**2023 Cleburne County Fair**

**Little Miss Contest (0-13)**

**2 pm Saturday, August 26, 2022**

**THIS IS A NATURAL PAGEANT (NOT GLITZ)**

**Rules & Regulations: PLEASE MAKE SURE APPLICATION IS LEGIBLE**

1. OPEN CONTEST: Any young lady is allowed to enter this contest, there are no residency requirements for these age divisions. The only exception is if you have participated and placed in another country fair this year and have signed a contract of non-compete. If you have a question, please contact Mrs. Pam.
2. Contestants are required to be on time for check-in and pageant. We want to start on time to allow a smooth and time efficient pageant. You will receive a schedule once your registration and payment have been received.
3. Attire for pageant: Little Miss (ages 0-13) will compete in pageant dress or formal dress (short or long).
4. Makeup is allowed for girls but should be age appropriate and used with discretion. No fake hair, teeth, etc. Due to limited space, you will need to come with hair and makeup completed as there will be no hair or makeup people allowed in the building. Touch-ups only are allowed after arrival. Deductions may be taken for excessive make-up or age-inappropriate clothing.

1. **NO DRAMA, NO BULLYING -** 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. You are representing not only yourself, but also the Cleburne County Fair, your community, and your county. You are expected to be respectful at all times.

**THIS INCLUDES COACHING FROM THE AUDIENCE.** No one is allowed to coach from the audience. This is a distraction to not only the contestant, but the judges, emcee and others in the audience. Feel free to cheer for your contestant, but no blatant coaching.

1. The director (A Fair Board representative) of the Cleburne County Fair Little Miss contest reserves 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 these rules as his/her judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules will be disqualified from the contest.
2. Parking is FREE. Please park in the grass area behind the Commercial Building or general fairgrounds parking area. Please do not park directly in front of the buildings (Commercial or Educational). These areas will be reserved for volunteers and judges. We ask that you do not block any doors, drives or roads that would prevent anyone from arriving or leaving.
3. **Photogenic Competition**: Pictures should be **natural only** - no glitz photos (5x7 or 8x10), color or black/white. Please bring all photos to the pageant check-in on the day of the pageant. All photos must be turned in at least 30 minutes prior to the pageant. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL PHOTO!! Only one photo will be accepted per contestant. Please do not put the photo in a frame, but plastic protective sleeves are acceptable. Label photo with child’s name and age on the back. All photos will be returned to you after the pageant and must be picked up at that time. The Cleburne County Fair is not responsible for photos left after the event.
4. Contestants must turn in entry forms and all fees (PayPal, check or money order) by Friday, August 18, 2022. **NO EXCEPTIONS - CONTESTANT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ENTERED UNTIL FORM AND PAYMENT ARE RECEIVED.** **NO ENTRIES ALLOWED AT THE DOOR**

$60 – (entry fee plus all side awards, including photogenic.)

1. There are several ways you may turn in your entry form and payment.
	1. Mailed - address is listed on the entry form (please allow time for it to arrive). If you do mail your form/payment in, please ensure that you let the director know so that we are watching for it.
	2. emailed to ccfpageants@gmail.com
	3. Payments may be sent via PayPal: ccfpageants@gmail.com. (make sure you include the contestant’s name and age division when paying via PayPal) If you need another way to pay, please notify the director.

**Dressing and Backstage:**

**NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE DRESSING/BACKSTAGE AREA**

Each contestant may be accompanied by only one **FEMALE** adult backstage. **NO** hair or makeup people will be allowed. See #4 above.

Please limit the amount of items you bring with you as there will be a lot of people in the dressing area at one time and space will be limited. So please come as ready as possible.

There will be appointed volunteers in the dressing room/backstage area to help if anyone needs it.

**NO PHOTOS are allowed to be taken backstage. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

If a FATHER is chaperoning his daughter, please let the director know in advance to make arrangements for an area to change in.

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE:**

There will be a people’s choice award awarded to the contestant that raises the most money. A table will be set up for you to put money in their bag. The one with the most money will receive a crown and sash. You can collect money early and bring it with you the night of competition.

**Judges:**

The judges will be appointed by the Cleburne County Fair Pageant Committee. Their decision is final. Critiques are not allowed to be given to anyone, nor will any contestant, or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.

All contestants will be judged on: Facial Beauty, Stage Presentation, Attitude/Personality and Overall Appearance. Score sheets will **NOT** be available at any time for viewing.

**NO COACHING FROM THE CROWD**!!! This distracts the judges and can cause the contestant confusion. See #5 above.

**DO NOT** approach judges at any time. If you have a question, please see the Director (Mrs. Pam)

**Contact information:**

We will primarily communicate through email and text. Please ensure that you have provided a good email address that is checked on a regular basis, as well as a good phone number(s) that accepts texting.

**Your Primary contact will be:**

Pam Son, Director

501-278-7651

ccfpageants@gmail.com

RULES AND APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

[www.cleburnecofair.](http://www.cleburnecofair.)com