***Miss Lawrence County Fair Pageant***

1. All Miss Lawrence County contestants must be 17 through 21 years by August 1st. All contestants must be a legal resident of Lawrence County. All contestants must reside in Lawrence County. Contestants that participate in the Lawrence County fair pageant may not participate in any other county fairs.
2. **NO PROFESSIONAL MODEL** (one who has been paid for modeling) is considered ineligible. The contestant must have been born a female and be a legal resident of Lawrence County. The contestant cannot be, or at any time have been married, engaged, become engaged, pregnant, had/have children, miscarried, or had an abortion. This rule applies to all contestants with specific with special attention pertaining to the new queen in addition to the first alternate during their reign. The contestant must have never been convicted of a crime nor have criminal charges pending.
3. Previous Miss Lawrence County Queens are ineligible to compete again. The winner of the 2024 Miss Lawrence County pageant may not hold another title during the year of her reign.
4. Miss Lawrence County contestants will interview individually on August 10th. The purpose of the interview will be to help determine the personality qualifications in addition to speech qualities. **THE INTERVIEW IS MANDITORY FOR EACH CONTESTANT.** No opening and closing statements will be required and are unnecessary. **This phase of the competition is private**. No visitors, parents, chaperones, coaches, etc. are allowed. **NO TOLERENCE**.
5. The Lawrence County Fair Association will not be responsible for anything **STOLEN, LOST, DAMAGED, OR TORN**
6. **NO SCORES WILL BE RETURNED**.
7. The new queen **will be given the opportunity to represent** the county at the State Fair Queen Pageant. This is not a requirement.
8. In the event a contestant winner cannot, for any reason, fulfill her duties or become ineligible during the course of her reign, a chosen delegate will then take her place. **Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problems created by a contestant, chaperone, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant, could result in disqualification of the contestant; not only from this year ‘s contest, but also from future contest.**
9. The reigning Miss Lawrence County Queen must always conduct herself properly. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or The Lawrence County Pageant Association may result in the winning contestant relinquishing their and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.
10. THE DIRECTORS OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT RESERVE 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 CONTESTANT, AND THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR ADD TO THE RULES AS THEIR JUDGMENT MAY DETERMINE. THE CONTESTANT DIRECTORS WILL DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO FAILS TO ABIDE BY ANY RULE THAT IS STATED OR ORALLY GIVEN, FROM THIS CONTEST, AND ANY FUTURE CONTEST.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:**

The undersigned forever releases and discharges to hold harmless and indemnify The Lawrence County Fair Association, The Lawrence County Fair Board of Directors or employees, charged or chargeable with responsibility or liability that may arise in connection with the natural settings such as accidents arising from stumble and falls, slips and falls, cut or bruises or any other action, duty or responsibility arising out of participating as a contestant / exhibitor of the Lawrence County Fair Pageant and an attending patron of the Lawrence County Fair.

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