

## QUEEN PAGEANT RULES

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**The deadline for entering the Vanderburgh County Pageant is June 30, 2012. To enter, contact Beth Schmitt at 768-5245. An entry fee of \$7.00 will be collected at the July 3 meeting.**

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years old and can not have had her 21st birthday as of August 17 the first day of the 2012 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Contestants are to attend an introduction meeting on July 3, 2012 at 6:00 at the 4-H Center Expo Hall. Picture will be taken at this meeting for display at the fair. (**Your personal entry form and picture are due at this meeting.**)
3. A contestant must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent her home county. One of her parents or legal guardians must also be an Indiana resident. The only exception: she may reside in an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county in which she enters the contest.
4. Contestants cannot have a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair queen pageant or the State Fair queen pageant. If the 2012 queen becomes or is pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community, such as church groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.
6. No professional model is eligible for the State Fair Pageant. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling). A contestant who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling, or who works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
7. Any contestant who has competed in a State Fair queen pageant cannot compete again and cannot compete for the title of Miss Vanderburgh County.
8. The contestant will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and the ability to converse. At the county level, the judging is divided into five divisions: speech, interview, professional wear, evening gown, and on stage questions.
9. The requirements for each division include:
  - Speech* - Three minute speech about self. (Contestant t-shirt provided for contestants and denim skirt, shorts, jeans, or capris.)
  - Interview* - The contestant will answer impromptu questions in front of the judges. (Suit, dress, pant suit, or pant separates)
  - Professional Wear* - Suit, dress, pant suit, or pant separates. Suit does not have to be of same fabric, separates will be allowed. Attire worn by contestant for interview may also be worn/ judged in professional wear category. Props are not allowed.
  - Evening Gown* - Long evening gown, at least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestant's foot). The evening gown worn for the preliminary judging must be worn for the public pageant.
  - On Stage Questions* - The contestants will answer an on stage, impromptu question during the evening portion of the pageant.
10. The Vanderburgh County pageant will be held on Monday, July 23, 2012. Preliminary judging will occur during the daytime. The public pageant and crowning will be held in the evening at the fair.
11. The winner of the Vanderburgh County pageant will be crowned "Miss Vanderburgh County 2012" and must be prepared to spend from July 23 to July 28 at the fair.
12. The winner of the Vanderburgh County pageant will compete August 17-19, 2012, at the Indiana State Fair pageant. The winner of the state pageant will be crowned "Miss Indiana State Fair 2013" and will be the hostess of the 2013 State Fair.
13. Points and score sheets are for judges' assessment only. Final selection is the judges decision.
14. All contestants of the Miss Vanderburgh County Pageant are expected to work in the Banquet Hall on Friday, July 27, 2012. Work schedule will be assigned.
15. Contestant dates to remember: **July 15th** at 7pm, picnic at the 4-H Center playground; **July 22nd** at 7pm, on-stage practice at Lakeside North (bring evening gown shoes for practice).