

Welcome!!

On behalf of the Logan County Fair Board, I want to welcome you as a potential contestant.

The **Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant** will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 pm in the grandstands of the Logan County Fairgrounds.

- 1. Friday, June 5 Midnight - APPLICATIONS DUE!
2. Read through all General Rules & Contract sheets.
3. Fill out the last two pages of this packet: *Contact Information* and *Resume*.  
*email to:* logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com  
*or drop off at:* 16 Westminster Dr., Lincoln, IL
4. All applications submitted are accepted.

Notes:

- Wardrobe must be approved at practice by a pageant crew member.
- \$200 sponsorship is due on Sunday, July 19th at practice
- \$75 and raffle tickets are due on Sunday, August 2nd at practice

Should you be chosen as the Logan County Fair Queen you will be the Hostess for the Logan County Fair Association and you will be required to compete at the 2026 Illinois State Fair Queen Pageant in January at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL.

Sincerely,  
Bethany Rademaker & Michelle Ryan

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**Friday, June 5: Applications Due** (Little Miss, Junior Miss, Miss Contestants)

**Sunday, June 14: Informational Meeting & Service Project** at the Logan County Fairgrounds

2:00-4:00pm Miss Contestants *no parent or guardian*

- Assign numbers, stage placement, walking, swimsuit and business suit assignment
- Bring a copy of your printed resume.
- Bring clothes and shoes for working at the fairgrounds

**Tuesday, June 23: Photos & Resume** at The Boardroom Meeting & Event Space

7:00-8:00pm Miss Contestants, no parent or guardian

- Have your head shot taken and then a quick resume review with the crew
- Track Seating will be sold during headshots!

All contestants will be able to purchase 4. Tickets are \$7 a piece.

Checks should be made out to: Logan County Fair.

**Tuesday, June 30: Resumes Due & Speech Workshop** at Michelle Ryan's House

6:00-8:00pm Miss Contestants sign up for 15min time slots

- Sign up for time slot to work on your speech with the pageant committee
- Final resume due: email by 9pm to [logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, July 7: Walking & Production Workshop** at The Elks Ballroom

7-8:30pm Miss Production Number

- Remember to wear your heels that you will be performing in with your production outfits.

**Sunday, July 12: Pool Party** at Michelle Ryan's House

1:00-4:00pm Little, Junior & Miss Pool Party

**Sunday, July 19: Mock Interviews** at The Elks Ballroom

3:00-4:00pm

- Print 9 copies of your resume to bring for interviews
- Sponsorship money due at interview check in!

**Tuesday, July 21: Miss Workshop** at the Logan County Fairgrounds – Blue Door Building

7:00-8:30pm Miss Contestants Full Dress Rehearsal

- bring entire wardrobe for final approval, no exceptions

**Sunday, August 2: Full Dress Rehearsal** at the Logan County Fairgrounds – Blue Door Building

4:00-5:00pm Miss Contestants

- Stage walking, remember to bring entire pageant evening wardrobe

**Current Royalty & Miss Contestants Dinner**

5:00pm Introduction at the Volunteer Dinner – Fairgrounds Pavilion

5:30-6:30pm Royal Dinner

**Tuesday, August 4: Interview & Pageant Day** at Lincoln Christian Church

*Estimated Schedule*

1:00pm Little Miss Contestant Interviews

2:30pm Junior Miss Contestant Interviews

3:30pm Miss Contestant Interviews

5:00pm Miss Dinner and Changing at the Boardroom Meeting & Event Space

6:00pm All Contestants Report Backstage at the Logan County Fairgrounds Grandstands

6:30pm Pageant to Begin

8:30pm 2026 Crowning & Conclusion to the Evening

### ***PAGEANT PHOTOS***

- Please come with your hair and make-up done; you need to wear a strapless or strappy dress that the straps may be slipped down over your shoulders.
- You will be provided a shoulder wrap and necklace to wear for your picture.
- These pictures will be utilized in the newspapers, the Pageant program and attached to your resume.

### ***PRACTICES***

- Practices are held for your benefit and cover walking, posture, interview skills, speech skills and pop question preparation.
- Please wear a sundress or skirt that is school appropriate length. (*no capris or pants*)
- You will also need a pair of heels--at least two inches and can not exceed four inches.

The following is the suggested attire for each portion of the competition:

*\*If you do purchase something, we suggest leaving the tags on and keeping all receipts until the directors have approved the item.*

#### **Interview Suit**

Appropriate attire for this portion of the competition would be a two piece business suit, heels, and hose. You will not find this suit in the Junior's section.

*We have many suits available in our Contestant's Closet.*

#### **Evening Gown**

A "pageant gown" is not necessary for county competition; however, the gown must be floor length. Choose a gown in your best color and shoes and accessories which add to your total look, not distract from it. *There is no need to purchase a gown for this competition if you do not have one. Many contestants borrow from a friend and we have some available in our Contestant's Closet.*

#### **Swimsuit**

*Swimsuit must be one piece and a solid color. It should NOT be extremely low cut at the neck or high cut on the legs, per state competition rules. A suit with built in support is best. You must wear 2 - 4" taupe heels with your swimsuit. No jewelry is to be worn during this phase of competition. These are also available in our Contestant's Closet.*

### ***THE CONTESTANT'S CLOSET***

The Contestant's Closet is offered to help make the Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant affordable. All items can be borrowed but will need to be returned the evening of the pageant, in the same condition.

If an item is turned in that need replaced, the following fees will be applied:

Interview Suits - \$75

Taupe Heels - \$50

Swimsuits - \$75

## ***HOW CONTESTANTS ARE SCORED***

Each category carries a percentage of the total score. Each category is judged and scored independently from all other categories.

Categories include:

Personal Interview 35%

Speech and Communication Skills 30%

Beauty and Physique (in swimsuit) 10%

Stage Presence (in evening gown) 15%

Pop Question 10%.

### **- Personal Interview**

Individual interviews will be held in the afternoon prior to the pageant, beginning around 3:30pm. Please wear daytime make-up and arrive with your hair done for the entire pageant. Remember, this is the time the judges see you close up and first impressions do count. The judges will be especially interested in your personality, mental alertness, sincerity, grammar, general knowledge, personal appearance, manners, etc. The judges will be provided with an application from each contestant. The questions asked will be about you, your interests, and your personal views and goals. There will be no political or controversial issue questions. Make sure you know what job you are interviewing for! Interviews are four minutes long and will be timed.

### **- Communication Skills**

You have the opportunity to speak for one minute on any subject of your choosing. This speech is not looked at as your platform but more as a one minute to show who you are: funny, sincere, etc. Since the majority of the Queen's job is to promote the Logan County Fair, how a contestant speaks and relates to a crowd is very important.

### **- Stage Presence**

Points are accumulated while you appear in your evening gown. The score is accumulated by grace, poise, and the confidence the contestant projects, not the gown.

### **- Pop Question**

You will also be asked a "pop question" on stage. The same question will be asked of each contestant. The answer does not need to be lengthy.

### **- Beauty and Physique**

Good posture, Self-assurance, Physical conditioning that reflects discipline and dedication

\*This will be done at the interview, not on stage

## ***ABOUT THE JUDGES***

There will be a panel of three men and/or women who are genuinely interested in you. Our judges are serious, yet fun-loving people from various places throughout Illinois. They want to enjoy this experience as much as you. Be yourself!

## ***PRODUCTION NUMBER***

Each contestant will participate in our production number. The production number opens the Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant. *The production number is not a scored portion of the pageant*, but a fun way to start off the evening in front of Logan County.

### ***THE QUEEN***

Our 2025 Logan County Fair Queen, Julia Collins, will be present to share information about her reign and your possible responsibilities, should you be chosen as Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

### ***THE CREW***

Our crew is comprised of knowledgeable and helpful ladies that all have experience within the pageant circuit and share an ultimate goal of success. Please trust our experience in matters concerning your preparation for our local pageant and for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant if you are chosen as the Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

Bethany Rademaker & Michelle Ryan - Miss Directors

Sarah Dean & Amanda Pollice - Junior Miss Directors

2025/2026 Lindsey Guy, Alyssa Freed – Little Miss Directors

2026/2027 Kristen Harmsen & Lauren Grenlund - Little Miss Directors

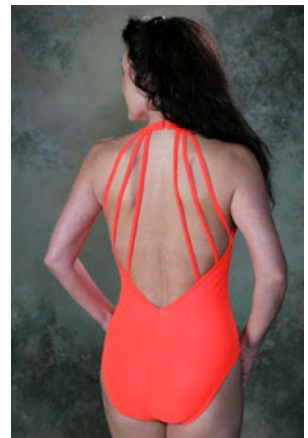
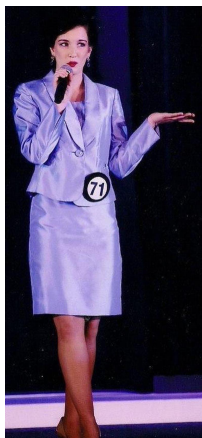
Brandee McCree – Choreographer/Stage Manager

Tish Podunajec & Michelle Mayfield - Practice Coach, Day of Setup & Backstage Assistance

Ellyn Martinez - State Pageant Coordinator

### ***EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE INTERVIEW SUITS & SWIMSUITS***

Below are pictures of interview suits and pageant swimsuits to give you a better understanding of what you will need to wear. Remember that we offer some like these in our Contestant's Closet.



2026 LoganCounty FairQueen Pageant  
INSTRUCTIONS:

- All resume information must be typed, electronic signatures are accepted.
  
- Please note that the judges will see your resume as you have presented it!  
*Please take the time to proofread.*
  
- Your resume will be used by the judges to create their interview questions for you. Please only include information you are comfortable talking about.
  
- Your resume may only be **1page** in length. If you have a great number of activities or honors— choose the best and leave off the rest. Use short descriptive phrases instead of lengthy paragraphs. For example, instead of “I was in show choir for three years,” write under ACTIVITIES: show choir – three years.
  
- Use only current information from high school years forward. We suggest beginning with the most current information and working your way backward.
  
- Please complete and email to [logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com) by Friday, June 5th  
Email should include:
  - Contact Information Sheet *with signatures*
  - Resume Rough Draft

Questions:

Bethany Rademaker, 217-828-0804  
[logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com)

## 2026 EXAMPLE RESUME

### SAMPLE APPLICATION

**Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant 2015**

**HOMETOWN** Logan      **CONTESTANT** #1

**NAME** Jane Doe

**HIGH SCHOOL  
& GRADUATION DATE** Logan - 2013

### COLLEGE & CAREER PLANS

I plan to obtain my Bachelor's degree in Human Nutrition, May 2017 from the University of Illinois and pursue a Master's degree in Agricultural Education. Upon completion, I plan to work in a research and development setting with a leading food corporation and educate others on the importance of nutrition and health.

### EMPLOYMENT

Student Intern for College of ACES, University of Illinois and Summer Intern for ADM

### HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Running, swimming, and biking are some of my favorite hobbies as I participated in a Stone Man Triathlon and a 5K run this past year. I also enjoy skiing - water and snow, photography, dancing, researching news articles on nutrition, baking and trying new recipes, and participating in leadership seminars.

### ACTIVITIES

I am very involved in the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. As a member of the Student Advancement Committee, I have held three executive officer positions including Vice Chair of College Relations and Vice Chair of Alumni Relations. The Jonathon Baldwin Turner Scholarship Program is another large part of my activities, as I am currently serving as the senior member of the team. My campus wide activities include Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, where I currently serve as Vice President of Operations and Health Advocate, and Ma Wan Da Senior Honorary where I hold the office of recruitment chair. I am also involved with the Illinois Leadership Center as a participant of the Illinois Leadership Certificate program enabling me to attend various leadership conferences.

### SPECIAL HONORS

Jonathon Baldwin Turner Scholar, Zonta Health Scholar, Dean's List, Dekalb Outstanding Agriculture Student Award, State FFA Degree, Irma Dana Maxheimer Performing Arts Scholar, ACES Scholarship Recipient - Boyd, Butler, and Fitzpatrick Scholarships, National Agriculture Alumni Development Association Attendee, Greek of the Week

**Miss Logan County  
General Rules & Contract**

Bethany Rademaker  
Cell: 217-828-0804  
Email: logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and have been a resident of Logan County, Illinois for a minimum of six months prior to the pageant date and reside with a Logan County address for the reigning year. This rule excludes a college address.
2. Contestant must be a minimum of sixteen years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her twenty-second birthday by January 1st of the following year.
3. Contestant must be single. Meaning never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled; and cannot be a parent to a child.
4. Contestant can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
5. Contestant will not partake of alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or other dangerous chemicals regardless of the route of consumption or age of contestant.
6. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate. You should not hold another title while competing for Miss Logan County. If you had your crown relinquished you cannot run again for the Logan County Pageant system.
7. Contestant agrees to the following competition lineup: one-piece swimsuit modeled as a group at interviews, evening gown modeled on stage, a speech up to 60 seconds in length given on stage and a 4-minute personal interview in business professional attire that is in front of the judges only.
8. All clothing must be viewed and approved by the directors prior to the pageant. Meaning, do not remove tags of newly purchased clothing.
9. Admission into the pageant will be free for the contestant only.
10. Evening gowns are to be floor length, not two piece, and modest.
11. No additional contestants will be accepted after the deadline.
12. Contestants are required to attend all the rehearsals and workshops unless excused, in advance, by the pageant director.
13. Contestants are required to secure \$200 in donations which will be placed in the pageant fund. Contestants are required to sell 75 raffle tickets. The money secured will be used to pay for awards that will be given the evening of the pageant.

14. Contestants are prohibited from displaying, communicating, and/or providing or having knowledge of inappropriate language, materials or photographs on internet/web sites. Contestant attests that all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Logan County Fair Queen Pageant. Social media handles will be shared with the pageant crew in the contact information sheet.

15. The Contestant agrees that the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging the pageant shall be solely within the discretion of the officials and that the decision of the judges shall be final.

16. The Contestant agrees that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorizes the use of the contestant's name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the contestant to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.

17. The Queen will be chosen and crowned the night of the pageant. No preliminary contest will be held unless deemed necessary by the Pageant Director.

18. The newly selected queen will serve as hostess for the Logan County Fair Association and crown the next Miss Logan County Fair Queen.

19. Prerequisites and duties of the newly selected queen will be:

- The Queen will abide by all the contestant rules as stated previously.
- The Queen will not participate in or represent any other judged pageant during her reign.
- The Queen will represent the Logan County Fair at as many other area pageants and other functions as deemed necessary by the director.
- The Queen must be chaperoned all times while she is representing the Logan County Fair Association. She will be asked to have her own chaperone at all events and the Pageant Committee will attend, when able, for on sight direction and photos.
- She will appear in appropriate attire (crown and sash).
- The Queen will be required to help secure the prizes for the next year's queen.
- The Queen will be required to sign the Illinois State Fair Queen Pageant rules and regulations upon being crowned Miss Logan County Fair Queen.
- The Queen will be required to attend a meeting with a parent/guardian to sign their year contract the morning following their crowning.

20. All personal appearances as Miss Logan County Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director.

21. Any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Logan County Fair Queen must be approved in advance by the Pageant Director.

If the newly selected queen cannot fulfill all the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a candidate, she will relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.

Any grievances or objections to the pageant will be referred to the Pageant Director of the Logan County Fair Association.

Bethany Rademaker 217-828-0804

**2026 Logan County Fair Queen Pageant**  
CONTACT INFORMATION

Due on Friday, June 5th to secure your contestant spot  
Email to: [logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:logancountyfairqueen@gmail.com)  
Subject line: Miss Contact Page - First Name Last Name

The Contestant agrees that the personal data on the pageant application is correct and authorizes the use of the contestant's name, professional photographs and all pageant paperwork completed by the contestant to be used for publicity purposes for the pageant.

I understand that the time, manner, and method of conducting the Pageant is solely within discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the decision of the judges is final.

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_ TikTok: \_\_\_\_\_

Snapchat: \_\_\_\_\_ VSCO : \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Dress Size: XS-XXXL (Production dress will be ordered for every contestant.)

*All contestants, regardless of age, need to have a parent/guardian signature for completion of application.*

Parent Printed & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Printed & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Logan County Fair Queen Pageant 2026

HOMETOWN

CONTESTANT

NAME

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