

# Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition Rules

Competition is Saturday, October 21, 2017

Deadline for this Competition is September 30, 2017 at 5:00pm.

## **RULES**

1. The Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen must be 35 to 60 years of age.
2. Applicant must be married or widowed.
3. Applicant must have been born a female and a resident of the State of Arkansas and must have resided there for at least six months prior to her entering the Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
4. Applicant will continue to be a person of good moral character, affirms that she has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition, its representatives and sponsors. She will not willingly appear in provocation and sexually explicit photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the competition, or during her reign as Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen.
5. Applicant agrees to look solely to the State Fair Competitive Events Administrator and the Competition Director with respects to all matters relating to the Mrs. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.

## **ENTRY FORMS**

Contestant must complete the entry form and return it to the Arkansas State Fair office by 5:00 pm, September 30, 2017. The \$100.00 entry fee must be with the entry form. Entry forms received without entry fee will not be accepted.

## **Mrs. FAIR QUEEN DUTIES**

During her reign, the Mrs. 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 2018 State Mrs. 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. The winner will be asked to sign a Non Compete Contract.

## **REHEARSHAL**

Registration and orientation will begin at 9:30 am. Rehearsal will start at 10:00 am. You must attend the morning orientation and rehearsal in order to compete that evening.

## **COMPETITION CLOTHING**

Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges and will be assessed individually and comparatively in Fair Attire and Evening Gown competition.

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.

**Fair Attire** – Something you would wear to the State Fair or Rodeo.

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

## **INTERVIEW**

Interviews will begin at 11:30 am. 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. The Judges and Contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.

## **FAIR ATTIRE**

Fair Attire will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Over – all first impression, 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**

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 other areas. Contestants and Competition Officials only are allowed back stage at any time.

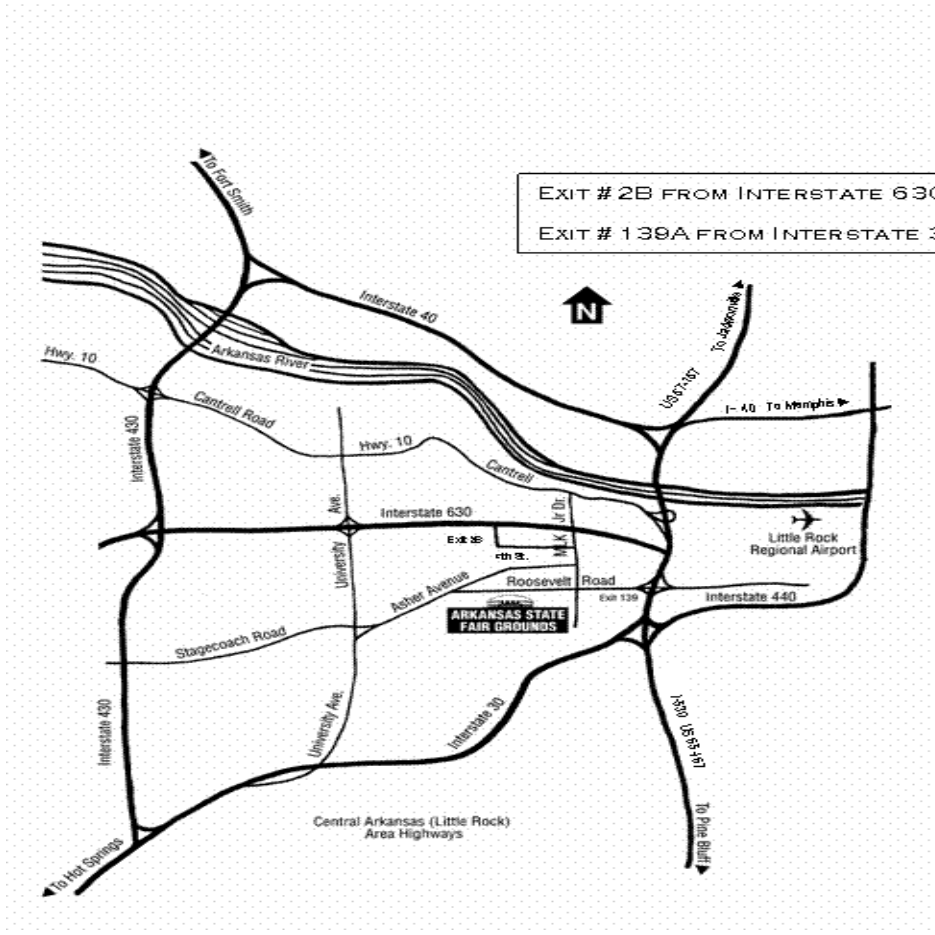
## **JUDGING**

The judges will be appointed by the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a competition 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.

## **ADMISSION AND PARKING**

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 (see attached map). Must have passes to enter fairgrounds (which will be mailed to the contestants). No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. However, contestants will be allowed to unload at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel.

The State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management of the Arkansas State Fair 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 competition by the State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management.



Access to Gate 11 from Roosevelt Road:

Turn south on Schiller Street, along the East fence of the fairgrounds, go to the end of Schiller Street. Security staff will assist with directions to the Arkansas Building and parking instruction.

