



Miss Poinsett County

"Country Roots and Cowboy Boots"

1. ALL Miss Poinsett County Contestants must be **17 through 21** years by **July 1**. All contestants **must be a legal resident of Poinsett County. Attending school in Poinsett County does not constitute legal residency. All contestants must reside in Poinsett County, and have been a resident since July of 2015. Contestants that participate in the Poinsett County Pageant may not participate in any other county fairs. Please adhere to Arkansas State Fair rules for this policy.**
2. **NO PROFESSIONAL MODEL** (one who has been paid for modeling) is considered eligible. The contestant must have been born a female and be a legal resident of Poinsett County. The contestant cannot be or at any time have been married, engaged or become engaged, pregnant, had/have children, miscarried or had an abortion. This rule applies to all contestants with special attention pertaining to the new queen in addition to the first and second runners up during the course of their reign. The contestant must have never been convicted of a crime nor have criminal charges pending. Contestants in the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant may no longer be Contestants in the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest in the same year alternatively.
3. Previous Miss Poinsett County Queens are ineligible to compete again. **The winner of the Miss Poinsett County pageant may not hold another title during the year of their reign.**
4. Contestants are **required** to be on time for all rehearsals and events. **Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director.** If you are unable to attend or be on time due to an emergency, contact Ms. Angie at 870-578-5778. Traffic, hair appointments, nail appointments or caught in line at Sonic are invalid excuses!!!
5. The Poinsett County Fair Association will not be responsible for anything **STOLEN, LOST, DAMAGED, OR TORN.**
6. No scores will be returned.
7. The new queen will represent the county at the State Fair Queen Pageant. The new first and second Runner-Up will participate at the district level. However, if either contestant is unable to attend, the Poinsett County Pageant Association will choose a delegate. Title winners who cannot fulfill this duty will forfeit their crown, title, returning all awards and repaying all monetary awards. The pageant director will determine if the excuse is valid in being unable to fulfill this duty. Adhere to Rule #4 concerning additional titles being held while holding a title of this pageant association. **Contestants are responsible for registering at the District Competition themselves, the Director will**

register them for the State Competition. The pageant association will assume no responsibility for your registration. Registration must be completed by the end of fair week and signed by the pageant director.

8. In the event a contest winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill her duties or becomes ineligible during the course of her reign, a chosen delegate will then take her place. **Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, chaperone, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but also from future contests.**

9. The reigning Miss Poinsett County as well as the First and Second Runners-Up and all participating contestants must conduct themselves properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to themselves and/or the Poinsett County Pageant Association may result in the winning contestant relinquishing their title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.

10. THE DIRECTORS OF THE POINSETT COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT RESERVE THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND ARBITRARILY SETTLE AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS, QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENCES IN REGARD THERETO, OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED WITH, OR INCIDENT TO THE CONTEST, AND THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR ADD TO THE RULES AS THEIR JUDGEMENT MAY DETERMINE. THE CONTEST DIRECTORS WILL DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO FAILS TO ABIDE BY ANY RULE THAT IS STATED OR ORALLY GIVEN, FROM THIS CONTEST, ANY FUTURE CONTEST AND THE DISTRICT AND STATE FAIR FINALS.

Entry Forms:

Contestants may obtain entry forms at several locations across Poinsett County or on the fair website, poinsettcountyfair.info. All registration forms may be downloaded on-line. All forms must be mailed and received by the August 15th deadline with the entry fee of \$35 attached. You may also pay through Paypal, then mail your entry form to Angie Swanner, Director PC Pageant 21147 Hwy 214 E Harrisburg, AR 72432. The photogenic and Best Dress contest is encouraged but not required. **It is in the best interest of the contestant to answer all questions on the entry form in complete sentences. Once the entry form is received, additions or corrections will not be allowed.** If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please call one of the directors. **NO E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NOR DISBURSING OF APPLICATIONS VIA E-MAIL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ON ENTRY FEES, NO EXCEPTIONS.** **The Poinsett County Fair is not responsible for entry forms that may be lost or delayed in transit by any method of shipping.**

Rehearsal:

A mandatory rehearsal and contestant meeting will be held on Friday August 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts building At Harrisburg High School. Attendance is mandatory.

Rehearsal will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. **Contestants must be present in order to compete in Saturday's competition.**

SWIMSUITS must be brought to rehearsal for approval. The suit will not be worn in practice but must be approved at this meeting. **IF SWIMSUIT IS NOT BROUGHT TO REHEARSAL AND APPROVED, YOU WILL NOT COMPETE IN SATURDAY'S COMPETITION UNTIL THE SWIMSUIT HAS BEEN APPROVED, PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION.** Shoes that will be worn in each of phase of the competition must be brought to rehearsal.

The rehearsal is for contestants only. It is a closed rehearsal and not open to the public.

Competition Clothing:

Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges being assessed individually and comparatively in swimsuit and Evening Gown competitions. Contestants will need the following clothing for the contest:

Rehearsal: Contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing of good taste. Contestants should rehearse in the **same shoes** they will wear in each phase of the competition. The rehearsal is closed to the public. Adhere to referenced Rehearsal policy listed above.

Shoes will be needed for rehearsal.

Swimsuit: A one or two piece swimsuit may be worn. A pageant swimsuit is not required. However, the swimsuit must be of good taste. Swimsuits must fasten as a halter or snap. No strings of any kind will be allowed. **ALL swimsuits must be approved the evening of rehearsal.** The swimsuit must be modest and should complement the contestant. Should a contestant have doubts about the validity of their swimsuit, please call one of the directors. A solid color swimsuit is recommended.

Evening Gown: Evening Gowns are at the discretion of the contestant. The evening gown should be of good taste with no low backs, low fronts, open areas or high slits. Jewelry should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended but not required. **No rings, bracelets or necklaces should be worn.**

***Please be aware, body piercings and tattoos are unacceptable. All piercings will be removed and it is to the contestant's best interest that all tattoos be covered and not seen at any point in the competition. Many judges will find this unbecoming in a "young lady" and may possibly deduct points from the contestants score.

Interview:

Interviews will begin promptly as while each contestant is on stage during the formal wear judging. Judges will be instructed to avoid all questions pertaining to current affairs, religion and politics. Please be advised **that no contestant should shake hands with the judges nor have any physical contact with them.**

Swimsuit:

Swimsuit will account for 20 percent of the contestant's total score. This phase of competition is required of everyone. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence are also included. Adhere to the instructions pertaining to swimsuit in the competition clothing section of these rules. **ALL SWIMSUITS MUST BE PREAPPROVED THE EVENING OF REHEARSAL. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Evening Gown:

The evening gown competition will account for 40 percent of the contestant's total score. Judging will be based on over-all first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Adhere to the recommendations pertaining to this phase in the competition clothing section of these rules.

Judging:

The judges will be appointed by the Pageant Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. **Critiques will not be provided to anyone, nor will any contestant or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.** Please adhere to rule # 10 concerning disorderly conduct.

Awards:

Three winners will be chosen as royalty of Miss Poinsett County. Two Runners-Up and a Queen will be chosen by qualified judges. Additional titles, Best Dress and Most Photogenic will also be awarded.

Second Runner – Up: The second runner-up will receive a Trophy, bouquet and a custom sash.

First Runner-Up: The first runner-up will receive a Trophy, bouquet and a custom sash.

Miss Poinsett County: The new Miss Poinsett will receive a bouquet, Trophy, round crown, a custom sash, a gift certificate.

****Any additional award offered to you as a title winner or contestant must be brought to the attention of the director. The fair association will need to add them to the publicity and sponsorship list.**

Royalty Duties:

The new Miss Poinsett County and the new runners-up are expected to work at the fair following their crowning. The duties below will be expected of each contestant:

Queen and Runner Responsibilities:

- ❖ **Tuesday 5:00 pm Opening of Fair**
- ❖ **Tuesday Opening of The Band Trip 7:30 pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday Strut Your Mutt 5:00 -7:00 pm**
- ❖ **Friday Livestock Judging 6:00 pm**
- ❖ **Friday Shaker opening 7:00 pm**
- ❖ **Saturday Vikki McGee opening 7:30 pm**
- ❖ **Attend festivals and enter parades across Poinsett County**

General Rules for all royalty:

- **All clothing must be of good taste. You are each an example and are expected to dress and act as such.**
- **Your attitude MUST be pleasant and sincere with each appearance.**
- **Always use good manners and respect when dealing with any of your directors, assistants, board members and the general public. Remember who and what you are.**
- **ALWAYS ask if your day is complete and let a contest director know prior to your departure.**
- **Your crown, and sash are to be on your body at each appearance you make. DO NOT wear your crown in your car. It is tall and will break and will NOT be replaced.**
- **Be good, be respectful, use sunscreen, drink milk and have a good time!!!**