

## **2017 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR JUNIOR QUEEN PAGEANT**

### **October 16 - 21, Arkansas State Fairgrounds**

The Arkansas State Fair and the Arkansas Livestock Show Association welcome County and District Fair Junior Queens from around the State. The crowning of the Arkansas State Fair Junior Queen is the culmination of a five day event held during the State Fair beginning on Monday, no competition on Friday, and ending on Saturday. All events take place in the Arkansas Building southwest of the Coliseum.

Three winners will be chosen from each of the four Regional Contests held Monday through Thursday. Each Regional winner will receive a plaque and the right to return to the Finals on Saturday evening. At the Finals Contest the four runners-up will receive trophies, and a special “Top Interview Award” will be presented to the finalist with the highest interview score.

### **QUALIFICATIONS & RULES**

1. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 16 years of age on the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show.
2. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Arkansas. She cannot be, or at any time have been, pregnant, or have had a child. A contestant must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
3. Past Arkansas State Fair Junior Queens are not eligible to compete again. Contestants in the State Fair Junior Queen Pageant are not eligible to compete in State Fair Youth Talent or Rodeo Queen Contests in the same year.
4. A contestant must compete in only one county contest and win the Fair Junior Queen Contest sanctioned by the County Fair that is held in the county where she resides or attends school. Contestants must either legally reside or attend school (academic, not dance, etc.) in that county for one full semester immediately preceding that county’s contest. In the event a contestant whose parents are divorced and live in separate counties, and has been court ordered to reside jointly with both parents, she can only compete in one of the two counties in which her parents reside or if the family resides to two different counties, she can only compete in one county contest. (This matter must be taken care of before contestant gets to the state competition.) **The State Fair is now requiring the county send their county winner to the state competition and runner-ups or chosen delegates to the district competition.**
5. A contestant from a District Fair must have competed and won their Fair Junior Queen contest sanctioned by that District Fair. Contestants representing the following District Fairs must meet the residency requirements for that District: North Central District Fair, Northeast Arkansas District Fair, Northwest Arkansas District Fair, Southeast Arkansas District Fair, Southwest Arkansas District Fair, and Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair. Contestants representing the Four States Fair in Texarkana must be a legal resident of and attend school in Arkansas.

6. Entries to the Arkansas State Fair Junior Queen Pageant are limited to one contestant from each Fair sanctioned by the State of Arkansas. However, counties with two Fairs recognized by the State will be allowed to send one contestant from each Fair, provided each holds a sanctioned Fair Queen Contest.
7. Contestants are required to be on time for all rehearsals and events. Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director and/or State Fair Management. If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the State Fair Office at 501-690-4809 or 501-412-4569 immediately.
8. **Entry forms must completely filled out, and signed by each of the following:**  
(1) contestant; (2) contestant's parent or guardian. **Entry forms should be sent to the State Fair office within 5 days following the County or District contest. No additions or corrections will be allowed once the entry form is submitted.** Since each judge will receive a copy of all entry forms, please fill out the form so it is readable, and to pay close attention to such things as spelling, grammar, vocabulary, etc.
9. **No entry forms will be accepted after 5:00 pm on September 30, 2017.** Entry forms may be faxed, emailed, mailed or hand delivered. The Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association is not responsible for entry forms lost or delayed in transit by any shipping method.
10. **Please fill out entry form as soon as County /District contest is over, so the Director can send all forms to the State Fair at one time.** The contestant will receive two gate admission passes and one parking pass. We must have the contestant's entry form on time in order to mail the passes back to her.
11. The dressing area for Junior Queen Contestant's will be inside the Arkansas Building. **No one will be allowed back stage with the contestants.** A complimentary makeup person, hair dresser and assistants will be furnished by the State Fair. More information will be mail to you once your entry form has been received at the State Fair Office. **No other Makeup person or Hair dresser will be allowed in the building.**
12. The reigning Arkansas State Fair Junior Queen must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Arkansas State Fair may result in the Fair Junior Queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.
13. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, county or district directors, traveling companion, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but all future contests.
14. The State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management of the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant reserve 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 their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules can be disqualified from the Regional or Finals Contest by the State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management.

## ENTRY FORMS

Contestants may obtain Entry Forms from the County/District designated Contest Director. **Complete the entry form with the director after the contest so the director can send in all the forms at one time to the State Fair.**

There is no entry fee. Eligible contestants must complete the Entry Form, including authorized signatures (see Rule #10) and submit it to the State Fair office. Photographs are not necessary. Once the Entry Form is received at the State Fair office, additions or corrections to the Entry Form will **not** be allowed. **The entry form must be legible and received at the State Office within 5 days of your county or district fair.**

## REHEARSAL (You Must be at the Arkansas Building at 9:00 a.m. State Fairgrounds)

Look for your County or District Fair on Page 5 to find the appropriate region and day of your competition. Registration and orientation will begin each day at 9:00 am. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:30 am and be over by 11:00 am. You **must** attend the morning orientation and rehearsal in order to compete that evening. **No exceptions! No contestant can leave the fairgrounds once you have checked in at the Arkansas Building. If the parent decides to leave the fairgrounds they will have to pay gate admission and parking when they return.**

## COMPETITION CLOTHING

Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges and will be assessed individually and comparatively in Sportswear and Evening Gown competitions. Contestants will need the following clothing: **Rehearsal** – Since the rehearsal is closed to the public, contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing, hair in curlers and no makeup if desired. We recommend the contestants rehearse in the same shoes they will wear in each phase of competition.

**Private Interview** - Dress or suit, jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses.

**Sportswear** – Sports attire representing a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball, tennis, cheerleading, hunting, fishing, gymnastics, dance etc. Props are acceptable, but must be carried. They cannot be used to demonstrate a sport.

**Evening Gown** – Evening Gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.

## ADMISSION AND PARKING

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 (see map on page 6). **Must have passes which will be mailed to the contestant.** There will no longer be a list at the gates. All others must pay gate admission and a parking fee. No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. However, contestants and traveling companions will be allowed to unload at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel.

## INTERVIEW

Interviews will begin at 12:30 pm. The Interview will account for 50 percent of a contestant's total score. All interviews will be five minutes long and will be timed and monitored. Judges are instructed to avoid current affairs and religious or political questions. Contestants are free to leave at the end of their interview. The 12 finalists will not have a second interview. The interview points which the 12 finalists accumulate at the Regional Contests will be carried over to the Finals. The Judges and Contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.

## SPORTSWEAR

Sportswear will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Consideration for the appropriateness and creativity of a contestant's sportswear outfit is only a part of the judging criteria in the Sportswear Competition. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence are also included.

## EVENING GOWN

The Evening Gown Competition will account for 35 percent of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on over-all 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 and 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.”

## DRESSING AND BACKSTAGE

Contestants must report to the dressing room inside the Arkansas Building no later than 4:00 pm to prepare for the evening competition. The Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association is not responsible for loss or damage to clothing or other personal items left in the dressing room or in other areas. **No one will be allowed back stage Failure to comply with this rule will result in automatic disqualification. No Makeup people or Hair dressers are allowed in the building at any time.**

## REGIONAL CONTESTS

The contest will begin at 5:30 pm. Roll call will be at 4:00. Contestants may use the dressing room at any time. The State Fair is not responsible for any belongings. Three winners will be chosen from each Regional Contest to compete in the Saturday night Finals. The State Contest Director will provide these contestants with further Finals instructions and details at the conclusion of each Regional Contest.

## FINALS

Finalists, from each of the four Regional Contests, who are chosen to compete in the Finals on Saturday Night. The finalists are to be in the Arkansas Building at 9:00 am, Saturday morning for roll call. The Final Contest will begin at 5:30 pm. Any contestant who fails to attend the Finals rehearsal will be disqualified as a Finals contestant and will be ineligible to compete again in future contests.

## JUDGING

The judges will be appointed by the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. **Critiques will not be provided to anyone, nor will any contestant, or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.**

## FAIR QUEEN DUTIES

During her reign, the Fair Queen is required to attend the following four events on our behalf: The Arkansas Fair Managers Association meeting in Hot Springs in January, Arkansas Livestock Show Association Annual meeting at the fairgrounds in August, Arkansas Hospitality Convention in Little Rock in September, Arkansas State Fair Media Luncheon in October at the State Fairgrounds, Parades and the 2017 State Fair Queen contest. County and District Fairs or other organizations may invite her to appear at their events throughout the year. Attending County Fairs and District Fairs are not mandatory, but we encourage the Fair Queen to represent the State Fair during her reign when possible. All appearances must be schedule through the Arkansas State Fair office. Winner will be asked to sign a Non Compete Contract.

**The Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant is divided into 4 Regions.  
Find the Region for your fair and come on that day.  
CONTESTANTS MUST BE ON TIME FOR ALL PHASES OF COMPETITION.**

### REGIONS

**SOUTHWEST**

*Monday  
10/16*

Clark  
Columbia  
Garland  
Hempstead  
Hot Spring  
Howard  
Lafayette  
Little River  
Miller  
Montgomery  
Nevada  
Pike  
Saline  
Sevier  
Union  
Four State  
SW District

**NORTHWEST**

*Tuesday  
10/17*

Baxter  
Benton  
Boone  
Carroll  
Conway  
Crawford  
Franklin  
Johnson  
Logan  
Madison  
Marion  
Newton  
Perry  
Polk  
Pope  
Scott  
Searcy  
Sebastian  
Washington  
Yell  
Arkansas – Oklahoma  
NW District

**NORTHEAST**

*Wednesday  
10/18*

Clay  
Cleburne  
Fulton  
Greene  
Independence  
Izard  
Lawrence  
Mississippi  
Poinsett  
Randolph  
Sharp  
St. Francis  
Stone  
Three County  
Tri - County  
Van Buren  
White  
N Central District  
NE District

**SOUTHEAST**

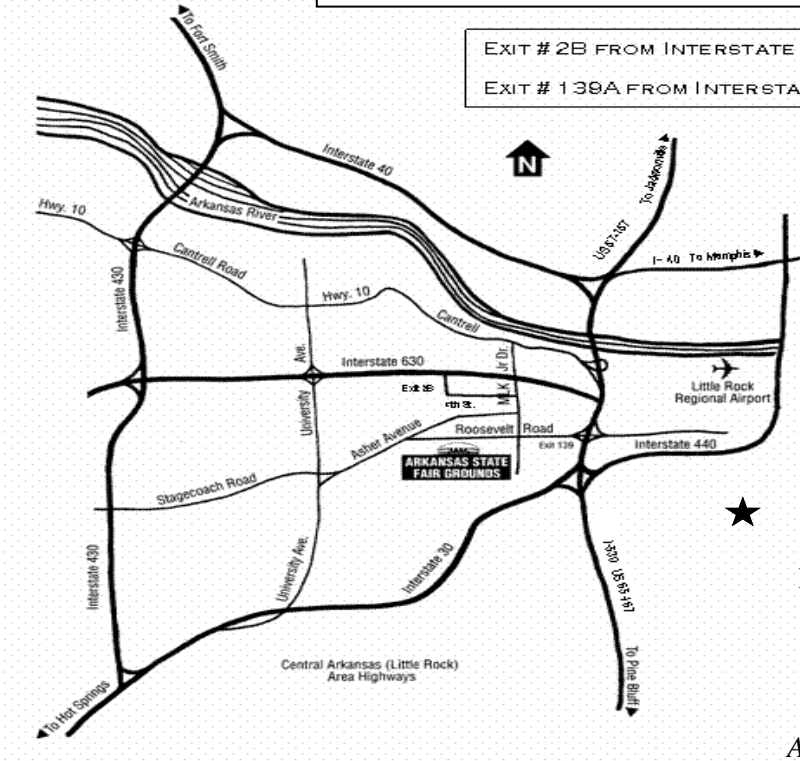
*Thursday  
10/19*

Arkansas  
Ashley  
Bradley  
Calhoun  
Chicot  
Cleveland  
Dallas  
Desha  
Drew  
Faulkner  
Grant  
Jefferson  
Lincoln  
Lonoke  
Ouachita  
Prairie  
Pulaski  
SE District

YOU WILL BE ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS THROUGH GATE 11. VARIOUS GROUPS MAY BE ARRIVING AT THE SAME TIME. THIS INCLUDES SCHOOL BUSES AND LIVESTOCK TRAILERS, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE DELAYS AT THE GATE. ALLOW YOURSELF TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CONTEST DIRECTOR CONTACT THE STATE FAIR OFFICE AT 501-372-8341 OR BY EMAIL AT [deb@asfg.net](mailto:deb@asfg.net)

**Arkansas State Fairgrounds**  
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 EXIT # 139A FROM INTERSTATE 30



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Access to Gate 11 from Roosevelt Road:  
 South on Schiller Street, along the East fence of the fairgrounds, to the end at Gate 11. Security staff will assist with directions to the Arkansas Building and parking instruction.

