



We welcome you to be a part of the **2016-17 Delta Fair Queen Pageants** being held during the Delta Fair on September 10th, 2016. The competition will take place in the theater located inside the Agricenter. The Miss Delta Fair pageant system promotes and cultivates the empowerment of young women, and we encourage girls from infant to 22 years of age to compete for the Delta Fair Pageant title in their age division. We provide an outlet for a wide range of young women foster poise, self-confidence, communication skills, and build self-esteem. Contestants learn self-discipline, stage

presence, and the ability to think on their feet. Opportunities to teach a young girl these invaluable tools are not always easily available in today's society. We hope to provide a platform where young woman can take from this pageant experience a sense of pride and accomplishment, even if they do not take home the crown.

Girls Age Divisions

0 to12 months olds

13 of 23 months olds

2-3 years of age

4-5 years of age

6-7 years of age

8-9 years of age

10-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-17 years of age

18-22 years of age

Baby Miss Delta Fair

Wee Miss Delta Fair

Tiny Miss Delta Fair

Mini Miss Delta Fair

Little Miss Delta Fair

Young Miss Delta Fair

Pre-Teen Miss Delta Fair

Junior Miss Delta Fair

Teen Miss Delta Fair

Miss Delta Fair

General Information

The Delta Fair Pageants will be introducing a new schedule, which will allow our competition to be held all in one day during the 2nd weekend of Delta Fair. On Friday September 9th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, we will continue to hold a free clinic on stage for those girls that are new to the pageant world or anyone wanting extra practice. The directors of the pageant will be there to assist any girls in their competition walk and to teach newcomers what to expect in their age group. Instructors will work with the ladies as a group and give them any pointers that will help them feel confident competing on stage. We want all contestants to have a positive experience and feel special even if they are not crowned the winner.

On Saturday, check-in and registration will begin at 10:00am and the competitions will start at 11:00am with the Baby Miss division and run continually until we finish with the Junior Division. Winners will be crowned between age brackets at appropriate times so only the winners will have to stay until all pageants are completed. After we conclude with the Junior Division we will prepare for the Teen and Miss to begin at 7:00pm. You will find a tentative schedule below.

We include onstage questions and interviews as to allow the girls to get acquainted with this process in preparation for future Miss America and Miss USA system pageants. For the girls participating in the Young, Pre-Teen, and Junior divisions are asked an onstage question. There is a four-minute interview for both the Teen and Miss Divisions.

Our Teen and Miss Delta Fair division winners will serve as ambassadors to the Delta Fair and asked to participate in various events during the run of next year's Delta Fair September 1st- 10th, 2017, or until a new winner is crowned the second Saturday of the fair. It is vital that these winners are prepared to spend as much time as possible at next year's Delta Fair and should be prepared to promote the pageant system throughout the entire year of her reign. All winners will be invited to participate in Christmas parades representing Delta Fair and possibly attend other public appearances throughout the year.

Prizes: Delta Fair Pageants consist of several age brackets in order to award as many titles as possible. Every participant who competes in our pageant system will receive a trophy on stage. The winners in each age division will receive high quality crowns, embroidered sashes and a trophy. We will award 1st and 2nd Alternates with nice sized crowns and trophies as well. If the numbers permit in the age division, we will also award 3rd and 4th Alternates with crowns and trophies. Our goal is to do our best to make sure every girl that competes feels special.

Application: There is an application required to enter the Delta Fair Pageants system that can be accessed and downloaded from this website. Please note that there are two separate applications based on your age or the age of your child. Please take a moment to read the information and rules included in the application before filling it out.

All applications, check or money orders for entry fees, photography/video forms, and extra ticket money should all be mailed to:

Attn: Delta Fair Pageants
Delta Fest
P.O. Box 1327
Cordova, TN 38088

Checks should be made out to "Delta Fair" with the check memo to include "Entry Fee for _____" (your child's name).

Deadline for standard entries is August 26th, 2016. We must have your applications in hand by this date (not postmarked) to be eligible for the early rate and a free ticket/parking pass. Please note that there are NO REFUNDS if you must drop out for any reason.

Entry Fee and other Expenses: There is a \$70.00 entry fee to compete in the Delta Fair Pageants system and is due in the Delta Fest office by August 26th, 2016. This price will include free special parking and the **participant's** entry into the fairgrounds on the day of your competition. Parents, other family members and friends will be required to purchase a ticket for entry into the fairgrounds. We have added an Early Bird Discount of \$60.00 if your application and entry fee is received by August 5th, 2016. Late Entries will be accepted after August 26th at the door during noted registration times. The entry fee increases to \$80.00 per child and your child's admittance and parking is not included. Also, cash only entry fees will be required on the day of the pageant.

We offer the option to purchase tickets ahead of time and avoid the long lines the day of competition. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please fill out the form at the bottom of the application and include ticket money in your returned application form and fee. We will mail your free ticket, parking pass, and any purchased tickets to you between August 30th and September 2nd if applications are on time. Please allow enough time to the postal service to deliver your tickets. Try to avoid calling our office until September 7th if you have not received our packet.

Please note that if you plan on participating in the Free Clinic on Friday at 4:00pm, you and your child are responsible for your own entry. You may also purchase tickets for Friday through our ticket sales sheet if you wish.

Judging and Pageant Process: This is not a glitz pageant. Our judges will be skilled in the Miss America and Miss USA systems, and will be looking for personality, poise, beauty, as well as overall impression. All girls will model in

a “T” pattern with four “X”’s marked on the stage. For Young, Pre-Teen and Junior Miss divisions, there will be a simple question on stage that will also be considered in the judging process. An example would be “What is your favorite subject in school and why?” In the Teen and Miss Divisions, the 4-minute interview that will begin at 3:00 pm and will consist of questions from your application as well as general opinion questions. No major political questions will be asked. The onstage question will be a thought provoking question as well. Both will be considered in the overall contestant scores. Remember poise and personality are very important in the judge’s decision-making process. Teen and Miss Contestants must stay after interview to learn and rehearse the opening number for the evening.

The decision of our judges is always final. Judges should not be approached unless it is welcomed by them and done in a professional manner. The winner of each division may not be the prettiest or the best at modeling on stage that day, but may have the total package that the judges are looking for. Keep in mind that winners are chosen based on the decision of 3-5 people asked to judge a pageant and does not mean that your daughter is not beautiful, graceful, or full of personality.

Attire: Girls up to 7 years of age should wear a Sunday dress, flower girl dress, or a simple pageant dress. The length of the dress is not regulated. Remember, these judges are not familiar with the “full or high glitz pageant wear” and it may be a little much for them. Rhinestones, sequins and pearls are acceptable on the dress, but it should not be completely covered with them. 8 to 14 year olds are allowed floor length pageant attire; however, please note that the judges are instructed to take into consideration the age appropriateness of the dresses, especially in the 10 to 14 year old categories. In other words, we discourage a 13 year old to look like a 16 year old in her choice of dress.

In the Teen and Miss divisions, an evening gown, long prom dress, or long pageant dress is appropriate. In these categories, you have the freedom to wear any style of evening gown you wish. For interview, you should wear a dress that shows your figure and personality.

If you would like to view samples of dresses that are appropriate and not appropriate, please visit our Facebook page (Miss Delta Fair Pageant)

Hair and Make-Up: For infants to 9 years of age, no hairpieces, flippers, or fake eyelashes allowed. Lip-gloss, light blush, and mascara are permitted for toddlers and above but definitely not required. For ages 10 to 14, the judges will be looking for age appropriate make-up. Young women competing for

Teen and Miss divisions are free to look your best any way you choose.

Score Sheets: We will provide a contestant with their individual scores from each judge for a fee of \$5.00. Your scores and any comments from the 3 judges will be mailed directly to the address provided by September 21st. We will be collecting this during registration on the day of your competition.

Photography: We will have a professional photographer/videographer set up pageant day to capture pictures of your child before, during and after the pageant. Because of this, cameras and video cameras are not allowed during the competitions. You may take pictures of your child at any time in the dressing rooms only, but not on stage or in the theater. Please see the attached form for information regarding pricing for both photography and videos. It is a good idea to send in your order form and money with your application to ensure the photographer takes plenty of pictures of you or your child on the day of the pageant.

For Questions: Thank you for your interest in the Delta Fair Pageant system. We hope this will be a pleasurable experience for both you and your child. If there are any questions, please email Suzanne Jackson and Lacey Braswell at deltafairpageant@gmail.com

Tentative Schedule: The following schedule is approximate times only for each category to begin and may fluctuate due to the amount of applicants we receive per age division. This schedule is subject to change. You must be on time for your age division. Saturday is one of the busiest days of Delta Fair so please allow time to park, enter, and prepare for pageant.

FRIDAY

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Optional Pageant Clinic

SATURDAY

10:00 am to 10:45 am

Check-in / Registration for

Baby, Wee, and Tiny Miss Delta Fair

11:00 am

Baby Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

11:15 am

Wee Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

11:30 am

Tiny Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

11:45 am

CROWNING CEREMONY for first 3 divisions

11:00 am to 11:45 am

Check-in / Registration for

Mini and Little Miss Delta Fair

11:45 am

Judges Lunch Break

12:30 pm

Mini Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

1:00 pm

Little Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

1:30 pm

CROWNING CEREMONY for next 2 divisions

12:30 pm to 1:15 pm

Check-in / Registration for

Young, Pre-Teen, and Junior Miss Delta Fair

1:45 pm

Young Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

2:15 pm

Pre-Teen Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

2:30 pm

(Late Registration for Teen and Miss Delta Fair)

2:45 pm

Junior Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

Teen and Miss Interview check-in

3:00 pm

Teen Miss Delta Fair Interview Begins

Miss Delta Fair Interview to follow

3:15 pm

CROWNING CEREMONY for next 2 divisions

All winners to stay for a group picture

4:45 to 6:00

Rehearsal for opening number of Teen / Miss

7:00 pm

Teen and Miss Delta Fair Pageant Begins

*Contestants for the Teen and Miss divisions should arrive at noon on Saturday, September 10th dressed and ready for interview. If you do not pre-register for these two divisions you must arrive before 2:30 am on Saturday the 10th and be ready for interview to compete.