

# MIAMI COUNTY FAIR

## QUEEN & PRINCESS GUIDELINES

**Age:** Pageant is open to girls 8-21. (January 1 of current year)

♥ 13-21 years Queen      ♥ 8-12 years princess

Participation is open to all girls. **Not** limited to 4-H or Miami County

### **Qualifications:**

- ♥ Unmarried girls & those that have never been married
- ♥ Girls with no dependent children
- ♥ Willing to sell fair event tickets
- ♥ Optional to ride on fair parade on Wednesday night. A truck &/or trailer will be in the parade line-up early that evening. Girls can get on the trailer up town. The float will bring them back to the fairgrounds. If the parade starts at 7:00 p.m.--girls need to be on it by 6:40. The float will be in the line-up much earlier, but girls can get on at the last.
- ♥ Horseback riding is not required. Horses do not fit our parade line-up.

**Pageant purpose:** Held to select the girl that promotes the fair the most successfully. Determined by the high point ticket sales & bonus activities.

**Bonus Activity:** Each girl can assist at fair event/events & earn bonus points to be added to their final score. A two hour shift at an assigned fair event held prior to Thursday will earn up to 10 bonus points. For example: If you work at the open horse show 2 hours for 10 points. Then work 2 hours at the mutton busting for another 10 points plus 4 hours at a 4-H livestock show. In total, you would have accumulated 40 bonus points. That is equal to selling 40 tickets (\$320). Girls can work a maximum of 50 bonus points. We like to focus more on activities fair board members are in charge of.

To receive bonus points, make sure the superintendent of the event fills out & signs a paper verifying you worked the event. Turn the signed paper into the committee on Thursday's check-in. Schedule a check-in with treasurer, Mary Lynne Hickman.

**Posters by the fair office:** If you opt to make a poster to display near the fair office to encourage office sales credited to you, make the posters SMALL to fit them in limited space. No bonus points will be given for the posters. They are optional & the purpose is to sell tickets in the office. Please take posters with you at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday when the advance sales end.

**Selling tickets:** Each ticket earns the contestant one point on their score.

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: MIAMI COUNTY FAIR or MCFA

Advance price is \$8.00. Gate tickets are \$10. Stress this \$2 savings to help you sell tickets. Children 6 & under are free.

Advance price ends at 5:00 p.m. THURSDAY. For tally reasons, contestants will have a final check-in Wednesday night or Thursday morning. However, all tickets will still be on sale for \$8 and credited to the contestants until 5:00.

**ONE TICKET SOLD ALLOWS ENTRY TO ONLY ONE PERFORMANCE**

**Parade attire:**

- ♥ Sashes on nice, cool outfits.
- ♥ Jeans or shorts in good taste.
- ♥ No low-cut tops.
- ♥ Hats not required.

**Events:** Friday night rodeo and Saturday night rodeo

- ♥ Once advance ticket prices expire on Thursday 5:00 p.m.--**NO** tickets will be allowed to be sold on the fairgrounds or in Wallace Park for the advance price. After 5:00 pm Thursday, only \$10 tickets will be sold by the fair association. The contest is over and no tickets can be re-sold on fairground property or in the park rented by the fair association for the fair week.

**Pit Passes:** Contestants cannot sell pit passes. Your tickets are for getting into the gate only.

**Newspaper photos:** Photos will be taken the night of the pageant meeting and given to the newspaper to be put in the tabloid. If you cannot make it to the June pageant meeting to get your photo taken you need you to contact Emily McCrea to schedule a time to take your head shot photo. Emily will share the photos with the area newspaper. This has to be done by July 1. This gives us time to proof them before they go to print in the tabloid.

**BOOKKEEPING:**

- ♥ We issue each contestant 200 tickets at the start of the pageant. **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS NEED TO BE TURNED BACK IN AT THE FINAL CHECK-IN.** Final check-in is the close of the pageant. You have to turn in money &/or unsold tickets. Set up a good bookkeeping system with an adult. Thursday's check-in order will be drawn for.
- ♥ You are responsible for the tickets you have checked out. Arrange a secret place for your money & tickets. If you allow other people to sell tickets for you, make sure they are responsible. Make sure you have it all collected from others in time to make your check-in time. You don't need to keep all your money until the final check-in. Turn money in along. You can check out more tickets.

**CORONATION:** Our contest is Miami County Fair Queen & Princess. Even though the winners are not called rodeo royalty, we do crown at the rodeo. We do not allow horseback presentations for the pageant. We present you in trucks supplied by sponsors, horse & wagon, or walk into the arena. (Consider arena condition)

**Friday night is the coronation.** Rodeo is 7:30. Coronation is 7:00 p.m. This allows the committee time to smooth the tire tracks out of the arena before the rodeo begins. (United Rodeo rule). All candidates will ride in the back of the truck or wagon. Wave as your name & bio are read. The crowd can identify you. Unless it is very muddy, we will get out of our transportation vehicle for the crowning. Runners-up will exit the arena on foot. New queen & new princess will get back into the truck or wagon & make another trip around the arena. On Friday night only the new queen & new princess will be presented at the rodeo. If you are involved in the project auction or livestock auction, you are not required to be presented on Friday night.

**Sponsors:** An option to increase ticket sales is to find sponsors to help you sell tickets or donate money to your pageant. We ask you to limit to 2 sponsors. They will be announced during your bio at the coronation.

**Drop out:** If a contestant enters the pageant & decides to drop out, the tickets must be turned directly into a committee member by Friday prior to the fair start. Turn into, Beckie, Emily or Aimee

**ROYALTY:** As the queen or princess, you are required to return the following year to crown the new royalty. You will reign over the fair the following year. We encourage any representation of the fair you would like to do. When you are seen at events in your attire, it boosts publicity.

**Awards:**



**Queen:** Tierra sponsored by fair board  
Trophy sponsored by First Option Bank, Paola



**Princess:** Tierra sponsored by fair board  
Trophy sponsored by Citizen's Bank, Paola

**PAYBACK:** This pageant is a profitable summer job  
You can earn payback on your individual ticket sales.

- ♥ Sales from \$0-\$200 --You receive 10 complimentary tickets (\$80 value)
- ♥ Sales from \$200-\$500--10 complimentary tickets plus 15% of your individual ticket sales
- ♥ Sales from \$501 -Up -- 10 complimentary tickets plus 20%
- ♥ Bonus--Anyone selling over 500 tickets receives 20% plus \$50 bonus

Sample: 20% of \$8=\$1.60. Sell 300 tickets & earn \$480 payback.

Payback checks will be mailed a couple weeks following the close of fair.  
This gives the bank time to clear all the checks.

If we are faced with only one contestant in a division, the lone participant must sell a minimum of 100 tickets to be presented the title, trophy & sash.

**Donated tickets:** Some people purchase tickets & want them donated.

- ♥ Lake Mary is one place to take them.
- ♥ State Hospital in Osawatomie likes to receive tickets.
- ♥ Life Care Center in Osawatomie (1615 Parker Street 755-4168)

**Committee members:**

- ♥ Beckie Dysart
  - 906 S. 4th Street Louisburg Ks 66053 913-837-2234
- ♥ Emily McCrea
  - 36940 Plum Creek Rd Osawatomie Ks 66064 913-731-6378
- ♥ Aimee James
  - 1036 E. Wea St Paola, KS 66071 913-787-7225