

## Little/Junior Miss Union County Fair Pageant

Welcome to the Little Miss and Junior Miss Union County Fair Pageant! As a contestant, your daughter is required to be between the ages of 8-11 years old for Little Miss and 12-15 years old for Junior Miss, be a Union County resident and attend school in Union County.

### Informational Meeting:

- July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the fair office located at Anna City Park. This is a come and go informational meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can call or text Janice Osman (618)833-7777 for information.

### Deadlines:

- **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023** registration forms and entry fee are due. **No entries will be accepted after July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Please be at the Union County Fair Board office at **5:30pm for Little Miss** and **6:15pm for Junior Miss** to turn in forms, entry fee, and to go over pageant details. Come picture ready please. We will be taking a group photo that will be published in the local newspaper. Headshots for the program book and judge's book will be taken as well. Practices will be at the VFW or the Elks lodge. A practice schedule is available with dates and times, locations may not be established yet.

### Entry Fee:

- Little Miss & Junior Miss Entry fee: \$50.00
- **Entry fee is due with registration forms on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The Little Miss and Junior Miss Union County Fair Pageant will take place at the Miss Union County Fair Pageant on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Henry Don Dillow grandstand. If you have any questions, please call or text:

**Janice Osman (618)833-7777**

# Practice Dates & Deadlines

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023-Informational Meeting	Fair Office (Come & Go)	6:30-7:30pm
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023-Informational Meeting	Fair Office (Come & Go)	6:30-7:30pm
July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023(Entry deadline & Photos)	Fair Office	5:30-6:15 (Little Miss)
July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023(Entry deadline & Photos)	Fair Office	6:15-7:00pm(Junior Miss)
August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	ELKS	6:00-7:00pm
<b>T-SHIRT ORDERS ARE DUE!!!!!!!!!!!!</b>		
August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	VFW	6:00-7:00pm
August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	VFW	6:00-7:00pm
August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	ELKS	6:00-7:00pm
August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023-MANDATORY	Anna Fairgrounds	TBD will be in AM

\*\*\* Attendance to every practice is NOT required but is recommended\*\*\*

**August 20<sup>th</sup> AM practice is MANDATORY!!!! No Exceptions!!!!**

## August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pageant Day!!!!

I know schedules are very busy this time of year. It's not required but highly recommended to attend as many practices as possible, especially the first practice. **Contestants must attend at least one non-mandatory practice.** The mandatory practice on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be an actual run through of the pageant with all Miss, Little & Junior Miss contestants practicing on stage at the fairgrounds. The time is TBD, but it will be in the AM.

At this time both groups will practice together. If there are an abundance of contestants in one or both groups, I will split the practice times so each group doesn't have a long wait time between groups. I will let you know if the schedule changes.

**Little Miss:** There will be two judged categories, consisting of public speaking (answering a simple personal question & introduction) and party dress. Girls will introduce themselves but will not have specific requirements as in the past.

**Junior Miss:** There will be two judged categories, evening gown/party dress, and public speaking and on-stage question (contestants receive questions the morning of pageant day). Girls will introduce themselves but will not have specific requirements as in the past.

- **Little Miss** party dress category, each contestant will not be judged on the looks of her dress, but rather how she wears the dress on stage. However, the attire must consist of a formal dress. The contestants will need only to wear a party dress or Christmas/Easter type dress. This dress is NOT to be floor length and is NOT to be an evening gown or a short cupcake style **pageant** dress. A high/low dress is acceptable, and rhinestones and bling are acceptable too. **Contestants will not have a place to change and will have to wear their dress to the pageant.**
- **Junior Miss** party dress/evening gown category, each contestant will not be judged on the looks of her dress, but rather how she wears her dress on stage. However, the attire must consist of a formal dress. It can be a party/cocktail dress or an evening gown. **Contestants will not have a place to change and will have to wear their dress to the pageant.** No two piece dresses that show the mid-section will be allowed and if it is a low back dress it must stop at the natural waist line. If wearing an evening gown with a slit, the slit can be no higher than 4 inches above the knee. Any cut outs or sheer material on the front of the dress must be filled in with fabric of the same color of the dress and not taupe colored fabric.

**Little Miss Public speaking will be judged on confidence, voice, public speaking, and overall performance. For the party dress category each contestant will be scored based on posture, walk, confidence, and personality.**

**Junior Miss public speaking and on-stage question will be judged on response, projection, confidence, and overall impression. For the party dress/evening gown category each contestant will be scored based on posture, walk, confidence, and personality.**

**Opportunities and Expectations as the new Little Miss or Junior Miss Union County:** As Little/Junior Miss Union County, the winner will have the opportunity to spend time with Miss Union County Fair Queen throughout her reign, and attend appearances such as parades, pageants, etc.

Little /Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Application



Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_ Least Favorite Food \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Movie or TV Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any pets? If yes, what kind and their name(s):

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Hobbies & Interests:

Activities:

If you could go anywhere where would you go and why?

## Parent Info

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Contestants Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, Thanks \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Color(Pageant Director will fill in): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# LITTLE/JUNIOR MISS UNION COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

We welcome you as Union County Fair Little/Junior Miss contestant. In order to protect the integrity of the Fair and pageant, the rules are stated below. Please read them carefully. By a guardian signing the last page, it will be assumed that both the contestant and guardian understand them completely and agree to abide by the rules.

1. To participate in the pageant, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the pageant, including the Rules and Regulations as set forth below for each and every contestant that will be applicable to her activities during the pageant process.
2. **Little Miss** contestants must be 8 to 11 years of age. They must be 8 years of age as of the day of the pageant and must not have reached her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant. **Junior Miss** must be 12-15 years of age. Contestants must be at least 12 years of age as of the day of the pageant and must not have reached her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant.
3. Contestants must be a US Citizen, must have permanent residency in Illinois and Union County and must attend a Union County School. If contestant goes to a private school out of Union County proof must be made available. Parent or legal guardian must be an Illinois resident.
4. Must pay the entry fee the set day of final registration.
5. Is of good physical condition.
6. Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in activity that is or could be characterized as immoral.
7. All postings on social network sites must be suitable for a queen contestant. No photos or posts on any website or social media should in any way demean any contestant, the Union County Fair Queen Pageant, the Little Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant, the Union County Fair Queen, the Little Miss Union County Fair Queen, or the Union County Fair Board.
8. All attitudes, actions, and activities should be respectful at all times.
9. All candidates are required to attend any meetings and rehearsals as set forth by the Directors and must be on time. Any exceptions must be approved by the Directors.
10. Absolutely no cell phones during any meetings or practices.
11. No wigs or hairpieces may be worn during the pageant.

12. **Little Miss** dresses should be knee length. A high/low dress is acceptable. No long pageant dresses. No cupcake style short pageant dresses. Contestants should wear a party or Christmas/Easter type dress. Please note: there will be no changing area for the Little/Junior Miss contestants. Girls will wear their dress to the pageant.
13. **Junior Miss** dresses can be a party/cocktail style dress, or you may wear a long evening gown. No two-piece dresses that show the mid-section are allowed. Slits in evening gowns can be no higher than 4 inches above the knee. Low back dress must stop at the natural waistline, and any cut-outs or shear areas on the front of the dresses must be filled in with fabric that is the same color of the dress, taupe colored fabric may not be used. Please note: there will be no changing area for Little/Junior Miss Contestants. Girls will wear their dress to the pageant.
14. Any items lost or stolen during any meetings, rehearsals, or the pageant itself is not the responsibility of the Union County Fair Board, Pageant Volunteers, or Pageant Directors.
15. No payments, gifts or other advantages will be offered or accepted.
16. Contestant understands that by competing she is freely agreeing to the conditions set forth in the above rules and is to abide by them. It is understood that the Directors have the right to disqualify a contestant if any improprieties or negative circumstances occur.
17. Contestants and guardians agree that the decisions of the judges are **FINAL**.

**\*\*\*FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OF THE RULES AS SET FORTH ABOVE WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**

By signing below, contestant and parent(s)/guardians have read, understand, and agree to abide by these rules and will adhere to the guidelines as set forth above while vying for the title of Little Miss or Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen. I understand that failure to comply with rules and regulations will result in disqualification from the Little Miss or Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant.

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Contestant Signature/Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature/Date



# LIABILITY RELEASE

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in the Little/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen pageant, the entrant, on behalf of the Executive Board of the Union County Fair Association and the Pageant Directors, hereby:

1. Acknowledge that the entrant's participation in the Little/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant, may include activities that may be hazardous to the entrant and assumes the risk of injury or harm associated with such participation.
2. Releases and forever discharges the Executive Board of the Union County Fair Association and the Pageant Directors, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively the "Releases") of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action (collectively the "Claims") in respect of death, injury, loss, or damage to myself or property, howsoever caused, arising, or to arise by reason of or during my participation in the Little/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant or pageant related events, whether prior to, during, or subsequent to my attendance, and notwithstanding that any Claim may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of any of the Releases.
3. Indemnifies and holds harmless the Releases from and against any and all liability incurred by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my participation in the Little/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant.
4. Understands and acknowledges that the Releases do not carry or maintain health, medical, accidental, or disability insurance coverage for the entrant, and therefore agrees to assume responsibility for such insurance coverage on the undersigned if the need should arise.

**I HERBY ACKNOWLEDGE READING, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREEING WITH THE FOREGOING.**

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**Entrant's Signature/Date**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature/Date**

# Miss/Little Miss/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant

## CONSENT FORM

I hereby acknowledge that the personal data as shown on the entry form is correct, and that I have read and understand the Miss/Little Miss/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant general rules. I understand that the time, manner, and method of conducting the Pageant are solely within the discretion of the Pageant Officials and the decision of the judges are final. I hereby agree to comply with all rules of the Miss/Little Miss/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant. I agree to participate with good sportsmanship and respect for Union County.

If chosen as a titleholder, I agree to represent Union County to the best of my abilities. The Miss/Little Miss/Junior Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant expects equal treatment of all contestants regardless of ethnicity or race.

I hereby grant permission to the Union County Fair Queen organizers, officials, pageant directors, and event organizers to use my photographs for publicity/promotional purposes in any and all media.

- **All fees are non-refundable**
- **Anything lost, stolen, or damaged during the pageant practices or the pageant is not the responsibility of the Pageant Directors, the Union County Fair board, or the City of Anna.**

The Entrant and her parent or guardian hereby acknowledge that they have read the official rules and agrees to participate and/or allow their child to participate in all aspects of the pageant and Union County Fair, and any approved activities during the Queen's reigning year.

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**Contestant Signature/Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature/Date**