

February 24, 2009

Dear Lincoln County Fair Queen Contestant,

Thank-you for choosing to enter the Miss Lincoln County Fair Queen Pageant. We are looking forward to an exciting pageant and hope you are too! Listed below is some important information for you to consider when preparing for the pageant.

1. The evening gown and talent competitions are open to the public.
2. The top five finalists answer a question on stage at the end of the pageant. The judging of this question determines the winner. Only in the case of a tie will the preliminary scores be used to determine the Queen and her court. Preliminary scores are used to award all other titles.
3. You must determine if you will be presenting a speech or a talent. A first place speech and a first place talent will be awarded. **Accompaniment CDs for talents and a written script of speeches must be turned into the director at the first practice in June. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in contestants being INELIGIBLE to compete in the pageant. Please plan ahead and get your materials ready in advance! Talents may have ONE musical accompanist, and speeches may have NO assistance. Speech or talent determinations may not be changed after the first rehearsal in June.**
4. We have included work nights to help you be your best at the pageant and an informational meeting will be held the first Sunday in June to get you started on required paperwork.
5. **Six copies of your resume and the master of ceremony information sheets are due at the first practice in June. Failure to comply with this requirement WILL result in contestants being INELIGIBLE to compete in the pageant.**

The following information needs to be turned in to Blanche Kelly or the Extension Office by **Friday, May 8.**

1. Lincoln County Fair Queen Contest Official Entry Blank
2. Pageant copy of the Contestant Agreement – keep the contestant copy for yourself and **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE ACTIVITY DATES LISTED IN POINT NUMBER NINE!**
3. Queen Contest Information Sheet for Master of Ceremonies
4. Two (2) pictures for the Miss Photogenic Contest and print publications. Pictures must be 3x5 or 4x6 size. **Pictures are to be vertical HEADSHOTS only and should be ORIGINAL photographs of the same pose – no computer generated photographs! No substitutions in photographs will be made after the entry packet has been submitted.**
5. A \$125 check made out to the Lincoln County Fair Board from your sponsor.

Remember, the pageant is limited to the first 15 (fifteen) candidates who turn in the correct paperwork!

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or comments. And once again, welcome to the pageant. We look forward to working with each of you and hope you all have a memorable, enjoyable time!

Sincerely,

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Fair Queen Committee Chairman	Co-chairman
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Mail entries to: Mrs. Blanche Kelly
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