WIRT COUNTY QUEEN OF THE FAIR PAGEANT 2022

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any unmarried girl between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age, (16 by August 1, 2022 or not more than 22 by January 1, 2023), born a female, never married and never borne a child is eligible to enter provided she is a resident of Wirt County, and/or attending or graduate of Wirt County High School or any other college or university and continues to make Wirt County her formal residence. Former Wirt County Fair Queens are ineligible.

Contestant cannot hold another title for another fair or festival, nor can she compete for another title during her reign as Wirt County Fair Queen. Once an application has been turned into the pageant director, the contestant cannot compete in another pageant prior to the Wirt County Fair Queen pageant.

Entry fee is $100.00. Each contestant can be sponsored by a business, organization, family or friends. It is turned into the pageant director along with the official application. The official application must be completed by typing/printing the appropriate responses. Applications can be scanned and then typed. Please submit a neat application. The judges are given copies of each contestant application.

No contestant will be accepted into the pageant after the deadline unless there are extenuating circumstances.

A queen, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-UP will be selected by a panel of judges depending on the amount of contestants. Miss Photogenic will be judged by a different set of judges. Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants. Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality are not a part of the scoring for the Queen or Runners-Up with the Circle System to determine the winners.

All contestants will be expected to attend pageant rehearsals and no one will be excused without prior permission from the pageant director. Tardiness and failing to attend rehearsals and meetings may be grounds for dismissal. If unable to attend a function it is the contestant’s responsibility to call the pageant director and to find out what you may have missed at that meeting or rehearsal.

Stage and dressing rooms are limited to the pageant director, her committee, the contestants and current Queen only. NO EXCEPTIONS. This applies before, during and after the pageant.

The contestant’s prize package is put together by each contestant contributing an item for the package. For example, if there are eight contestants plus the current queen, each contestant would contribute 9 items. Examples would be candles, small photo albums, key chains, cups/
mugs, make-up bag etc. (Dollar Store and Big Lots stores are great places to find inexpensive items.)

An educational scholarship will be awarded to the Queen and First and Second Runners up if they continue their education after high school. They must be enrolled in accredited school and be enrolled as a full time student. Payment arrangement for the scholarship will be made with the financial aid office of the school. If the recipients of these scholarships do not further their education after high school, money is forfeited back into the fair accounts. If a recipient is a high school student, she must enroll and continue her education immediately after graduation. (Example, graduate in the spring from high school, must attend in the fall.) Scholarship money will be made available at the end of the fair year they were selected as Queen or a runner up and to be used then unless they are still in high school.

Rehearsals are closed to the public. Only parents are permitted to attend. If you participate in social media networking programs such as Face Book, Twitter, You Tube etc. please be aware that inappropriate for profane language or inappropriate photos are not becoming.

Upon becoming Wirt County Fair Queen, the Wirt County Fair Association requires that all parties sign a contract and submit it to the WV State Fairs and Festivals Association. All parties will be given a copy which outlines rules and regulations for the Queen.

The Queen is expected to be present and accessible at the Wirt County Fairgrounds each day. The Queen is expected to be at the livestock show on Thursday and the sale on Friday, youth games each day and all activities on Saturday in addition to any other activities the pageant director or fair board may deem necessary. The Queen will be a spokesperson for the fair when asked.

The Wirt County Fair board requires the Queen to coordinate parades and other appearances with the Wirt County Fair Little Miss/Mister and Princess. The following are considered a must, Elizabeth Fire Department 4th of July parade, Christmas parade and Wirt County High School Homecoming parade.

The Queen will compete in the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen’s competition as a representative of the Wirt County Fair. The fair will pay for the Queen’s entry fee and hotel accommodations for the event.

The Wirt County Fair Queen is a representative for the fair throughout the year until she crowns the next queen. The Fair board expects the queen to act responsively and not to participate in activities that would be an embarrassment to her or the fair board. She is not to be photographed as the Wirt County Fair Queen without permission from the fair board. She is
expected to be cooperative with the pageant director and or fair board with matters considering the fair.

The Wirt County Fair Queen will assist the pageant director with the next Wirt County Fair pageant. The queen will attend and assist pageant rehearsals and she will be responsible for obtaining the next queen’s gift package. The queen will appear on stage to give her farewell speech. No pretaped speeches will be allowed. The queen will crown the next queen.

The current reining Wirt County Fair queen cannot judge any pageants that are in the WV fairs and festivals circuit.

The Wirt County Fair Board has the right to make additions or corrections to these rules and regulations as circumstances arise.