



Congratulations on participating in the Miss Miami County Queen Pageant 2024!

Included in this packet are guidelines for pageant attire, sponsorship, personal information sheets, and the responsibilities for contestants and the future Queen. Also included is a calendar with all of the dates and times of contestant meetings, practices, and the actual pageant.

****Application deadline is Thursday, May 23, 2024.** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Amy at (765) 327-1565. Good Luck!

Amy Deniston
Pageant Director

General Contestant Eligibility:

- Female between the ages of 18 and 21 years as of June 1, 2024. *This means a contestant may be 17 at the time of our county pageant.
- Reside in Miami County (unless she resides in an adjoining county *and* enters 4-H in Miami County)
- If selected as Miss Miami County, you will represent Miami County in August 2024 at the Indiana State Fair Queen's Day as well as the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant January 3-5, 2025.

Areas of Competition / Apparel:

1. **Interview** – Each contestant will have 5-8 minutes with the panel of judges. Contestants should dress in business attire for this competition. ***While attire is not directly judged at this time, you are encouraged to wear the same suit for the Professional Wear Competition.*
2. **Professional Wear** – Professional Business Attire; Skirts and Taupe or skin-color heels are recommended. Pantyhose also help polish your look. You will also deliver a one minute speech on a topic of your choice.
3. **Evening Gown** – At least one portion of the gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). Other portions of the dress may be tea length, depending on the design of the dress. A gown with a skirt split more than 2 inches above the knee or a low-cut bodice may be discounted. Shoes that are clear or match the hemline of the gown tend to look the best on stage.
4. **On Stage Question** – During the pageant, each contestant will be asked an impromptu question written by the judges following the interview.
5. **Miss Photogenic** – The winner of this award is selected by the judges based on the photos *taken of the contestants at the Contestant Workshop on May 23, 2024*. The photos will be taken by a local photographer. Contestants should have their hair and make-up looking nice at this event. All other materials for the photo will be provided.

****Final selection of the new Queen and Court is the judges' decision.**

The Queen and Court will serve as hostesses for the Miami County Fair June 23-29, 2024.

Miss Miami Co. will also participate in the Indiana State Fair Program Competition January 3-5, 2025.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Each contestant must have a minimum of two \$25 sponsors or minimum total of \$50+.
**The contestant with the most multiples of \$25 will be a member of the Queen's Court.
2. Sponsors do not have to be from Miami County.
3. Sponsors may be a business or individuals.
4. Sponsors may pay by *check* or in *cash*.

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5. Sponsorships are tax deductible donations. Receipts are available from the directors.
6. Sponsors are announced while the contestant is modeling on stage and appear in the post-fair publication
7. Sponsorships help provide the scholarships for Miss Miami County and the 1st Runner-Up as well as contribute to general fairgrounds improvements.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

1. The personal information sheet is similar to a resume. The judges will read this sheet before they meet you. Make sure your sheet gives them a positive first impression. It should include any special activities, hobbies, and any volunteer service you have been involved in. List only the most recent and most important activities.

You will need to turn in 5 copies of your TYPED information sheet on May 23, 2024.

2. You may create your own personal information sheet or type on the one provided. Information sheets must be TYPED. **Please include each category that is listed on the sample information sheet in this packet. You may organize the information as you like, but remember to organize it neatly and professionally.** You do not want to distract from your information, so keep it simple. Be sure your font style and size are easy to read.

EMCEE CARDS *(Please read all information)*

1. **Cards must be typed.** Fill them out, as you want them read during the pageant. Try not to list the same activities on both cards. Remember more is not always better.
2. List the school and grade you will be in for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have graduated from high school, please tell when and where you graduated from as well as your plans after high school (college/further education).
3. List sponsors alphabetically and be careful not to forget anyone.
4. **You may use your own computer to type the cards. Be sure to use the same size card and format as the cards that have been provided. Please make sure the print is not too small.

***** Actual cards are available from Amy or the Extension Office, or you may type your info on the included templates.***

You may recreate them on your own computer, but MUST use exact content & size

****Set your Margins to – Top: 0.5” Left: 0.25” Right: 3” Bottom: 1”)***

LIABILITY WAIVER

The attached form must be signed by the contestant or the contestant's primary legal guardian if the contestant is under 18 years of age and submitted with the application before the contestant can participate in pageant practices.

2024 Queen Pageant Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>***Please note: If you are chosen <u>Miss Miami Co. or a Court Member</u>, you will represent Miami Co. at the <u>4-H Fair June 23-39, 2024</u>. You must be available to fill this position if you are chosen.</p> <p>*Contact Amy at 765-327-1565 with any questions.</p>			<p>APR 23 <i>Information Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>MAY 23 <i>Queen Deadline & Workshop 5:30-7:30 p.m. Promise Ln Barn 5340 N Meridian Rd. Peru, IN</i></p>		<p><i>*All practices are held at the Miami County Community Building</i></p>
			<p>MAY 29</p>	<p>MAY 30</p>	<p>MAY 31</p>	<p>JUNE 1</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	<p style="text-align: center;">12 <i>Queen Practice 6:00-7:30 p.m.</i></p>	13	14	<p style="text-align: center;">15 <i>*Princess Make-Overs 2:00-4:00pm *Farewell Reception 4:00-5:00 p.m.</i></p>
16	<p style="text-align: center;">17 <i>Queen Practice 5:30-7:30 p.m.</i></p>	18	<p style="text-align: center;">19 <i>Queen Practice 6:00-7:30 p.m. (if needed)</i></p>	20	<p style="text-align: center;">21 <i>Final Rehearsal @ 8:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22 <i>Princess and Duchess Pageants 6pm & 8pm</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23 <i>ISFQ Visit, 5pm Vesper Service 6:00p.m. >>></i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24 <i>Queen Pageant @ 7:30 p.m. Miami County</i></p>	25 <i>4-H Fair</i>	26 <i>Week! ☺ >></i>	27 >>>	28 >>>	29 >>>

Contestant Checklist: Entry Deadline is Thursday, May 23, 2024

Before turning in all items, please complete this list to make sure you have included everything!!

- ___ 1. **Information Sheet: 5 copies typed** copies
- ___ 2. **Sponsor Fee – \$50.00 Minimum:** At least 2 sponsors per contestant or total of \$50+; See attached form;
* The contestant with the most multiples of \$25 will be on the Queen’s Court
- ___ 3. **Emcee Cards:** Cards must be typed and within the size detailed earlier in this packet
- ___ 4. **Miss Photogenic –** Head-shot photos will be taken at the workshop.



*Workshop Note: Come with your hair done and make-up on! Miss Photogenic head-shot pictures will be taken. The judges will select a Miss Photogenic from the pictures taken this evening.

To make the pageant a success, it is important that all contestants attend practice.

*While at practice, the pageant contestants and their guests should maintain a positive and supportive behavior toward all participants involved. **Those not doing so may be asked to leave.*

Due to lack of space, no one will be allowed in the dressing rooms during the pageants except contestants and those individuals who have been asked to help.

Thank you in advance for your support of the contestants and those helping with the program.

Name:

Grade:

School:

Hobbies:

Dress/Gown Description:

Sponsors: (List These)

HELPFUL TIPS!!

***CARDS MUST BE TYPED**

*** SCHOOL GRADE IS FOR 24-25**

***THESE ARE WHERE YOU
TELL ABOUT YOUR
CONTESTANT.
USE WHOLE SENTENCES AND
NOT LIST FORMAT.**

***YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN
COMPUTER OR TYPE ONTO
THIS TEMPLATE. PLEASE
FOLLOW THE MARGIN
GUIDELINES**

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****Actual cards are available from Amy or the Extension Office, or type your info on these templates. You MUST recreate exact content & size.**

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Name:

Age:

Parents:

Activities:

Honors and Awards:

Best Piece of Advice You’ve Received:

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Miami County
FAIR QUEEN PAGEANTS
Personal Information Form

Contestant's Complete Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Age on 06/01/25: _____ Parents' Names: _____

Complete Address: _____

High School: _____ 24-25 Grade: _____

College (now or future) _____

Future Plans and Goals _____

Active member of the following community organization(s)

- _____
- _____

Activities:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Awards and Accomplishments:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Hobbies and Special Interests:

- _____
- _____

Employment Experience:

- _____
- _____

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<i>Sponsor Name</i>	<i>Sponsorship Amount</i>	<i>Paid</i>

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

_____ and _____, the parents(s) and legal guardian(s) (hereinafter “PARENT”), of minor, _____ (hereinafter “PARTICIPANT”), agree to the terms of this Release and Waiver of Liability on behalf of PARTICIPANT and in consideration for PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the 2024 Miami County Fair Pageants and any events associated with the pageant.

PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, agrees to the following:

1. PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, acknowledges that participation in all aspects of the 2024 Miami County Fair Pageants, including both judged and unjudged portions of each pageant, and any events associated with each pageant, is voluntary.
2. PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, acknowledges that portions of the 2024 Miami County Fair Pageants and any events associated with the pageants may involve a physical activity component, including, but not limited to, a choreographed dance. This choreographed dance is an unjudged portion of the pageant.
3. PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, assumes all risks, whether known or unknown, that may arise out of or in any way relate to PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the 2024 Miami County Fair Pageants or any events associated with the pageants.
4. PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, releases, waives, and covenants not to sue any pageant director or committee member as an individual or in her capacity as a volunteer of the Miami County Fair Pageants, the Miami County 4-H Club and Livestock Association Inc. (hereinafter “BOARD”), or any employee, board member, or director of the listed entities (hereinafter “RELEASED PARTIES”), from any and all liability, claims, or causes of action which may arise out of or be related in any way to PARTICIPANT’S involvement in the 2024 Miami County Fair Pageants or any event associated with the pageants, the PARTICIPANT’S duties, including without limitation any act, or failure to act, by the RELEASED PARTIES.
5. The PARTICIPANT also understands that there will be **NO REFUNDS** of the PARTICIPANT’S participation fees due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the BOARD and other sponsoring parties.
6. PARENT, on behalf of PARTICIPANT, agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability is entered into voluntarily and intended to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. The PARTICIPANT also understands that without this form, completed and agreed to, with all signatures affixed, the PARTICIPANT will NOT be accepted. **THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE THE PARTICIPANT CAN PARTICIPATE IN ANY PAGEANT EVENT.**

Parent and Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name

Parent and Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name