

57th Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Pageant
Pageant Director
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General Rules

1. Contestants for Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date (July 10th, 2018) and have not reached her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the following year (2019).
2. Contestants for Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair must be a single born female; never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestants can never have been pregnant.
3. Contestants must have been a resident of Moultrie-Douglas County, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date or attend a high school in Moultrie-Douglas County. Reside with her parents, dorm, or an apartment with friends (living with a boyfriend is not acceptable).
4. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen and must be of good moral character; never been convicted of a crime or have had any criminal charges pending against them. Contestants should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
5. Former County Fair Queens who have been competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
6. Contestant agrees:
 - a) to be personally interviewed by the judges in a business suit or daytime dress
 - b) to appear on stage in a one-piece, solid color swimsuit with taupe heels for judging
 - c) to appear on stage in an evening gown for judging
 - d) present a one-minute memorized speech on stage for judging
 - e) to answer a pop question on stage
7. Contestant agrees to participate in the opening production number by wearing the selected outfit for that particular year and wear it during introductions on stage.
8. Contestants are required to have a “sponsor” (business or family) who will pay a \$75.00 entry fee.
9. All contestants will limit themselves to one hole/piercing in each ear lobe. All other piercing must be removed or covered up. Any and all tattoos must be covered up.
10. All practices and rehearsals are mandatory and must be attended by all Miss Contestants unless excused by the Director. Final Dress Rehearsal is required – no exceptions, Sunday, July 8th, 2018.
11. The newly selected Queen will serve as the official hostess for the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair July 11th – July 14th, 2018.
12. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is final.
13. Pre-requisites and duties of the newly selected Queen will be:
 - a) The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs and will refrain from smoking while representing the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair at any function.
 - b) The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant unless dates do not conflict with your responsibilities and consent is obtained from the Pageant Director.
 - c) The Queen will represent the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair at County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 10, 2018.
 - d) The Queen will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair.
 - e) All personal appearances shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen.
 - f) The Queen is required to participate during the entire week of the Fair by handing out ribbons, being introduced at the beginning of each Grandstand events all four nights and any other duties assigned

by the Pageant Director or any member of the Fair Board. She may sell 50/50 raffle tickets during every grandstand or South Arena event all four nights to help cover the cost of her State Pageant wardrobe. Director is in charge of the money throughout the year until shopping trip is taken.

14. The newly selected Queen will be **required** to collect prizes for next year's Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen Pageant. If the queen **does not** collect gifts she will be participate in the pageant!
15. Upon crowning you will be given a scepter to utilize throughout your year. At the end of your reign, if you choose to keep the scepter you will be responsible to purchase a new scepter to be given to the newly selected Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen.
16. Attendance at local parades throughout your reign is strongly encouraged upon approval of the Director. You are responsible for securing a convertible or appropriate transportation for all parades along with candy.
17. Visiting other county fair queen pageants with the Pageant Director is also strongly encouraged.
18. If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant she will immediately relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.
19. Good moral character is expected at all times by the contestants/queen. If poor moral character is displayed by a contestant then the director has the right to disqualify the contestant prior to the pageant. In, addition the director has the discretion to remove title of the queen if integrity is not upheld.