewritten by the judge but will have the same subject and will be asked onstage by the Queen. The contestant will take three steps forward, answer the question, give her name and sponsors then exit the stage.

### ***BEAUTY & PHYSIQUE (10%)***

The Beauty & Physique portion of the competition is included as it is requirement at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. At the beginning of the Beauty & Physique competition, all contestants will take the stage as a group, be asked to walk the runway as a group, then return backstage to come out individually. There will be no modeling in swimsuit just walking a specific pattern on the stage and exit. The contestants will not come back onstage as a group after this portion of the competition. Swimsuits will be **one piece, one color, not cut lower** than the breastbone and **not a French cut** at the legs (leg opening below the **hip bone**). Examples will be modeled at a designated practice by Queen Brylie. Spray on pageant adhesive (sticky buns) will be used to keep the swimsuit in place. The adhesive will be applied by the Directors.

### ***EVENING GOWN (15%)***

The contestant will not go onstage as a group at the beginning of the Evening Gown Competition. Each will individually walk a designated pattern on the stage stopping to model in two places plus stopping at the end of the runway, then exits the stage. The actual Evening Gown is not judged - It is the poise, grace, and how comfortable the contestant is on the stage that is judged.

Each contestant will wear the gown of their choice although again there are requirements that need to be followed - Long dress, **no high low** - does not **dip below the normal waist** in the back - not **cut lower** than the breastbone in the front. - **sides** must be **covered** - **all sheer fabric**

**cutouts** must be filled with solid color material - must be **bustled**. The length should be to the floor and easy to walk in. Necklaces are frowned upon, **earring/bracelets** are acceptable.

At the end of this portion of competition, all contestants will come on to the stage as a group and walk the runway once (or more depending on the instructions from the judges) before exiting the stage.

### ***TOP 5 (5 points) AND QUESTIONS (10 points)***

Top 5 are chosen and taken backstage with the remaining contestants backstage as well. Top 5 are given headphones playing music so they will not hear the questions being asked onstage. Each of the Top 5 are brought onstage, asked the 3 questions by the MC, and then recites the same speech given during the interview process. In this portion of the competition, the points are added to their total score, it is not a percentage.

### ***AWARDS AND CROWNING***

All Contestants are brought back to the stage. Non Finalist Awards are presented. Non Finalist awards are given to the contestants that were not chosen in the Top 5 (awards are given by TOP remaining total points, minus the top 5, unless designated otherwise.)

#### ***NON FINALIST AWARDS:***

Best of: Interview, Speech, Evening Gown, Beauty & Physique

Photogenic Award - Chosen from Headshots

Directors Award - Chosen by Directors: Someone who did not place but is encouraged to return.

Miss Congeniality - Chosen by Contestants after interview.

### ***CONTESTANT PRACTICES/SCHEDULE***

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

**Schedule and changes will be posted on a Contestant group included in these Social Platforms. An invitation will be sent after the first practice so please be looking for that and accept to receive messages.**

Facebook - Miss Georgetown Fair Queen Pageant

Instagram - Miss Georgetown Fair Queen

Copy of the Schedule is included in the Contestant Packet.

**Schedules have been** posted pre-pageant on Social Media sites in the hope that any potential contestant has made arrangements at each workplace so practices may be attended. Each practice has a specific purpose with essential tips given for each phase of the competition.

**Contestant Packets** are distributed at the Informational First Meeting with an agenda written so everyone knows what to bring, wear, times and clothing handouts. The more you learn, the more prepared you are on pageant day and that is the goal of the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant! Every practice has a specific purpose essential to competing in the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant. If you must miss a practice, it is the contestants responsibility to inquire about handouts or information given. If there is a special guest, please plan to be at these meetings ready with anything the Director has requested from you.

**A log is kept** with each contestant listing attendance and paperwork. This log will be included in the Judges Packet sent to each judge. Please contact the Pageant Director(s) through text or phone call for any practice that will not be attended or late to be listed as excused in this log.