

## ***2023 Mercer County Fair Pre-Teen Pageant Application***

Pre-teen (ages 8-12) Contestant must be 8 years of age on June 30th, 2023, cannot be 13 years of age before or on October 31, 2023, and MUST reside in Mercer County.

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade this coming year \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

(As you want them to appear in newspaper)

Parent/Guardian 1 Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please Note:** Texting will be the primary means of communication in addition to the Facebook page which is Miss Mercer County Fair Pre-Teen Pageant. If you are a Facebook user, please like the page to receive notifications

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

(Contestants may ask business owners to pay all or some of the entry fee.)

Do you have any special needs of which we need to be aware of? (allergies, medical needs, physical limitations, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2023 Miss Mercer Co. Fair Pre-Teen Pageant. I have read all of the attached information and agree to all the requirements of the Mercer County Fair Board including allowing my child's image to be used for publicity purposes. I also understand that any poor sportsmanship by family members or the contestant could result in relinquishing of her title.

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following questions using only the space provided.

1. What are your school activities, clubs and awards? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What three words best describe you?  
\* \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_ \*

3. What is your favorite part of Harrodsburg? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What are your hobbies/talents? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the most unique thing about you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is your #1 goal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Why should you be selected as Miss Pre-Teen Mercer County Fair?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Keep all remaining pages of this packet as your personal reference guide.**

Instructions: Mail the first two pages of this application as well as the bottom portion of the very last page of this packet, which is the t- shirt order form with a check for \$90 payable to the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show (Memo line: Pre-Teen Pageant) to:

Amanda Buchanan  
425 Pope Ave  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

The deadline to enter this pageant is **JUNE 27th**. There are a limited number of spots in this pageant due to stage space, so the sooner you get your application in the better. Before June 1st is recommended to secure your spot!

For questions about the pageant contact:

Director: Amanda Buchanan (859) 612-7303

Co-Director: Glenda Huffman (859) 612-2359

Our Email: [mercercpreteen2022@gmail.com](mailto:mercercpreteen2022@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Pageant Date: Tuesday July 25th, 2023

Times: Interviews will be mid afternoon. Exact time and place TBA. Pageant begins at approximately 8pm.

Pageant Dress Requirements:

**Interview:** Contestants are asked to wear a Sunday style dress that is age appropriate.

**On-Stage Introduction/Sportswear:** Outfit will be pageant t-shirt (see order form on last page) and white shorts or capris. Shoes and accessories are the girl's choice.

Intro is **SHORT** and catchy, but must include name, contestant number, parents and Sponsor.

**Evening Gown:** *FLOOR* length evening gown that perfectly touches the floor and shoes are **NOT** visible when walking. The dress should fit properly and is required to be age appropriate. **No strapless or off the shoulder dresses for this age group.** There are many Facebook pages available to purchase pre-owned dresses. See directors for more information.

**Scoring:** Competent, out of town judges will score using the following percentages:  
35% Interview: Appearance, Confidence, Speaking, Eye Contact, Overall Impression  
25% Introduction/Sportswear: Public Speaking Ability, Appearance, Poise & Confidence  
40% Evening Gown: Appearance, Poise & Dress Choice

Decision of the judges is **FINAL**. Scores will not be given to contestants, but judges' comments/suggestions will be provided by the directors upon request. Good sportsmanship is required of all contestants and family members. No questions/comments should be directed to the judges in any form including on Social Media.

Awards:

Miss Pre-Teen Mercer County Fair and Horse Show

1st Runner Up

2nd Runner Up

3rd Runner Up

4th Runner UP

Interview Award

Miss Congeniality (voted upon by contestants)

Photogenic

Spirit Award (Directors' Choice)

Amanda Bailey Rising Star Award

Responsibilities of the Winner: Represent Mercer Co. in the state pageant in October in Louisville. Be available in crown, sash and nice dresses the week of the fair to present ribbons to horse show winners. (Directors will let you know dates and times.) Winner and Parent/ Guardian will be required to sign and abide by the 2023 Queen's Contract which includes community service. 2023 Queen will also be required to participate in local Christmas Parades pending they have one.

Photo Dates

Dress is casual, but stylish (directors will post inspirational options on Preteen Facebook page)

Must choose one date:

Photo Session 1: Tuesday, June 20th 5pm-7pm

Photo Session 2: Thursday, June 22nd 5pm-7pm

Photo Session 3: Tuesday, June 27th 5pm-8:30pm

Location: The Stable building at the fairgrounds

\*\*\*\*\*The professional photos taken these three nights are the **ONLY ONES** eligible for the photogenic award and guaranteed printing in the newspaper and program. **DO NOT** call The Herald to ask for an extension.

Practice Dates/Times: TBA (Be on the lookout on social media)

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RETURN THIS PORTION WHEN TURNING IN APPLICATION AND FEE

Required for Pageant

T- Shirt for Opening Number/ Sportswear

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Youth small \_\_\_\_\_.

Adult small \_\_\_\_\_

Youth medium \_\_\_\_\_.

Adult medium \_\_\_\_\_

Youth large \_\_\_\_\_.

Adult large \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Initials \_\_\_\_\_ to confirm shirt size order.

