



2020 Ms Benton County Fair Pageant
August 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
Entry form and fee due: Online by July 22, 2020
35-55 Years \$40 total
(\$38 entry + \$2.00 processing fee)

Rules

- 1) **Age Qualifications**
 - a) Contestant must be at least 35 years of age and no more than 55 years of age on the opening day of the Benton County Fair (as of August 1, 2020).
- 2) **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) Applicant must have been born a female and a resident of the State of Arkansas and must have resided there for at least six months prior to her entering the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
- 4) Applicant will continue to be a person of good moral character, affirms that she has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the Ms. Benton County Fair Queen Competition, its representatives and sponsors. She will not willingly appear in provocation and sexually explicit photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the competition, or during her reign as Ms. Benton County Fair Queen.
- 5) Applicant agrees to look solely to the Benton County Fair Pageant Director with respect to all matters relating to the Ms. Benton County Fair Pageant and Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
- 6) The Contestants of the Ms. Benton County Fair Queen competition must have the physical and mental capabilities to participate in this contest. The winner must also maintain such said capabilities in order to fulfill assigned duties.
- 7) Winner must attend all events and complete all duties outlined in Ms. Benton County Fair Queen contract. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of title and all winnings. First runner up will take over at this time.
- 8) **Ms Benton County winner will be required to compete at the State Fair Pageant in October.**
- 9) **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.**

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 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/5BRSdrSDmMzLfgKo7>. (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

RHEARSAL

- 1) Check in will be from 2:00-3:00pm. You MUST be registered and checked in at this time in order to compete, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 2) All contestants will receive their numbers when they check in.
- 3) Rehearsal will begin strictly at 3:00 pm. You MUST attend orientation and rehearsal to compete, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 4) Attire;
 - a) Rehearsal is closed to the public, contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing, hair in curlers and no makeup if desired. We recommend the contestants rehearse in the same shoes they will wear in each phase of competition.
- 5) **Contestants MUST follow the walking pattern they are taught, failure to comply will result in deduction of points.**
- 6) After the conclusion of Rehearsal; contestants will be free to begin preparing for competition.
 - a) There WILL be a dressing room for contestants to change in. **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.**

INTERVIEW

- 7) Directly following rehearsal, afternoon competitions will begin.
- 8) Private Interviews will begin at **4:00 pm**
 - a) Attire;
 - i) Dress or Suit, Jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses.
 - b) **This will account for 50 percent of a contestant’s total score.** All interviews will be seven minutes long and will be timed and monitored.
 - c) Judges are instructed to avoid current affairs and religious or political questions.
 - d) The Judges and Contestants are NOT allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact. **Failure to comply will result in deduction of points.**
- 9) After the conclusion of interviews, Ms. contestants will be released to leave until the night competitions.

EVENING COMPETITIONS

- 10) All contestants will need to be back at the fairgrounds by **6:30 P.M** for fair wear and evening gown and onstage question. You will sit in the audience until your age group is called backstage for lineup. We will start with the PreTeens and end with the Ms. contestants. **There will be a dressing room available to change in at this time.**
- 11) Ms Contestants will have TWO phases of evening Competition

- a) Fair Wear
 - i) Fair Attire is as follows; Something you would wear to the State/County Fair or Rodeo.
 - ii) This will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Over – all first impression, stage presence, and confidence are also included.
 - b) Evening Gown/Onstage Question
 - i) Evening gown attire is as follows; Evening Gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.
 - ii) The Evening Gown Competition will account for 35 percent of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on overall first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked an on-stage question and will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response, her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her Evening Gown score. Judges are instructed “not to judge the gown”, but to “judge the contestant in the gown.
- 12) Winners receive rhinestone crowns, sashes, and a prize package. Runner ups will receive a certificate. An Overall Interview and Overall Fair Wear award will be given to the contestants who receive the highest score in each competition. Audience Favorite award will be given to the contestant who receives the most votes in each age group. Votes are \$1.00 each.
- 13) Ms winner will be required to compete at the State Fair Pageant in October.
- 14) Winner must attend all events and complete all duties outlined in Miss Benton County Fair Queen and Jr. Fair Queen contracts. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of title and all winnings. First runner up will take over at this time.
- 15) Judging:
- a) 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.
 - b) The pageant will pick qualified and impartial judges and their names will not be released before the pageant begins.
 - c) 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.
- 16) 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.**
- 17) 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.