

2011 Ouachita County Fair Pageant

Rules and Information Sheet

Pageant Date: September 10, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Rehearsal Date September 8, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Theme: Carnival Lights & Country Nights
Place: Camden Fairview High School•Little Theater
1750 Cash Rd•Camden, AR 71701
Application Fee: \$20 Pageant entry
\$5 Photogenic entry fee (Optional)
\$5 Late fee
Absolutely NO refunds
Please make checks payable to Ouachita County Fair Pageant.
A head shot with contestant's name and age group on back
must also accompany application at the time of registration.

Rules and Regulations:

1. **Deadlines**

All deadlines must be met. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. These deadlines help us to keep the pageant running smoothly and make this an enjoyable experience for you.

2. **Sportsmanship**

There will only be one winner in each category. This is a competition and good sportsmanship is expected and required. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

3. **Judges Instructions**

We are looking for young ladies that will be the best representatives of the Ouachita County Fair. Confidence, composure, presentation & public speaking are important in presenting yourself to the judges.

4. **Judges Qualifications**

Judges for this pageant are typically Miss Arkansas qualified judges. We strive to provide you with the best qualified judges possible.

5. **Assignment of Contestant Numbers**

Contestant numbers will be given out at rehearsal. You may not alter the contestant number in any way. Please keep your number in a safe location at all times. Only ONE contestant number will be given. The Contestant Numbers will not be replaced.

6. **Competition Age Groups**

Baby Miss	Tiny Miss	Petite Miss	Princess Miss	Young Miss	Junior Miss	Senior Miss
0-12 months	13-35 months	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-21

7. **Contest Qualifiers**

Applicants must **live** or **attend** school in Ouachita County. Schools will be defined as the following for this purpose: All public and private schools located in Ouachita County. You can complete in **ONLY ONE** County Fair Pageant. Applicants must **NOT** be professional models. A professional model is defined by anyone who has received paid monies for modeling within the past 12 months. This pageant is **NOT** an open pageant.

8. **Contestants Moral Qualifications**

No contestants may be or have been married or have any children. All contestants should be of good moral stature, free of drugs and alcohol, and may not have any current or past misdemeanor, state or federal charges against them.

Grounds for loss of title

Suspension from school for any reason, unsportsmanlike conduct/attitudes between queens, frequently being unprepared or inability to fulfill duties, inappropriate behavior in public representing the County as queen or just out being yourself or any false information on your application is grounds for dismissal.

These stipulations will continue for anyone crowned. The crown will be surrendered and given to the 1st runner up to complete the remainder of the reign should any of the above arise. **All of the above rules will apply to the 1st runner up should she be offered the crown if the Queen is unable to fulfill her duties.**

9. **Competition Areas**

Senior and Junior Queen Divisions:

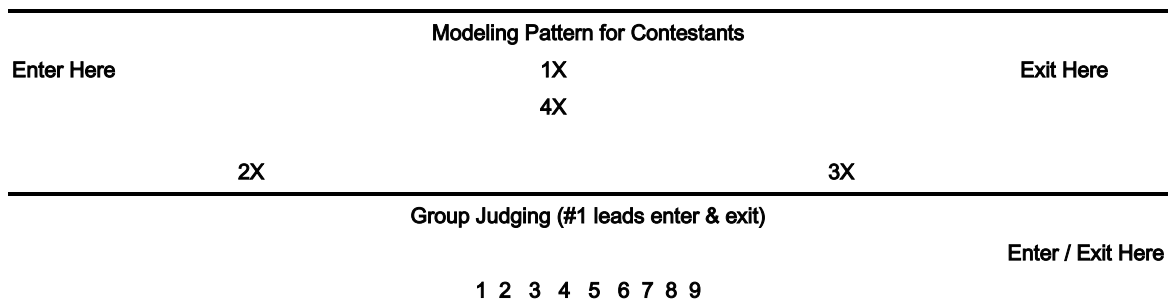
- a. Beauty, Poise & Stage Personality
- b. Each contestant will be required to answer one question on stage during their Sports Wear walk. The question will be drawn at random by the contestant.
- c. Sports Wear competition
- d. Evening Gown Competition
- e. Photogenic Competition for additional \$5 per photo (Optional)

Young Miss and Princess Miss Divisions:

- 1) Beauty, Poise & Stage Personality
- 2) Each contestant will be required to answer one question on stage during their sportswear walk. The question will be drawn at random by the contestant.
- 3) Photogenic Competition for additional \$5 per photo (Optional)

Baby Miss, Tiny Miss and Petite Miss Divisions:

- 1) Beauty, Poise & Stage Personality
- 2) Photogenic Competition for additional \$5 per photo (Optional)



10. **Ticket**

Each contestant will receive **one** complimentary County Fair ticket that must be picked up the night of the pageant.

11. **Backstage Rules**

Each contestant will be allowed one backstage assistant with them at any given time. Please be mindful of other contestant's belongings. DO NOT at any time touch items that do not belong to you. If you are missing something, please ask others to look around and help find the item, but do not look into others items yourself.

12. **Photographs**

Submit with entry form a small black and white or color photo for the Camden News. Print name and address on the back of the photo. School pictures work well. Please pick up photo after pageant at the front desk or pick up in the fair office the week of the fair.

A photographer will be available to take any pictures the contestant wishes. The taking of photographs within the theater will be permitted, but observers may not leave or stand up in their seats or in the aisles to take pictures.

13. **Peoples Choice Award**

There will be a People's Choice Award for each age division. Spectators are encouraged to vote (\$1 per vote) during the pageant for the contestant they feel is the best candidate. The winner (determined by dollar amounts collected) will be presented with a trophy.

14. **Participation in County Fair and State Pageant**

The winner of the Jr & Miss categories will be asked to pass out the awards and ribbons for the livestock premium sale during the week of the fair. All winners will be asked to be present on Friday, Sept 16th during The Next Big Thing Finale. They will be introduced to the audience as the 2011 Winners.

The winner of the Miss category must compete in the State Pageant held the 20th of October. If the winner can not complete, she must notify the Fair Board immediately and surrender her crown to the 1st runner up, who will represent Ouachita County at the state pageant and reign the remainder of the term. Should our Miss Queen win the state title, she will be required to hold the position for 1 year, from October to October.

In the event that our Miss Queen were to win the state title, the Ouachita County crown would be given down to the 1st runner up so that the state queen could properly represent the state, and the 1st runner up would represent the Fair and the County.

15. **Auditorium Seating**

The very front rows of each section are off limits to spectators of the pageant. These seats are located close to the judges and auditors. If you or your guests sit in these seats, you will be asked to move before the pageant begins. Please be sure that people attending the pageant to support your contestants are aware of this rule. The doors to the auditorium will remain closed until one (1) hour before the pageant begins. The auditorium will be checked one final time and the doors will be reopened. This is a general admission function.

16. **Final Decisions**

Any further concerns or questions should be brought to the attention of the pageant directors. The pageant directors will discuss the items and participants will be notified of the decision. All decisions made by the directors are **FINAL**.