

2024 Little Miss and Mister Mercer County Fair Pageant - Regulations & Details

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, COPY OF CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE & ENTRY FEE IN PERSON AT PHOTO SESSIONS OR MAIL TO:

420 Oakley Avenue Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330

PHOTO SESSIONS: June 11th, & June 24th 6:00 to 8:00, these will be taking place at the Fairground "Stables Building".

All pageant photographs will be in color and will be an insert added to the fair program & newspaper. To be considered for "Most Photogenic Couple" each couple must have their picture taken together.

****NOTE: NO make-up dates will be provided so you must attend on one of the scheduled photo session dates.**

ENTRY APPLICATION:

o **FEE:** The application fee is **\$100.00 per couple** (one girl & one boy) ...Checks made payable to Mercer County Fair & Horse Show. Applications with the \$1000.00 entry fee **MUST** be turned in with the application on or before the picture day.

o Please make sure to complete/sign the application & publication permission form for each child.

o **PROOF OF RESIDENCE:** Due to issues in past years...the MCFHS pageant director Myra McCrystal will be verifying your child's residency & may ask you to provide proof of your child's residency.

REGULATIONS & DETAILS:

- All applicants **MUST** be residents of Mercer County.
- Contestants **MUST be 5 years of age on June 30 and CANNOT be 8 years of age on June 30** of the year they represent a member fair at the KY State Fair competition.
- Please refer to the rules, guidelines, deadlines and pageant date information on the Mercer County Fair Website... <http://www.mercerfair.com/forms/>
- This year's pageant will be held on **Tuesday, July 23rd.**
- No interviews will be held during this pageant as they do not do so at the state level.
- Practice will be on **Sunday, July 21st**, please be sure to attend this! This gives the little contestants an opportunity to practice their walk and wave!

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, July 17th, HOWEVER:

IF we reach our maximum we may close entry earlier...so get them in ASAP.

- Prizes will be awarded to the winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd runner ups.
- There will be an option for “People’s Choice” this year! Please message us if you have any questions about how it will work this year!
- There will also be a couple Photogenic Awards.
- Every contestant will receive a participation gift.
- Decisions of the judges are final... score sheets **WILL NOT** be given out after the pageant. The winning couple will be expected to compete as a representative of Mercer County at the Kentucky State Fair “2024 Little Miss and Mister Kentucky County Fair Pageant” in August. This pageant will be held on the first day of the Kentucky State Fair, Thursday, August 15, 2024.
- Dress attire for the pageant will be “Sunday’s Best” (Please no pageant dresses.)
- Contestants **must** be ready at least 15 minutes prior to pageant time.
While getting ready...Only 1 parent per child will be allowed in the pageant building! We have limited amounts of space and need to keep as much room in there as possible!
- **Any contestant and/or family member or guest showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to disqualification of the contestant. No refunds will be given.**
- Parents of the winning contestants **MUST** see the pageant directors immediately following the pageant to fill out the State Fair Little Miss & Mister Pageant paperwork/packet.

PAGEANT DIRECTOR’S INFORMATION:

- Keira Denny...859-613-2234 (After 5:00 p.m.)
 - ◆ Email: keairadenny@yahoo.com
- Katina Harrison... 859-247-1351 (Any Time)
 - ◆ Email: Katina_harrison@yahoo.com

Pageant Director Section: Received: ___ / ___ / 2024 \$ _____ Cash or Check
Contestant # _____

2024 Little Miss and Mister Mercer County Fair Pageant Application

Please Print or Type

Little Miss Contestant Name:

Birthday: _____ / _____ / _____

Sponsor:

Parent(s)/Guardian:

Address:

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Cell Number: (Mom) _____

(Dad) _____

(Other) _____

Please ask the “Little Miss Contestant” these questions and document her answers:

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

If you could be any animal in the world, what would you be?

If you opened up a store, what would you sell?

Who’s your best friend in the whole world & why?

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer time?

Acknowledgment:

As the legal parent(s) or guardian(s) of the contestant you are signing this entry form and certify that all information provided is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge. If requested, you will provide proof of any information requested. You and the contestant's family members agree to have good sportsmanship and act in a manner that does not disrupt the event or its integrity. You certify the age listed above is correct as of the age on pageant day. You acknowledge that the judge's scores are final.

I/we, certify that we have read and agree to follow the rules, regulations and guidelines (provided with this application packet) to compete in this pageant and we will participate in good faith.

Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

2024 Little Miss and Mister Mercer County Fair Pageant Publication Permission Form

Little Miss Contestant

I give my permission, as the parent/guardian of,

_____, to participate in the Little Miss and Mister Pageant at the Mercer County Fair. I also give my permission for the pageant director and fair board members to use my child's name and/or picture for publications such as the newspaper, the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show's website including the pageants page.

Little Miss Contestant's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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2024 Little Miss and Mister Mercer County Fair Pageant Application

Please Print or Type

Little Mister Contestant Name:

Birthday: ___ / ___ / ___

Sponsor:

Parent(s)/Guardian:

Address:

School: _____ Grade: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Cell Number: (Mom) _____

(Dad) _____

(Other) _____

Please ask the “Little Mister Contestant” these questions and document his answers:

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

If you could be any animal in the world, what would you be?

If you opened up a store, what would you sell?

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Little Mister Contestant's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

2023 Little Miss and Mister Mercer County Fair Pageant FAQ's

1. Why would we need to provide proof of residence? Mercer pageants are closed to outside counties; therefore, only children that reside in Mercer County can participate & you **MUST** show proof of residence in Mercer County. (Example...a child who predominately lives in another county w/one parent but spends weekends with the other parent that lives in Mercer County does not actually reside in Mercer County)
2. Why do you need the name of my child's school or daycare? We use this information in the newspaper photo's leading up to the pageant.
3. Will you accept late entries? Late entries may or may not be accepted. Factors such as the maximum # of contestants has been reached may prohibit additional entries. However, if the application is accepted/received after the photo session date, the couple **will not** be eligible for the most photogenic award and no photos will be used in the paper or program.
4. Can we submit our own photograph of the couple? We are sorry but we are not accepting privately submitted photographs.
5. Can we contact the photographer after the deadline to photograph the couple? Contacting the photographer requesting photos to be taken after the deadline is not permitted.
6. Will there be a parent meeting prior to practice? Yes. Once all the entries have been received and processed the director will contact you with a parent meeting date.
7. How will the directors communicate with the parents? Typically, our form of communications will be via text. Therefore, it is imperative that you provide us with any cell numbers that you want to receive communication concerning the pageant.
8. Why can't we have more than one person per child in the pageant building on the day of the pageant? Due to the size of the building and the number of contestants we must keep it at one adult per child.
9. Will our children be asked an on stage question? The top five will! Since they have onstage questions at the state level for the top contestants, we will not have an onstage question. Contestants will be able to show personality & stage presence during on stage introductions, so work with your child to get them prepared talking into a microphone.
10. Will there be a theme? Currently, we do not plan on having a theme for the pageant.
11. How the judging is scored...
On-Stage Appearance = 50% On-Stage Introduction = 20% On-Stage Question = 30%
Finally, all contestants will come back on the stage for a comparison judging (On-Stage/Overall) which can add an additional 2 to 5 points to the total score, if the judges rank them in the top 1-4.