

2010 PIATT COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT GENERAL RULES

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Piatt County, IL for six months prior to pageant date. Or, the contestant must have attended school in Piatt County.
2. Contestants for Miss Piatt County (MPC) must be a minimum of sixteen years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her twenty-second birthday by January 1st of the following year. Contestants for Junior Miss Piatt County (JPC) must be between the ages of twelve to fifteen years of age. Contestants for the Little Miss Piatt County (LPC) must be between the ages of four to seven years of age.
3. Contestants must be single, never have been married and or had a marriage annulled; contestant can never have been pregnant.
4. Contestants must never have been convicted of a felony offense.
5. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
6. Contestants are required to attend ALL rehearsals and workshops unless approved before the practice time.
7. Contestants for MPC agree to be personally interviewed by the judges and to appear in a suit, speech, and swimsuit, formal and pop question for judging. Contestants for JPC agree to be judged in sportswear, a sun dress, formal and short pop question. Contestants for LPC agree to be judged in a Sunday school type dress, and short easy questions. (NO pageant dresses or heavy make up). All contestants and their parents agree that the judges' decisions are final.
8. Although tattoos and body piercing may be increasingly popular, we, as do most of the pageant systems, feel they do not represent the image we wish to portray. All visible tattoos should be covered with cosmetics or a band aid. Cover stick make up for this use is available at most department stores. Visible jewelry worn in existing piercing should be limited to the ears. All other body piercing/ jewelry needs to be removed before competition.
9. The newly selected Royalty will serve as hostesses/host for the Piatt County Jr. Fair June 22-27, 2010. Miss Piatt County will also represent the Fair at the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in January 2011.
10. During the following year, the newly crowned Royalty will be expected to attend as many pageants, parades, and events as possible. There are many events offered, and each one is a fun and memorable moment.
11. Prerequisites and duties for the newly crowned Queen (MPC) will be:
 - a. The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages, smoking or use illegal drugs while representing the Piatt County Fair.
 - b. The Queen will not enter any other judged pageants during her reign with the exception or the Miss Illinois County Fair pageant.
 - c. The Queen will represent the Piatt County Jr. Fair at as many other area pageants and functions as possible. She will be chaperoned by a Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Piatt Co. Fair.
 - d. The Queen and a few friends or family members will be expected to help the Piatt County Fair Board run Bingo at the Macon County Fairgrounds. This will be several times during the year, starting this summer. Doing this will help cover the cost of expensed incurred in competing at the State Pageant in January.
 - e. All personal appearances as Piatt Co. Fair Queen shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Piatt County Fair Queen.
 - f. At any function while representing the Piatt County Jr. Fair, the Queen should be dressed appropriately. Skirts and shorts should be mid thigh or longer. No midriff skin or tattoos should be allowed to show at any time. Visible piercing should be limited to the ears. You will not be allowed to attend the event if not dress appropriately. Remember you are representing Piatt County.

- g. Internet sites like MySpace and Facebook are becoming increasingly popular in today's society. Because of this, your pictures can be looked at by anyone. Since you will be representing Piatt Co., all pictures on these sites should be respectful and tasteful. If the Queen is found out to have inappropriate pictures (underage drinking, nudity, doing illegal drugs, or underage smoking) your title will be taken away from you as well as any gifts. You will also be required to add the Director as a friend so we can view your pictures. This is a serious matter.
 - h. Representing the Piatt County Fair is an honor, and many people look at the Queen as a role model and spokesperson. We want you to look your best for anyone you may encounter.
12. The titles of Miss Piatt County, Jr. Miss Piatt County, and Little Miss Piatt County are an honor and a privilege. If misconduct occurs by any of the royalty any time during the year of reign, the pageant director reserve the right to relinquish the title and crown to preserve the reputation of the Piatt County Fair. If Miss Piatt County loses her title before the State Pageant in January, the first runner up will be awarded the title and expected to represent Piatt County at the state pageant. If Miss Piatt County would lose her title after the state competition, the Jr. Miss and Little Miss would represent Piatt County for the duration of the reigning year.

By signing below you are agreeing to the rules as stated about. If for any reason the pageant director feels these rules have been broken, your title may be taken away.

NAME OF CONTESTANT: _____

PARENT OF CONTESTANT: _____