



PRETEEN BEAUTY PAGEANT

August 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Entry form and fee due: Online by July 22, 2020

12-13 Years **\$40 total**

(\$38 entry fee + \$2.00 processing fee)

Rules

- 1) All contestants **MUST BE** at the fairgrounds and checked in by 6:00 P.M. for rehearsal.
 - a) Attire for rehearsal is up to the contestant, this is not a judged category but is open to the public. After rehearsal, contestants will be dismissed to change and prepare for the pageant that will begin at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) **Each contestant must be a legal resident of Benton County.** This means you must LIVE in Benton County. Per State Fair rules, going to school in the county does not constitute residency.
- 3) Previous winners **are not eligible to enter again in the same age division.** If you won last year and wish to crown then you must sit out competing in this year's pageant.
- 4) Contestants will compete in their respective division, **based on their age they day of the pageant (August 1, 2020).**
- 5) **Contestants are required to be on time for all rehearsals and events.** Absent or tardy contestants may be disqualified at the discretion of the Pageant Director and/or Fair Management. **If you are unable to attend or be on time, due to an emergency, contact the Pageant Director per email.**
- 6) Contestants competing in the Benton County Fair PreTeen contest must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Benton County Fair may result in the Queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.

How to Enter

- 1) Entry forms are available at www.bentoncountyfairar.org
- 2) **NEW THIS YEAR,** you must register and pay online by **JULY 22nd, NO EXCEPTIONS.** It will be \$40 total (\$38 entry fee and a \$2.00 processing fee).
- 3) TO ENTER ONLINE:
 - a) Go to <https://bentonar.fairwire.com>
 - b) **If you are entering more than one person online**
 - i) Select "Quick Group" this way you only have to pay the processing fee one time!
 - ii) Then select, register and fill in the information. Once to Departments- Choose beauty pageant and select your division.
 - c) **If you are only entering one person online**
 - i) Then Select, register and fill in the information. Once to Departments- Choose beauty pageant and select your division.
- 4) After you have paid online, please fill out the google form located at <https://forms.gle/HjitJQh65xaxQ1fL9>. (This will also be in "Tips" at the top of the ShoWorks site).
- 5) **DO NOT MAIL YOUR FORM TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
- 6) Confirmation emails from the Pageant Director will be sent out on July 24, 2020.
- 7) DO NOT email the pageant or fair to check on the status of your application.

Pageant Day

- 1) Check in is from 5:30-6:00pm. All contestants will receive their numbers when they check in.
- 2) **PreTeen contestants will have TWO phases of competition;**
 - a) Fair Wear- Wear whatever YOU think represents the fair or you would wear as an attendee of a fair event.
 - b) Evening Gown and Onstage Question- Evening Gown, shoes, and jewelry of choice. Please stay mindful of the age division and keep all attire age appropriate.
 - i) Due to distance and height of the stage and lighting, **contestants may wear makeup**, if they would like.
 - (1) Please keep this minimal and age appropriate.
 - (2) Makeup is not required to win the pageant and is the sole discretion of the parent.
- 3) PreTeen contestants will have ONE dressing room backstage. **NO MALES ALLOWED. NO HAIR/MAKEUP ARTIST ALLOWED. ONLY ONE PERSON PER CONTESTANT. NO PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE ROOM. NO FOOD/DRINKS. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.**
- 4) Judging:
 - a) Judges will be looking for facial beauty, personality, stage presence (confidence and poise) and the contestant's overall appearance.
 - b) The judges may deduct points for excessive make-up, incorrect attire, or age-inappropriate clothing. Judges will not count off for casts, missing teeth, bruises, braces or anything else that a child normally encounters during childhood.
 - c) The pageant will pick qualified and impartial judges and their names will not be released before the pageant begins.
 - d) Score Sheets will **NOT** be given out or made available at any time. This is in accordance with the Arkansas State Fair Pageant. All decisions of the judges are final.
- 5) Winners receive rhinestone crowns. Runner ups will receive a certificate and an Audience Favorite award will be given to the contestant who receives the most votes in each age group. Votes are \$1.00 each.
- 6) Divisional winners will have the opportunity to compete at the State Fair Pageant in October. This is **optional**, feel free to email bcfpageant@gmail.com regarding this.
- 7) Audience Favorite competition will be held throughout the pageant. You are welcome to pre-collect votes and bring money with you the day of, these are \$1.00 per vote.
 - a) **Audience Favorite competition does NOT have any deciding factor in the overall winner.**
- 8) A facebook page "Benton County Fair Pageants" has been setup and will be used to announce all sponsors, awards, and the most up to date information and announcements.
- 9) Direct all questions to bcfpageant@gmail.com or send a message to our Facebook page, Benton County Fair Pageant.

DISCLAIMERS

-The judges will be appointed by the Benton County Fair Pageant. They will be persons well qualified to judge a competition of this kind. Their decision will be final. Critiques and scores 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.

-Neither pageant coordinators, facility where it is being held, or BCFA Inc. is in no way responsible for incidents, accidents, injury or theft that may occur before, during or after the pageant.

-There will be no refunds for fees or audience favorite votes. If you feel you have extenuating circumstances, please email bcfpageant@gmail.com

-Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, traveling companion, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but all future contests.

-The Pageant Director and/or Fair Management of the Benton County Pageant reserves 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 or any rule/statement given orally may be disqualified from the Contest by the Pageant Director and/or Fair Management.