



*Miss
Illinois
County
Fair
Queen*

Pageant

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION
OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS**

2025 APPLICATION PACKET

GENERAL RULES

1. A contestant in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant must be a winner of a pageant held by a fair, which is a member in good standing of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs. A runner-up in the same contest may compete in the state pageant if the Queen cannot attend.
2. Former County Fair Queens are not eligible to participate in the State Pageant.
3. Personal Characteristics: In order to be eligible, contestants must certify the personal characteristics in this section.
 - a. Must be a minimum of 16 years of age and have yet to reach her 22nd birthday by [January 1, 2025](#).
 - b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. The contestant, parent, or legal guardian must be an Illinois resident for at least six months
 - c. Can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
 - d. Was born a female and have always been a female. Marital status must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled.
 - e. Can never have been pregnant.
 - f. Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
 - g. Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and any other social media outlet pages are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant.
4. It is understood that the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant name, crest, and website are the sole property of the IAAF/Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant Association. No person associated or not associated with a fair or fair queen pageant is authorized to utilize the crest or name, in part or entirety, in any type of publication, or maintain a link to the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen website without the express written permission of the IAAF's Pageant Director.
5. The application deadline is detailed below. Complete the application according to the instructions/checklist.
6. **If we do not receive your application on or before the deadline, your fair secretary, President of the IAAF, and the Pageant Committee Chair will be notified.** If the application is not received on or before **the deadline**, the contestant will not compete in the State Pageant. If the 8" x 10" photograph is not received, it will not appear on the display boards at the convention. If the wallet-size photo is not received, it will not be included in the pageant program or the Judges Information Sheet. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE DEADLINES.**
 - a. If your pageant is in June, July, or August your deadline is October 1st, 2024.
 - b. If your pageant is in September your deadline is October 20, 2024.
7. Application to the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant authorizes the use of the contestant's name, likeness in pictures, physical depiction, endorsement rights, and titles by the IAAF or its subsidiaries, or by such persons, firms, or corporations as may be approved or selected by the IAAF.
8. All contestants must be checked in at the registration desk on the first floor by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025**. IAAF officials will reserve rooms for the Queen and her chaperone only. Payment arrangements need to be made in advance between the responsible party and the hotel.

9. Each fair must always provide a chaperone to their Queen contestant during the convention and pageant activities.
10. The IAAF/Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant organization shall determine the time, manner, and method of conducting the competition. Each contestant must arrange her personal schedule as she is expected to attend all pageant activities.
 - a. The pageant will be a four-day event beginning, Thursday, January 16th, 2025, and ending at the reception following the coronation of our new Queen on Sunday, January 19th, 2025.
 - b. The competition will include the contestant's personal interview with judges, appearances in an evening gown, a one-piece swimsuit, and a speech presentation on stage.
11. If selected as Miss Illinois County Fair Queen 2025, the Queen will serve as hostess of the 2025 Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair, visit county fairs throughout the summer, and participate in other events arranged by the State Pageant Director during the year. She agrees not to enter any pageant during her reign as Miss Illinois County Fair Queen.
12. In the event of her marriage or any other reason that would keep her from fulfilling her obligations as Miss Illinois County Fair Queen 2025, the Queen will relinquish her title, crown, privileges, and all gifts, and be succeeded by the first runner-up.
13. The decision of the judges is final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Queen Committee of the IAAF.

Complete instructions concerning dates and general information will be emailed to each contestant and her director.

2025 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant Checklist and Instructions

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE
MET ALL OF THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS

- **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY**

The contestant application for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant must be completed and emailed to the following address pageantdirector@illinoisfairs.com.

Use only current information - from high school years forward. The judges do not need to hear your life story. Do not include what happened to you in elementary school or jr high unless it relates to your career plans or was an extremely important event.

Be Brief: The judges have limited time to read your application. Short phrases are easier to read than sentences and paragraphs. Eliminate “I was in high school chorus for four years, was selected to IMEA District Choir my junior and senior year, and was the Choreographer for or Show Choir. **Instead, do this:** List “Choir; Show Choir Choreographer” under **Activities** and put IMEA District Choir under **Special Honors**. How long you have participated is not important. The listing enables the judges to spot what they are looking for when they interview you. When completing the application, list your most recent activities first; college, then high school, then extracurricular.

Check your spelling: Judges will see this application as you have completed it. Confidential information will not be shared with the judges.

- **UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL:**

➤ Both photographs must be emailed to pageantdirector@illinoisfairs.com Your photographs must be a minimum of 300 dpi and submitted as JPEG or EPS file.

Must be studio photos with a plain background, NO OUTDOOR PHOTOS. Give this information to your photographer and they will be able to provide you with these files in the appropriate resolution and dimensions. Photos will **NOT** be accepted if they do not follow these guidelines.

➤ **UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL:**

Please note the new requirement changes for the formal gown with crown photograph.

- **BUSINESS HEADSHOT PHOTO**

- Wallet size photograph 2 1/4” wide x 3 1/4” tall; length between forehead and chin must be 1 1/4”.
- Head and shoulders
- Attire: Business dress or suit without crown and sash
- Light gray or light blue plain background only. Photos of other background colors will NOT be accepted. Darker colors may blend with hair color and white will blend with the page around it.
- Make sure there is a distinction between your hair color and your clothing, for example: if you have dark hair, don’t wear a dark color.
- This photo will be printed on the application to be used for identification purposes by the Judges and used in the pageant program.
- Name this file your “(fair name) business”. Example- Morgan Business.

■ **FORMAL GOWN WITH CROWN PHOTO- Read carefully and adhere to the rules please!**

To create a uniform look on the photo boards, please adhere to the following requirements.

- 8" x 10" size vertical studio portrait with a plain background, NO outdoor photos, and NO props.

- **THIS PHOTO MUST BE FROM THE WAIST UP AND QUEEN MUST BE FORWARD FACING.**

Please note: NO full length, NO 3/4 length, NO head and shoulders, NO close-up photos and NO over the shoulder poses will be accepted.

- Attire: **EVENING GOWN WITH CROWN ON THE HEAD AND WEARING SASH ACROSS THE BODY IN A TRADITIONAL MANNER.** Other regalia, such as scepter, is optional.

- This photo will be displayed during the IAAF Convention.
- Name this file your "(fair name) gown". Example- Morgan Gown.

- **PRINT THE APPLICATION, AND KEEP IT FOR YOUR RECORDS.**
- **PRINT THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE AND COMPLETE THE SIGNATURES.**
- **PRINT, COMPLETE, AND SIGN MEDICAL CONSENT AND EMERGENCY INFO FORMS.**
- **IF NOT COMPLETED AT THE STATE FAIR, PRINT AND SEND THE DRESS ORDER FORM.**
- **MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO:**

Sandy Hoke, State Director, PO Box 290, Tuscola, IL 61953 BY October 1st, 2024.

- **SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE**
 - **MEDICAL CONSENT AND EMERGENCY INFO FORMS**
 - **DRESS AND CONTESTANT T-SHIRT** (if not completed at the state fair)
 - **CLASS OF 2025 T-SHIRT**
 - **ENTRY FEE OF \$300 PAYABLE TO THE IAAF.** \$100 of this fee covers the Queen's production number dress.
 - **ADVERTISING ENTRY PAGE, PRINTED COPY OF PROGRAM ADVERTISING, AND APPROPRIATE PAYMENT.** Please submit a separate entry page for each ad!
 - **CONVENTION BADGE ORDER FORM AND APPROPRIATE PAYMENT**
- **SEND BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**

Tom Schahrer, IAAF Banquet Chairman, 25794 East 1000 North Road, Forrest, IL 61741

 - Tickets are \$50 each. (Checks payable to IAAF Banquet)
 - Twelve (12) tickets are guaranteed for each fair. (must be ordered by November 20th.)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

This information will be shared only with authorized medical personnel and pageant crew members to be used in case of an emergency.

Contestant Name: _____

Sponsoring Fair: _____ Birthdate: _____

Home Address: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Location: _____

Physician's Phone: _____

For your own safety, please make all the following that apply and provide additional details below

Chronic Conditions		Allergies	
Asthma, Respiratory problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medication	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes or Hypoglycemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insect Bites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hemophilia or other Bleeding Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foods	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulatory or Heart Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others if significant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other if significant	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Details: _____

Blood Type: _____

Current Medications: _____

Who should be called in case of an emergency?

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

Contestant Name: _____

Sponsoring Fair: _____ Birthdate: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Employer (if a group plan will need a group number): _____

Policy Number: _____ Policy Holder's Name: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

I certify the policy named above is now in force and will be maintained through January 31, 2024. I understand that contestants are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which they participate in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant competition activities as well as traveling to or from the event; and agree to release the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant, the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs, its board, staff, or volunteers from any loss, damage, liability, or injury, however, caused, arising from participation in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant. Further, I certify that the medical information given above is true and accurate.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

In the event of an accident, injury, or illness of the aforementioned contestant, I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize the board, staff, and volunteers of the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant and the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs to provide emergency medical treatment; and consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnosis, or procedure rendered under the general or specific supervision of any registered medical or dental provider. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to render care which those above medical or dental providers in the exercise of his best judgment may deem advisable. It is understood that effort shall be made to contact the listed emergency contact before rendering treatment to the patient, but that any of the above treatments will not be withheld if the undersigned cannot be reached.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

PRODUCTION NUMBER DRESS ORDER FORM

Special Note: This form must be turned in at County Fair Day. If the Queen is unable to attend, please be certain to send this form with the application. Production dress will be NAVY

Fair: _____ Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Size Dress you normally wear: _____

Please rank your preferences - 1st through 3rd for your choice in production number dress.

Style 1 - Grace _____ Style 2 - Amani _____ Style 3 - Angie _____



Crew Only:

Order of style preference:

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third choice _____

2025 PAGEANT PROGRAM ADVERTISING ENTRY

Please copy and submit this page for each entry

Here's your opportunity to wish your Queen good luck or let her know how proud you are of her by placing an ad(s) in the program book. Programs are given free to all contestants and those who attend the finals. Program books are available for purchase during the preliminaries. They include all contestant's photos, brief biographies, highlights of last year's pageant, the State Queen's activities, a complete list of sponsors, awards, and pageant events. The Queens love this wonderful keepsake of one of the most memorable events of their lives.

Sizes and Pricing

- Full Page copy size 7.5" horizontal x 10" vertical Cost: \$150.00
- Half Page copy size 7.5" horizontal x 4.875" vertical Cost: \$ 90.00

To meet publication deadlines, your ad(s) **MUST** be emailed to pageantdirector@illinoisfairs.com. A printed copy of the ad, payment and a form for every ad must be mailed to the following **by October, 1st, 2024**:

Sandy Hoke, State Director, PO Box 290, Tuscola, IL 61953

Make all checks payable to IAAF

Only the following formats will be accepted for your advertisement(s): jpeg, eps, and pdf. Any other format will not be accepted and you will be contacted to redo it in the appropriate format. Your ad should be labeled as "(fair name) ad". If you have multiple ads for your queen, please put the number of the ad in the name (ex: Morgan Ad 2). Ads **MUST BE** the correct dimensions when they are uploaded. Please **DO NOT** make your ad a different size than the sizes listed above.

A paper copy of your ad must accompany this form with your payment, Please use a separate form for each advertisement.

See the next two pages for helpful tips!

Fair: _____ Name: _____

Name of ad: _____

Ad Sponsor(s): _____

If there are questions concerning this ad, contact: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Full Page copy size 7.5" horizontal x 10" vertical Cost: \$150.00

Contact person for this ad: _____

- Half Page copy size 7.5" horizontal x 4.875" vertical Cost: \$ 90.00

Contact person for this ad: _____

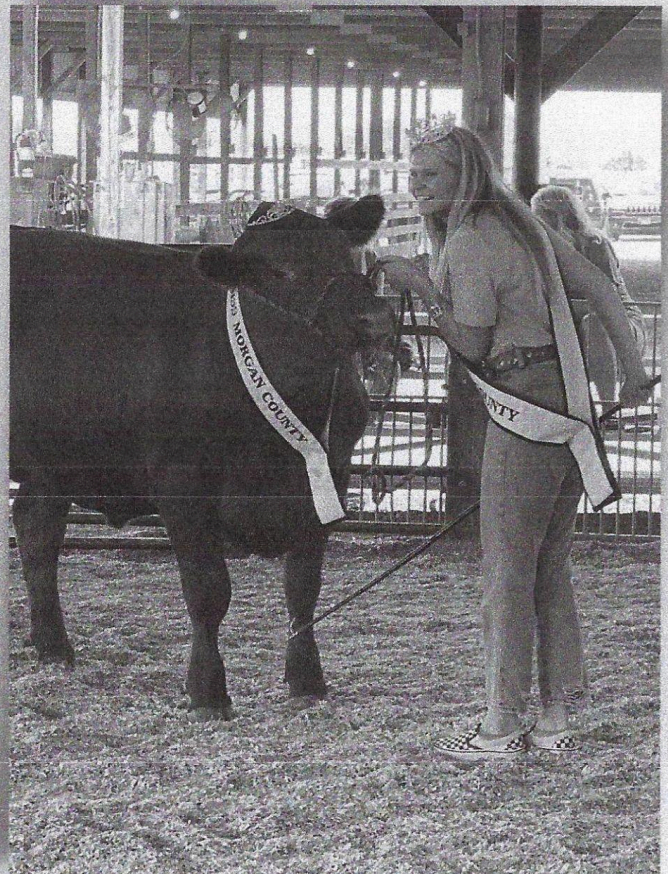
Check number _____ including for payment of ads

Here are a few helpful advertising tips:

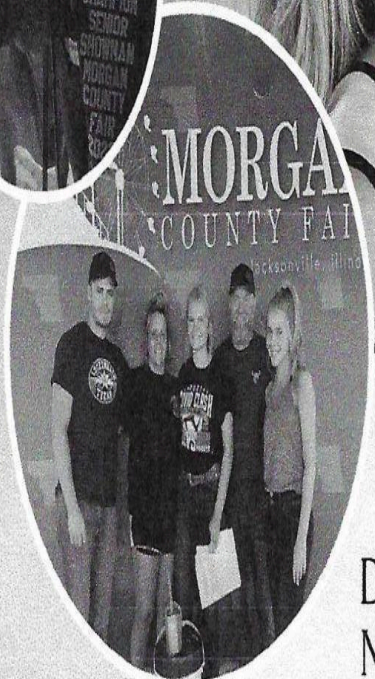
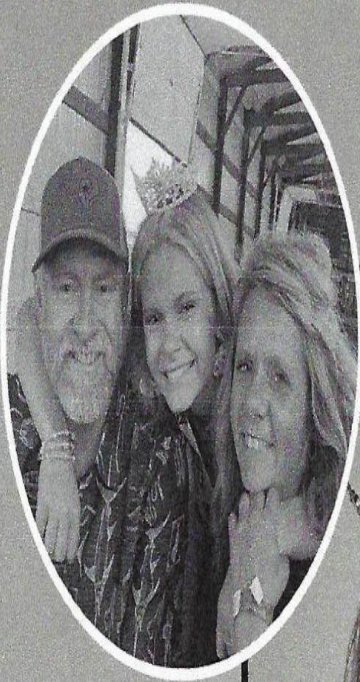
- Talk to family, friends, co-workers, and club members (ex: cheerleaders, 4-H, church youth groups) and area businesses to see if they would like to participate.
- Ads can be sponsored by several individuals and payment split between them.
- You may wish to provide statewide advertising as an enticement or a thank you for a generous county fair sponsor and/or use it for advertising your 2025 Fair dates and activities.
- Adhere to the copy size when laying out your advertisement.
- Use the computer, plug in the ad dimensions, and go from there or see if a newspaper office, school teacher, or former queens will help with the layout.
- Use the Queen's name and title in the ad. Quotes, interests, activities, and pictures make it special.

From the show ring
to pageant bling
MISS MORGAN COUNTY
is Everything!

GOOD LUCK, QUEEN NATALIE
FROM THE MOCO FAIR BOARD
& PAGEANT CREW



MISS
MORGAN
COUNTY



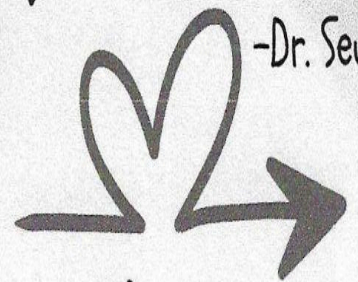
NATALIE EVANS

Love...

Dad, Mom, Bella, Cole, Audrey,
Nana, Grandpa, and Grandma

"You have brains
in your head.
You have feet
in your shoes.
You can steer
yourself
any direction
you choose."

-Dr. Seuss



We love you & are
always so proud of you!

2025 Miss Illinois County Fair Contestant Shirt Order Form

Shirts that are ordered by October 1st, 2024, will be available for pick-up at your Zone Meeting. Shirts ordered after that date or that need to be replaced will be mailed at \$7.50 for shipping.

Your county name is on the back of the T-shirt.

County _____

Zone (choose one): Central _____ Northern _____ Southern _____

Contestant: _____ Director: _____

Shipping address (if applicable) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

This is a **FITTED** shirt and we suggest you order a larger size than you usually would.

T-shirt Size:

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X-Large _____

2X _____

3X _____

Shirt: Paid by IPDA (if contestants loses shirt - they need to pay \$20.00 for replacement)o

Shipping (\$7.50) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Miss Illinois County Fair Class of 2025

Shirt Order Form

This t-shirt will have every contestant's name and county listed on the back. Shirts that are ordered by October 1st, 2024, will be available for pick-up at your Zone Meeting. Shirts ordered after that date or that need to be replaced will be mailed at \$7.50 for shipping.

County _____

Zone (choose one): Central _____ Northern _____ Southern _____

Contestant: _____ Director: _____

Shipping address (if applicable) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

T-shirt Size:

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X-Large _____

2X _____

3X _____

T-Shirt: Heathered Red \$20.00 \$_____

Shipping (\$7.50) \$_____ No shipping cost if picked up at Zone Meeting

Shirt Total \$_____

(Proceeds will be donated to Natalie's charity of choice)

County Name: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby acknowledge that the personal data as shown on this application is correct and that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the General Rules as stated. I understand that the time, manner, and method of conducting the pageant is solely within the discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the judge's decision is final. Fair Secretary, Queen, and Parents MUST sign below:

Secretary of Sponsoring Fair's Signature

Secretary's Printed Name

Reigning Queen's Signature

Reigning Queen's Printed Name

Parent's Signature

Parent's Printed Name

Payment Checklist

For bookkeeping purposes, please indicate below the breakdown of the check you are submitting.

Please make check payable to **IAAF** and mail checklist to -
Sandy Hoke, PO Box 290, Tuscola, IL 61953

Check # _____

County: _____

Entry Fee \$300.00 \$ _____

Advertising _____ Full Page @ \$150.00 \$ _____

_____ Half Page @ \$90.00 \$ _____

Pre-Ordered Convention Badges _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Class of 2025 t-shirt _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____

**IAAF BANQUET AND MISS ILLINOIS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT
FINALS TICKET ORDER FORM**

****SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025****

(Note: you must purchase a banquet ticket to attend finals)

Fair: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ IL Zip: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED _____ X \$50.00 EACH = \$ _____ CHECK # _____ Enclosed

Queens Name: _____ All parents are covered for tickets (Y or N) _____ Initial _____

Please indicate any special assistance in meal type or physical needs _____

Before ordering - please read the list below and after all have been covered - then send the order in - Thank you.

- Check with your Fair President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Pageant Director to see what is needed and if any orders have already been placed - and if so - who are they for?
- Consult the Queen's family to see how many plans to attend the Banquet/Finals. If parents are divorced, make certain to check with both parents about ticket needs. ****Please initial the above to indicate this is done. **** Just a reminder. All the contestants will compete on Saturday in the Preliminaries. All contestants will participate during the Finals, but only the chosen Finalists will compete that evening.
- Do not include your Queen in the ticket order as that is already included in her application.
- **Please be considerate of others when placing your ticket order as there are only 1200 seats available. ONLY ORDER THE NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU TRULY NEED....THANK YOU**
- Only include Banquet tickets with this order form...all other Queen Pageant fees should be sent to Sandy Hoke, PO Box 290, Tuscola, IL 61953
- **This Ticket Order Form with Check Made out to "IAAF BANQUET" should be sent to: Tom Schahrer - IAAF Banquet Chairman, 25794 E 1000 N Road, Forrest, IL 61741**
- ****Any checks indicating void after # days...should have that crossed out and initialed****
- **NO REFUNDS - ALL SALES ARE FINAL**

The order Deadline is November 1st. If you would like a confirmation, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and fill out the info below.

CONFIRMATION

Fair: _____

Contact Person: _____

TICKETS ORDERED _____

CONFIRMED _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED _____