***Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant 2024***

**CONTESTANT RULES AGREEMENT**

**EDITED March 25, 2024**

**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 characteristic 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 2025) and not have reached her 22nd birthday as of January 1, 2025.

 ***2.*** Must be a United States Citizen with Contestant, Parent, or Legal Guardian living in Vermilion County or a consistent 4-H member in Vermilion County for 2 years.

 ***3.*** Potential contestant has never been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor.

 ***4.*** Was born a female - with gender listed on an original Birth Certificate, has always been a female, and must remain an identified female throughout her reign until completing the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant in 2025.

 ***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 or guardian of a child.

 ***7.*** Does not use or consume any illegal substance or the use of alcohol or other illegal 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 X, 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.*** Contestants may compete in another pageant coinciding with the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant as long as practices are attended with mandatory practices a must. If the contestants becomes queen of the coinciding pageant, she will be of course be taken off the contestant list for the Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant. Runners Up also of the coinciding pageant, would be required to continue with any practices or events of the Miss Georgetown Fair pageant.

 ***12.*** 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 with the pageant directors or Queen’s 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! Also this prevents Top 5 questions being sent backstage to the contestants by text or through the watch (if so that contestant would be deemed disqualified).

 ***13.* Being the Georgetown Fair Queen is a year** “**job”**. The Queen will attend scheduled events and appearances with preparation for both. The “job” sometimes calls for scheduled weekend 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 be something you know will not fit in your schedule or you can manage, talk with the Pageant Directors before it becomes a problem.**

 ***14.* There are mandatory events for the Miss Georgetown Fair Queen 2024. They include but not limited to the following: Of course there are those exceptions that arise that need to be brought to the Pageant Directors attention. (Dates marked with \* possible exceptions)**

 Thursday, August 8, 2024 - ***County Fair Day***

 ***Scheduled Pictures*** (Dates & Times confirmed by Queen & Directors) TBA

 August 31, Sept. 1-2 ***Labor Day Weekend***

 \*October 27, 2024 - ***Zone Meeting*** - (There are two other zone meetings - either could be options)

 **School Christmas Vacation** - State Pageant Practices & Interviews

 Advertising Pics and videos for Princess Luncheon

 January 5, 2024 ***Illinois County Fair Dress Rehearsal/Send Off Party***

 January 15-19 (20 Martin Luther King Day)  ***Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant***

 March 1, 2025 ***Princess Luncheon***

 April - ***Advertising Pics for Pageant, Fair book, Pageant Program***

 \*April 25, 2025 - ***D102 Duck Out (This is on a Thursday so out of town girls be aware)***

 June - ***Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant Informational Meeting***

 June - ***2025 Pageant Practices***

June- ***AMBUCS Challenge Baseball***

 June - ***Fair Pageants Begin***

 July - ***4th of July Parade***

 July - ***Miss Georgetown Fair Pageant 2025***

 ***15.*** All Events will be approved by the Queen and Directors. Any events with invites sent to the Queen or her parents should be sent to the directors and an explanation given to the person. A monthly calendar will be made by the Director that will include all known invited events. Understand that events can pop up that are not listed on the calendar. The director will send the event information by text or a call to the Queen. A decision will be made by the Director and Queen if the added events will fit into the Queens schedule. Information about the event will also be sent via text to the Queen with an explanation of the organization, important names to remember, and duties. Events are essential as they keep The Georgetown Fair/Pageant present throughout the year.

 ***16.***The Queen and Court receives a cash scholarship (given on Saturday Night of Fair Week.

 ***The Scholarship amounts are as follows:***

 Queen: $2000, 1st Runner Up: $650 2nd Runner Up $550, 3rd Runner Up: $450 4th Runner Up: $350 ***17.*** The number of places may change depending on the number of contestants. (Changing to only Queen, 1st, 2nd places).

 ***18.*** A schedule will be sent to the Queen and her Court via text 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 July 9 to Saturday July 13.

 ***Clothes that may be needed or the week***: (More detail will be in the email)

 Queen: 2-3 Dresses (No strapless or spaghetti straps) Boots, jeans, jeans jacket or hoodie or sweater for the early morning in barns and nights.

 Court: 1 Dress (No strapless or spaghetti straps) shirts (no crop tops, if T-shirts, no businesses or advertising) Boots, jeans, jacket or hoodie.

**Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant**

Queen is automatically considered a contestant in the ***Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.*** The pageant runs from January 15-19 for the Queen. The Georgetown Fair provides an all expense paid trip except for clothing and essentials for the Queen. Hotel, food, pageant entry fee, opening number dress, pageant t-shirt, one full paid ad for the program, and official evening gown and beauty/physique pictures are all paid by the Georgetown Fair.

The **Miss Georgetown Fair Forever Queens** provide a Clothing Fund for the Queen - Last year totaling $1520.00 which Queen Meghan used to purchase her evening gown, business suit, and swimsuit with funds left for essentials! The fund varies each year with the amount of donations.

**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 scholarships, and much more from the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, has a set clothing sponsor for Evening Gowns for summer pageants, and is provided chaperones to travel the state of Illinois to pageants in the summer.

**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 until summer and the County Fair Pageants begin. She is also the official Hostess for the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fair Convention in January when the Miss Illinois County Fair takes place.