

Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant

Welcome to the 2023 Miss Union County Fair Queen pageant that will be held on Sunday, August 20th at 7:30pm in front of the Henry Don Dillow grandstand. Contestants will compete in interview, speech, one piece swimsuit, evening gown and on-stage question.

To be a contestant:

- You must be 16 years of age by August 20th, 2023 and not have reached your 22nd birthday by January 1, 2024.
- You must have never been married, have never had or adopted a child.
- Contestants must be a resident of Union County or a resident of Jackson, Johnson, Pulaski, Alexander or Massac County (Miss division ONLY). Additional counties added do NOT have a county fair queen pageant. If any of the added counties add a fair queen pageant to their fair, those counties will no longer be eligible to compete in the Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant.
- Not competing or have competed in another county fair pageant in 2023 or have been a former queen for another county.

More specific rules are listed on the Rules and Regulations forms. **There will be a come and go informational meeting on Sunday July 23rd, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Fair board office in Anna City Park.** Attendance is not required to enter/compete

Deadlines:

- Sunday, July 30th, 2023, applications and \$100.00 sponsor/entry fee are due at the meeting at the Fair Board office. Please be at the Union County Fair Board office at **7:00pm** 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 and headshots for the program book and judge's book. **No entries will be accepted after July 30th, 2023 unless the deadline is extended.**

Entry Fee:

- Entry/Sponsor fee is \$100.00. Make checks payable to: **Union County Fair**
- **All entry/sponsor fees are Non-refundable**
- Sponsors can be businesses or family and friends

Pageant Practices:

- Contestants are not expected to be able to attend every practice but need to attend as many practices as possible. If you are unable to make it to a practice, please let the pageant director know ahead of time. If you cannot make it to a practice at the start time, feel free to come later if needed. Practices will be held at the Elks lodge or the Anna VFW and will be posted on the schedule when they have been determined.
- **The August 20th AM practice is MANDATORY!!!!**

Applications:

- The Union County Fair Queen **Application bio page must be submitted through email.** Submit to unioncountyfairqueen@gmail.com. The rest of the forms can be hand written. A printed copy needs to be submitted by July 30th, 2023.
- The application page does not copy and paste well. I can email the application page separately and you can go to www.docuhub.com, upload the form, then click on the **A** and then click on the line and type your information. Then click on the **Blue D** to send in an email.

Practice Dates & Deadlines

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 23 rd , 2023	Fair Office	6:30-7:30pm
INFORMATIONAL MEETING COME & GO		
July 30 th , 2023	Fair Office	7:00pm-???
ENTRY DEADLINE AND PICTURES		
August 4 th , 2023	ELKS	7:00-9:00pm
T-SHIRT ORDERS ARE DUE!!!!!!!!!!		
August 7 th , 2023	VFW	7:00-8:30pm
August 14 th , 2023	VFW	7:00-8:30pm
August 17 th , 2023	ELKS	7:00-8:30pm
August 20 TH , 2023	Anna Fairgrounds	TBD /AM

*** Attendance to every practice is NOT mandatory but is recommended ***

August 20TH AM practice is MANDATORY!!!!
No Exceptions!!!!

August 20th, 2022 Pageant Day!!!!

Pageant Wardrobe and Supplies Needed

These items are basic items needed to compete in the pageant and are not the only things you can wear or use. I just wanted the contestants to have a general idea of the basics that are needed.

- Black shorts (no spandex)
- Tennis shoes
- Interview attire: Business skirt suit, Business Dress(sleeveless, short sleeve, long sleeve), jumpsuit, or business pantsuit.
- Speech attire: Business skirt suit or business dress
- One piece pageant swimsuit(No cut outs)
- Taupe heels for swimsuit
- Heels for evening gown if you do not want to wear your taupe heels.
- Evening gown (No two-piece dresses that show your mid-section, splits in skirt of dress can be no further than 5 inches above the middle of the knee, open backed dresses must stop at your natural waistline)
- Spray adhesive or Firm grip for swimsuit (I highly recommend not using roll on adhesive, it comes out too thick and will show and sometimes stain your swimsuit)
- Duct tape, double sided tape, curling/flat irons, bobby pins, safety-pins, hair spray, make-up for touch ups, etc. Anything you may need for your wardrobe, hair and face to fit and look proper for competition.

***** A t-shirt will be provided to all contestants for them to wear for contestant introductions that they will wear with the black shorts and tennis shoes. All pageant wardrobe and your speech attire must be approved by the pageant director before pageant day. Wardrobe will be approved based on State Pageant guidelines.**

***** Parents, friends, hair and make-up stylist will NOT be allowed in the trailers at any time. Once the pageant has started all individuals that are not a contestant or part of the pageant crew must leave the backstage area and cannot return until after the pageant is over.**



Miss Union County Fair Queen Contestant

Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____ Can we text you? Yes _____ No, Thanks _____

E-mail: _____

Sponsor: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ T-Shirt Color (picked by entry deadline): _____

Height: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name _____

**If you have any questions please contact
Janice Osman
618-833-7777
unioncountyfairqueen@gmail.com**



Miss Union County Fair Queen Application



Full Name: _____

School Attending: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College/Career Plans: _____

Employment: _____

Hobbies & Interests:

Activities:

Special Honors:



Miss Union County Fair Queen Rules and Regulations



1. Contestants must be a US Citizen, must have permanent residency in Illinois and be a Union County resident. Residents of Jackson, Johnson, Pulaski, Alexander, or Massac county (**Miss division ONLY**), that does **NOT** have a county fair queen pageant are eligible to enter. If any of the additional counties add a pageant to their fair, they will no longer be eligible to compete in the Miss Union County Fair Queen pageant.
2. A contestant must be 16 years of age and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2024.
3. Former County Fair Queens are not eligible to participate, and contestants may not be competing or have competed in another county fair pageant for the current year.
4. Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have had a child and cannot be an adoptive parent.
5. **Application deadline is July 30th, 2023.** Completed application and other provided forms must be turned in with signatures, and the **\$100.00 sponsor/entry fee** by the deadline.
6. Contestant must be an U.S. citizen and never have been charged or convicted of a felony offense. Contestant should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
7. Entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of conducting and judging the contest shall be the sole discretion of the pageant officials and that the decision of the judges shall be final.
8. **Contestant agrees to: 1. Be personally interviewed by the judges in approved business attire. 2. Appear on stage in a one-piece, solid color swimsuit (no cut outs) with taupe heels for judging (all areas should be covered). Swimsuits will be approved based on State Pageant guidelines. 3. Appear on stage in a floor length evening gown (slits should be no further than 5 inches above the middle of the knee. "Cut outs" in front or sides must be filled in with a fabric that matches the dress. Open backed dresses must stop at your natural waistline. 4. Present a one-minute or less memorized speech onstage for judging. 5. Answer an impromptu question on stage.**
9. All contestants and queen will limit themselves to two hole/piercing on each ear lobe. All other piercings must be removed during pageant, events and appearances. **Any and all tattoos must be covered up** at all times during pageant, events, and appearances.
10. If chosen Miss Union County Fair Queen 2023, entrant agrees to represent Union County and compete for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair 2024. **This contest will be held in January on the 11th-14th, 2024 in Springfield, Illinois.** The Queen will be accompanied at all times by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director any time she is representing the Union County Fair. This is a four-day event (Thursday - Sunday), **we leave for Springfield on Wednesday, January 10th.** **If selected as State Queen - she will be required to stay through Monday.** The State Pageant application must be submitted to the Union County Fair Queen

Director for review, approval, and the application is required to be submitted by the pageant director.

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11. **Miss Union County Fair Queen 2023 must be available and present during the entire week of the 2023 Union County Fair and the first weekend of the 2024 Union County Fair for various activities and agrees to participate in functions which may arise during the year.** Activities

connected with the Union County Fair and as Union County Fair Queen should take precedence over any and all other personal appearances, and other pageant competitions throughout her

reign. The Queen must be accompanied by a chaperone at all times during the week of the fair and at any personal appearances when she is wearing her crown. (When making public appearances, no jeans, jean shorts, rompers, or slacks are permitted unless approved by director in advance). The Queen will be accompanied at all times by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Union County Fair. The queen must arrive on time to all scheduled events. Failing to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including removal of title. The Queen agrees to notify the Pageant Director of any and all events she plans to attend while wearing her crown.

12. The Queen will attend the Illinois State Fair County Fair Day in August 2024 in Springfield.

13. In case of marriage, pregnancy, or any reason the Queen is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Queen, or for any reason which the Pageant Director deems unacceptable of a Queen, the queen will relinquish the title of Miss Union County Fair **IMMEDIATELY**. All privileges connected with the said title, together with **ALL** prizes awarded to her, shall be awarded to a runner-up as if she were chosen queen on pageant night - her crown, trophy, sash, scholarship, and every gift not inscribed with her name. She shall be succeeded by the next eligible contestant.

14. Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules of the County and State contests now in effect or as hereafter announced.

15. Entrant must be present at the **MANDATORY PRACTICE**. All pageant wardrobe will be checked and approved by the director and must be approved no later than August 17th, 2023. Absolutely no cell phones or smart watches are allowed throughout the duration of interviews and during the pageant. No parents, family, friends, make-up or hair stylist will be allowed in the trailers. No cameras are allowed in the trailers.

16. Attendances at practices are limited to the contestant(**Miss**) and parents or guardian(Little & Junior Miss), director, and assigned assistants chosen by the director.

17. Attendance at rehearsal on August 20th is limited to contestants only(**Miss**) and parents or guardian(Little & Junior Miss), director, and assigned assistants chosen by the director.

18. The queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages and will refrain from smoking/vaping while representing the Union County Fair. Illegal drug use will result in immediate removal of title.

19. All personal appearances as Union County Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as a contestant or role of the Union County Fair Queen.

20. The newly crowned Queen agrees to write **Thank You** notes. This is mandatory and to be written and mailed after the pageant. The Queen will be required to write a thank you note when deemed necessary.

21. Social media like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snap Chat, Tic Tok etc. are becoming increasingly popular in today's society. Because of this, your pictures or comments can be looked at by anyone. Since you are representing Union County, all pictures and comments on these sites should be respectful and tasteful. **If a contestant or the queen is found to have inappropriate pictures or comments you will be disqualified, or the title will be relinquished along with any prizes awarded.**

22. The Queen is Union County Fair's Ambassador for the year. This isn't just a crown and scholarship money; this is a job. We want the Queen to get as much exposure as possible - Visit Schools, Local Civic Groups, Open Houses, Parades, Special Speaking Engagements - This is very much an HONOR, and YOU MUST BE A ROLE MODEL - we expect the absolute best of our Queen.

23. Good moral character is expected at all times by the contestants/queen. If poor moral character is displayed by a contestant, the director has the right to disqualify the contestant prior to the pageant. The Queen is expected to be respectful of every person she comes in contact with while queen, including but not limited to the Fair Board, Director, assistants, peers, and family. In addition, the Director has the discretion to remove the title of the queen if integrity is not upheld. The Director has the right to remove title of the queen for any reason based on own judgment of behaviors/actions.

24. The queen will abstain from public displays of affection towards her significant other during the week of the fair or at any function while wearing her crown and/or sash.

25. While representing Union County at any events, the queen shall refrain from texting or talking on her cell phone, as well as surfing the internet/social media unless excused by the director.

26. The Queen must dress professionally and appropriately for all events while wearing her crown and/or sash. No shorts, rompers, or jeans will be permitted unless approved by the Director in advance. Dresses worn must be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee. Tops/dresses worn must not show any deep cleavage. All attire for the State Pageant, including practice attire, must be approved by the Director in advance. Do not purchase a new evening gown, interview attire, speech attire, or swimsuit for the State Pageant without prior approval from the Director to ensure that all State guidelines and rules are met.

27. If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant/queen, she will immediately relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director and Fair Board.

28. All scholarship money will be distributed at the Pageant Director's discretion.

- Runners up will receive their scholarship money the night of the pageant.
- **2023 Union County Fair Queen:** If all obligations and duties set forth by the Fair Board and Pageant Director are fulfilled during fair week, a one third distribution will be given. One third of the 2023 Union County Fair Queen's scholarship will be distributed after she competes at the 2024 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen pageant and the other one third at the 2024 Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant if all remaining obligations and duties are fulfilled during her one-year reign.

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I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed on this entry form, and that I am and will comply with them in every way and that the personal data on my application herein set forth is true and correct.

Signed _____

Signed _____ Contestant Parent and/or guardian

This form must be returned with the application by July 30th, 2023. No late applications will be accepted. Please make copies of all forms for your records. Your entry fee of \$100 will be due by July 30th, 2023.

Please make checks payable to: Union County Fair

MAIL or RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Janice Osman
626 Sadler Rd
Anna, IL 62906

or you may turn it in before or at the July 30th, 2023 meeting. All mailed applications must be received by the July 30th deadline.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Janice Osman
618-833-7777 (cell)
unioncountyfairqueen@gmail.com

When filling out your application, please make sure you keep a copy for yourself. Feel free to call/text with any questions.

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LIABILITY RELEASE

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in the 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 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 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 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.

Entrant's Signature/Date

If under 18, Parent/Guardian's Signature/Date



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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 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 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 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.

Contestant Signature/Date

If under 18 Parent/Guardian Signature/Date