

## 2018 HCAS Fair Queen Pageant

Individuals, businesses, and organizations are invited to sponsor contestants for the 2018 Harrison County Fair Queen Contest; the crowning is set for June 17<sup>th</sup>, after the parade. Preliminary judging will be held Saturday, June 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Miss Harrison County Queen Pageant, held Saturday, June 16, 2018, starting at 6:30 PM will be held at the Harrison County Fairground's Talmage Windell Memorial Agriculture Building. It is free to the public.

The contestants will be judged in three categories: interview, professional wear, and evening gown. Contest officials stress that this is not a beauty contest, yet it is a contest to find a good representative for the Harrison County Fair through community activities.

The official entry form below should be completed, including the sponsor's name and sponsor fee of \$60.00. Make checks payable to the Harrison County Agricultural Society.

Each contestant must be a female Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen and have resided in Harrison County for at least 120 days. One of the parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana citizen.

Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on or before June 1, 2019.

Contestant agrees to have her photograph made at the discretion of the Harrison County Queen Pageant Committee. It is understood that this photograph may be used in any manner in connection with publicity for the Harrison County Fair.

Contestants and Miss Harrison County and her family must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with respect for other contestants, judges, and the Harrison County Fair Board directors and staff. The contestants and queen must be of good moral character and have not been involved in any act that would NOT be considered of good moral character. Contestants, Miss Harrison County and their family members must conduct themselves with moral character becoming of a queen at all times while vying for the title of Miss Harrison County. Any attitudes, actions or activities perceived as unbecoming of a queen during the pageant activities, the fair or any event representing the Harrison County Fair can and may result in immediate removal of the contestant at any point prior to the crowning of Miss Harrison County, or removal of the title of Miss Harrison County and require that all awards, gifts and prizes be relinquished. The decision to recall a contestant or remove the title of Miss Harrison County due to moral character is that of the Harrison County Agricultural Society Fair Board directors and those on the Harrison County Queen Pageant Committee and shall be FINAL.

Contestants must be single with no previous marriage, active in at least one school or community organization, and they must not make their livelihood by professional modeling.

Contestants cannot be pregnant, have had a child, be married, divorced or had a marriage annulled. If Miss Harrison County becomes pregnant during her reign, she will be required to relinquish the title and return all awards, gifts and prizes.

Other than minor traffic offenses, a contestant must never have been convicted of a crime and have charges pending against her.

Contestant will not partake of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or other controlled substances while representing Harrison County Fair as a contestant or queen. Contestants will not smoke cigarettes or use any kind of tobacco product while representing Harrison County Fair as a contestant or queen, keeping in mind that the queen represents the fair for an entire year until her predecessor is crowned in the upcoming year.

All contestants and Miss Harrison County with Facebook, and other social networking websites should ensure that any picture and/or comments that would be considered questionable to others under the "Moral Character" clause should be removed. Anything that could be used to question your abilities as a contestant or queen should be removed also. Any inappropriate comments or pictures found on such sites could result in the disqualification of a contestant or the queen losing her title, awards gifts and prizes as Miss Harrison County. Contestants should list their social media accounts on the application

and a member of the HCAS Queen Pageant Committee may follow your social media accounts during your run for or reign for Miss Harrison County.

Any visible tattoos should be covered with clothing or body make-up and all visible piercings should be without jewelry, except earlobes, with a maximum of 2 earrings per ear when representing the Harrison County Fair, this includes the entire week of the fair, any official duties in which Miss Harrison County is wearing the crown, sash or representing the Harrison County Fair and also during all visits to the Indiana State Fair and Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant during her reign as Miss Harrison County. Wearing of the Miss Harrison County Fair Queen crown and/or sash is to be considered an honor and privilege. The bearer is now an ambassador representing herself, her family, her community, and the Fair.

***While fashion styles may change, good taste does not!***

Therefore responsible, appropriate and professional appearance (dressy-casual) is expected while the Queen is wearing her crown and sash: (1) Attire that is conducive to the specific appearance or event (i.e. business casual, formal, etc.) (2) No flip flops or sneakers. Denim jeans and boots are allowed (a) when attending livestock shows, (b) Severe weather or unsafe conditions exist and (c) The Fair Queen's official coordinator or HCAS Queen Pageant Committee member has approved an alternation consistent with the professional appearance expectation. (3) It is strongly recommended that closed toe shoes be worn when in livestock areas, for safety reasons. (4) No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos. (5) No outfit that shows cleavage. (6) Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than the height of a dollar bill (approx. 2.5") from the bottom of the dress/skirt hem to the top of the kneecap. (6) No clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Queen Program. (7) We ask that jeans only be worn when showing or caring for livestock that the contestant is showing at the fair, or during livestock shows, truck/tractor pulls and demolition derbies. Contestant and queen outfits should be becoming of a young woman, nothing too short, too low cut, or too revealing, and does not expose the midriffs. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in forfeiture of title, awards and prizes.

There will be NO public display of affection of a contestant or queen during fair week or at any function representing the Harrison County Fair.

Thank you notes are A MUST for all contestants! You will receive prizes that people and businesses have donated; you should be gracious and thank them accordingly.

Cell phones should be powered off during practices and events unless pre-approved for a special reason that has been discussed with the fair board members or HCAS Queen Pageant Committee. This includes events where speeches are given or awards are being bestowed.

Contestants and Miss Harrison County are expected to arrive a few minutes early to all events and stay for the duration of the event unless otherwise discussed with the HCAS Queen Pageant Committee.

The young lady crowned Miss Harrison County must be prepared to attend evenings and some daytime events at the Harrison County Fair (June 17-June 23, 2018), queen events at the Indiana State Fair, as well as the pageant events and fair parade/queen crowning in the following year.

All information submitted on your application for Miss Harrison County is to be true and accurate. If the committee is informed or finds evidence by any other means that a contestant's application is suspected to be false in any way, the committee and fair board reserves the right to investigate the information provided. At any point prior to the pageant crowning, it is decided that false information has indeed been reported on a contestant's application, they will be dismissed from the pageant scoring system, receiving no score and will have no chance of advancing in the competition.

If the suspicion is not brought forward until after the contestant has been crowned, the committee and board still reserves the right to investigate the contestant's application and information that has been provided. If it is proven that information has been falsified, then the queen will be required to relinquish the title. Any violation of this policy will result in the loss of said title and all awards, gifts and prizes are to be returned within ten business days if they are not in the immediate possession of the queen.

Contestants agrees to abide by the rules of the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant now in effect or as announced later.

Contestants agrees that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Harrison County Agricultural Society fair board members and HCAS Queen Pageant Committee and the decision of judges is final.

Violation of any rule or regulation of the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant may result in removal of the contestant. If the violation is not discovered until after the pageant, the contestant will relinquish all awards, gifts and prizes.

All legal guardians/parents must sign this sheet in order for the contestant to enter the contest.

All applications are to be limited to ONE page, one sided. Do not add pages or put additional information on the back of this application. Keep in mind that the judges will need to be able to read your application so please keep font sizes so they can be reasonably read.

Limit club membership, offices held in clubs and organizations, honors and recognition received, subjects of special interest to the contestant's high school and college years. If it is an early activity you have continued up to and including high school and college, you may include that (ex. 10 year 4-H member), but please exclude activities and awards that pertain to years prior to entering high school.

Miss Harrison County is expected to be present and assist with various events throughout the fair on a daily basis. The Harrison County fair runs from June 17-June 23, 2018.

If for any reason the winning contestant who is crowned Miss Harrison County becomes incapable of performing her duties as Queen, in the opinion of the Harrison County Agricultural Society's fair board members, she will automatically relinquish her title, awards, gifts, prizes and scholarship. The runner-up will be named Miss Harrison County, providing she is qualified. In the event a runner-up or second runner-up is not qualified to serve as Miss Harrison County, the HCAS reserves the right to use the immediate past Miss Harrison County to fulfill the duties of the Queen.

Winning contestants must provide proof of registration at a college or university to the Harrison County Agricultural Society to receive the scholarship money. Scholarship for Miss Harrison County will be paid upon completion of her reign as Miss Harrison County, specifically once she has crowned her successor and has submitted transcripts showing a GPA of 2.5 or higher for the most recent semester.

If Miss Harrison County does not meet the Indiana State Fair guidelines, her first runner-up will compete at the state fair. If Miss Harrison County is unable to fulfill her duties for any reason, all awards, gifts and prizes must be relinquished to the next eligible contestant in line.

For more information, call Lynne Thomas at 812-969-3150/812-267-5517

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Entrant affirms that she is and will continue to be a person of good moral character; that she has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the Harrison County Fair, its representatives, and/or sponsors; that she has not appeared in nude or provocative photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the pageant finals, or during her reign as a title holder. She will conduct herself in a courteous, professional manner at all times during all Harrison County Fair functions and events while representing the fair. The delegate and her family will not slander or libel other contestants, judges, the Queen Pageant Committee, or anyone else involved with the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant. Defamatory verbal and/or written remarks (including but not limited to those on any internet message boards or sites) will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture or any and all prizes and awards won. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Disruptive behavior by a contestant or her family members before, during, or after the pageant will result in disqualification, removal from the premises, and possibly legal charges.

By submitting the application and signing the behavioral contract, the delegate agrees to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations set forth for the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant. Participation also indicates acceptance and agreement to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations. The delegate attests that all information submitted to the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant Committee is true and accurate. Falsification of information and failure to comply with the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant Rules may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand all of the rules and regulations presented to me to compete in the 2018 Miss Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant.

Signature of contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian/Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contestant's copy)

### OFFICIAL 2018 BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

By submitting the application and signing the behavioral contract, the delegate agrees to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations set forth for the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant. Participation also indicates acceptance and agreement to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations. The delegate attests that all information submitted to the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant Committee is true and accurate. Falsification of information and failure to comply with the Harrison County Fair Queen Pageant Rules may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand all of the rules and regulations presented to me to compete in the 2018 Miss Harrison County Fair Queen/Princess Pageant.

Signature of contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian/Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### (Official copy to be turned in with application)

Following is a list of all of my social media accounts:

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**Official Entry Form  
2018 Harrison County Fair Queen Contest**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Eye \_\_\_\_\_

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Community clubs and activities:

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Future Plans:

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Parents or guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
Lynne Thomas  
5617 McPhillips Rd  
Elizabeth IN 47117  
Application Deadline June 1, 2018