**2023 Cleburne County Fair Queen**

 **& Jr. Miss Fair Queen Contest**

**Qualifications & Rules & Regulations: PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE LEGIBLE**

1. To compete, a contestant must return completed & signed application & resume no later than Friday August 18, 2023.
2. Contestants for the JUNIOR MISS Fair Queen contest must be at least 14 years of age and not more than 17 years of age on the day of the Cleburne County Fair Pageant (August 26, 2023).
3. Contestants for the Fair Queen contest must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 and a Senior in High School) and not more than 23 years of age on the day of the Cleburne County Fair Pageant (August 26, 2023).
4. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Cleburne County, Arkansas. Contestants cannot be, or at any time have been married, pregnant, or have had a child. A contestant must have never been convicted of a crime nor have any criminal charges pending.
5. In the event a contestant legally resides in one county but is attending school in a different county in Arkansas, the contestant must compete at the county level in one and only one of these two counties.
6. 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.
7. Contestants are required to be on time for ALL rehearsals (will be set once applications are received) and contests/events. Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director and/or Cleburne County Fair Board. If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the Fair Queen Director immediately at 501-278-7651.
8. The reigning Cleburne County Fair Queen(s) must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior, bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Cleburne County Fair may result in the fair queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.

1. 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.
2. The director (A Fair Board representative) of the Cleburne County Fair Queen 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.
3. Photogenic Competition: Contestants must submit an **8X10** photo **(HEADSHOT ONLY)** in a large envelope. Contestant’s name and division must be on the back of the photo and on the envelope. Photos must be turned in at check in.
4. Entry fees (check or money order) must be paid at the time of application. $60 – Interview, activewear, evening gown, photogenic. You can also submit through PayPal ccfpageants@gmail.com

**Rehearsal:**

Due to scheduling conflicts, please let Mrs. Pam know if you would like to meet prior to the day of the pageant. You will be able to practice on stage prior to your interviews the day of the competition.

**Resume & emcee sheet: (RESUME MUST BE EMAILED)**

You will be required to complete a resume in place of an application. This is what the judges will be judging.

You will also be required to complete the emcee sheet. This is the information that will be read on stage during the competition.

**Dress Requirements:**

**Private interviews:**

**Private interview (50%)** – A dress or suit may be worn in addition to jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses. No uniforms.

These will take place earlier in the day prior to the competition on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Time will be determined once all applications have been received.

**Contest:**

**Business wear** – You are welcome to wear the same outfit as you did during your interview or you may choose to change. This will not be judged tonight. This is going to be the judge’s first impression of you tonight and you will also be introducing yourself from stage.

**Activewear (15%)** - Black spandex shorts and sports bra (your choice of color)

Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence.

**Evening Gown (35%)** – Floor length only. No hi-lo dresses or anything that shows the midriff (no cutouts). If in question, please contact the Director. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required. Appropriate foundation garments should be worn. Practice walking at home wearing your dress and shoes. Judging will be based on overall first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked an on-stage question. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response. Her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her Evening Gown score. Judges are instructed “**not** to judge the gown”, but to “judge the contestant **in** the gown”, but the dress needs to fit you.

**Dressing and Backstage:**

 You must have ALL of your items in the dressing room by 12 pm. You may have help to bring your items in, but then everyone must leave. Contestants and contest officials ONLY are allowed backstage at any time.

**NO HAIR OR MAKEUP PEOPLE ALLOWED:** 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.

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

**Judges:**

The judges will be appointed by the Cleburne County Fair Queen 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.

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

The judges will also conduct the interviews, and will be judging personal appearance & grooming, personality, confidence & posture, ability to respond & interact with others, grammar, speech & tone of voice.

**New Fair Queen Duties:**

The 2023 Fair Queens will be required to attend the fair each night as noted in the schedule given to the new Queen. The Fair Queens are expected to dress and act appropriately at all times. (No smoking.) The Miss and Jr Miss Queens are also expected to compete in the Arkansas State Fair Queen Contest on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (Regional Competition). The Top Three in each Region will return to the finals on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Any cash awards won will not be presented to winners until after her reign ends the following year. The reigning queen will be required to be present to help the next year to crown the new winners.

It is the responsibility of the new queen to provide all entry information to the State Fair by email. Mrs. Pam will provide you with this information before you leave.

**Schedule of Events:**

A complete schedule of events will be finalized and available after we have received all applications by the August 18, 2023 deadline. If you have questions prior to this date, please feel free to contact Mrs. Pam.

**Contact information:**

We will primarily communicate through email and text with the contestants. 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