

**Entry Form Deadline
5:00 p.m., October 5, 2010**

2010 ARKANSAS STATE FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT October 11 - 16, Arkansas State Fairgrounds

The Arkansas State Fair and the Arkansas Livestock Show Association welcome County and District Fair Queens from around the State. The crowning of the Arkansas State Fair Queen is the culmination of a five day event held during the State Fair beginning on Monday, no competition on Friday, and ending on Saturday. All events take place in the Arkansas Building southwest of the Coliseum, except for private interviews with the judges. (See Interview on page 3.)

Three winners will be chosen from each of the four Regional Contest held Monday through Thursday. Each Regional winner will receive a trophy and the right to return to the Finals on Saturday evening. At the Finals Contest the four runners-up will receive trophies, and a special "Ivy Faulk Interview Award" will be presented to the finalist with the highest interview score. The Fair Queen will receive a trophy, crown, flowers, an official portrait, a \$500.00 cash award and a \$1000.00 academic scholarship to any Arkansas College or University.

QUALIFICATIONS & RULES

1. Contestants must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show.
2. A contestant must have been born a female and a legal resident of Arkansas. She cannot be, or at any time have been, married, pregnant, or have had a child. A contestant must have never been convicted of any crime nor have any criminal charges pending.
3. Past Arkansas State Fair Queens are not eligible to compete again. Contestants in the State Fair Queen Pageant are not eligible to compete in State Fair Youth Talent or Rodeo Queen Contests in the same year.
4. A contestant must compete in and win the Fair Queen Contest sanctioned by the County Fair that is held in the county where she resides or attends school. Contestants must either legally reside or attend school (academic, not dance, etc.) in that county for one full semester immediately preceding that county's contest. In the event a contestant whose parents are divorced and live in separate counties, and has been court ordered to reside jointly with both parents, she can only compete in one of the two counties in which her parents reside.
5. If a contestant legally resides in one county but is attending school in a different county in Arkansas (see rule # 4), she can only compete in one of the two counties involved.
6. A contestant from a District Fair must have competed and won the Fair Queen contest sanctioned by that District Fair. Contestants representing the following District Fairs must meet the residency requirements for that District: North Central District Fair, Northeast Arkansas District Fair, Northwest Arkansas District Fair, Southeast Arkansas District Fair, Southwest Arkansas District Fair, and Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair. Contestants representing the Four States Fair in Texarkana must be a legal resident of and attend school in Arkansas. If a District winner is also a County winner, the contestant must represent the District at the State Fair Queen contest. The county which the contestant once represented will be allowed to send a runner up to compete in the State Fair Queen contest.

7. Entries to the Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant are limited to one contestant from each Fair sanctioned by the State of Arkansas. However, counties with two Fairs recognized by the State will be allowed to send one contestant from each Fair, providing that each holds a sanctioned Fair Queen Contest.
8. In the event a County or District winner is unable to compete at the State Contest, a runner-up will be allowed to represent the County or District.
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 Contest Director and/or State Fair Management. If you are unable to attend or be on time due to an emergency, contact the State Fair Office at 501-372-8341 immediately.
10. Entry forms must be neat, legible, completely filled out, and signed by each of the following: (1) contestant; (2) contestant's parent or guardian; (3) an authorized County or District Fair Official. Entry forms should be sent to the State Fair office **within 24 hours** following the County or District contest. **No additions or corrections will be allowed once the entry form is submitted.** Since each judge will receive a copy of all entry forms, it is to the advantage of each contestant that she type or print in ink and pay close attention to such things as spelling, grammar, vocabulary, etc.
11. All Fair Queen entry forms must be received no later than 5:00pm., October 5, 2010. Entry forms may be faxed, mailed or hand delivered. The Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association is not responsible for entry forms lost or delayed in transit by any shipping method.
12. The dressing area for fair queen contestants will be inside the Arkansas Building. Each contestant must be accompanied by one, and only one, female traveling companion who has been approved by her Fair Manager or Contest Official. The traveling companion's duties **cannot** be shared. The contestant must have the same traveling companion throughout the day, and she must be with the contestant at all times. The traveling companion is required to accompany the contestant at rehearsal, to the Interview (but not during the Interview) and in the dressing room prior to the competition. Once the contest begins **no one, including the traveling companion,** will be allowed backstage. Due to past experiences it is recommended that parents, step-parents or guardians should be discouraged from serving as a traveling companion. However, if the contestant chooses one of these as a traveling companion, the State Fair Queen Contest will honor her choice.
13. Female hairdressers and female make-up artists will be allowed in the dressing room from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm and/or at intermission only. They will be required to leave immediately upon completion of their duties. Male counterparts will not be allowed in the dressing room at any time, but they can use the "Male Assistant Area" backstage. Their time schedule will be the same as the female assistants.
14. The reigning Arkansas State Fair Queen must conduct herself properly at all times. Inappropriate behavior bringing unfavorable publicity to herself and/or the Arkansas State Fair will result in the Fair Queen relinquishing her title and the forfeiture and return of all prizes and monetary awards.
15. 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.
16. The State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management of the Arkansas State Fair Queen 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 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 can be disqualified from the Regional or Finals Contest by the State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management.

ENTRY FORMS

Contestants may obtain Entry Forms **only** from the County/District Fair Manager or designated Contest Director, **not the State Fair office**. There is no entry fee. Eligible contestants must complete the Entry Form, including authorized signatures (see Rule #10) and submit it to the State Fair office. Photographs are not necessary. Once the Entry Form is received at the State Fair office, additions or corrections to the Entry Form will **not** be allowed.

REHEARSAL

Look for your County or District Fair on Page 6 to find the appropriate region and day of your competition. Registration and orientation will begin each day at 8:30am. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9am and be over by 11am. You **must** attend the morning orientation and rehearsal in order to compete that evening. **No exceptions!**

COMPETITION CLOTHING

Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges and will be assessed individually and comparatively in Sportswear and Evening Gown competitions. Contestants will need the following clothing: **Rehearsal** – Since the 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.

Private Interview – Dress or suit, jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses.

Sportswear – Sports attire representing a favorite athletic-type sport such as baseball, tennis, cheerleading, hunting, fishing, etc. Gymnastics and dance do not qualify as a sport in this competition. Props are acceptable, but must be carried only. They cannot be used to demonstrate a sport.

Evening Gown – Evening Gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.

ADMISSION AND PARKING

Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 11 (see map on page 7). Only contestants and traveling companions will be allowed free admission and parking. All others must pay gate admission and a parking fee. No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. However, contestants and traveling companions will be allowed to unload at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel.

INTERVIEW

After rehearsal contestants and traveling companions should proceed to the Holiday Inn Express on I-440 East at the Airport Exit (see map on page 7) for an interview with the judges. Interviews will begin at 1:30pm. All contestants and traveling companions should meet in the lobby of the hotel at 1:15pm. The Interview will account for 35 percent of a contestant's total score. All interviews will be five minutes long and will be timed and monitored. Judges are instructed to avoid current affairs and religious or political questions. Contestants are free to leave at the end of their interview. The 12 finalists will not have a second interview. The interview points which the 12 finalists accumulate at the Regional Contests will be carried over to the Finals. Although contestants are not required to stay at the hotel where the interviews are being conducted, it would be to their advantage to do so. The Holiday Inn Express has graciously offered a discount rate to Fair Queen contestants who wish to stay overnight. Call 501-490-4000 and identify yourself as a pageant contestant and you will receive the discounted State Fair rate. Any contestant who does not have a place to dress for the interview will be allowed to use the dressing room at the Arkansas Building.

SPORTSWEAR

Sportswear will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Consideration for the appropriateness and creativity of a contestant's sportswear outfit is only a part of the judging criteria in the Sportswear competition. Over-all first impression, physical fitness, energy level, proportion of figure in relation to height and weight, posture, poise, personality, stage presence, and confidence are also included. In the event of an on-stage question as a part of the Sportswear competition, a contestant would be wise to be familiar with and somewhat knowledgeable of her chosen sport. Her ability to answer confidently and spontaneously, as well as her tone of voice, will also be important in determining the Sportswear score.

EVENING GOWN

The Evening Gown Competition will account for 50 percent of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on over-all 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."

DRESSING AND BACKSTAGE

Contestants and their traveling companions must report to the dressing room inside the Arkansas Building no later than 5:30pm to prepare for the evening competition. The Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association is not responsible for loss or damage to clothing or other personal items left in the dressing room or in other areas. Contestants and contest officials **only** are allowed backstage at anytime.

REGIONAL CONTESTS

All regional contestants and traveling companions should return to the fairgrounds after the interviews no later than 5:30pm. Any contestant wishing to come earlier may do so. The contest will begin at 7:00pm. A gate pass and parking permit will be provided at the morning rehearsal for the contestant and traveling companion to re-enter the grounds for the evening competition. Like the morning rehearsal, they may unload their vehicle at the Arkansas Building and then park elsewhere as directed by security personnel. Contestants may use the dressing room at any time, but remember, only contestants, traveling companions, female hairdressers and female make-up artists are allowed in the dressing room, and the State Fair is not responsible for their belongings. Three winners will be chosen from each Regional Contest to compete in the Saturday night Finals. The State Contest Director will provide these contestants with further Finals instructions and details at the conclusion of each Regional Contest.

FINALS

Finalists from each of the four Regional Contests who are chosen to compete in the Finals on Saturday night should arrive at the Arkansas Building for a 3:00pm rehearsal. Be sure to allow time for traffic delays. Contestants will have ample time to change and prepare for the evening competition after the rehearsal. The Final Contest will begin at 7:00pm. Any contestant who fails to attend the Finals rehearsal and/or contest will be disqualified as a Finals contestant and will be ineligible to compete again in future contests.

JUDGING

The judges will be appointed by the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show Association. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. **Critiques 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.**

AWARDS

1. **Regional Finalists:** The top three contestants in each Region will receive trophies and the right to return to the finals on Saturday.
2. **Finalist Runners-up:** The four runners-up in the Finals Competition will receive trophies.
3. **Fair Queen:** The Fair Queen will receive a trophy, crown, flowers, official portrait, \$500.00 cash award, and a \$1000.00 Scholarship.
4. **Ivy Faulk Interview Awards:** The Finals contestant with the highest interview score will receive a special trophy.

FAIR QUEEN DUTIES

During her reign, the Fair Queen is required to attend the following four events on our behalf: the Arkansas Fair Managers Association meeting in Hot Springs in January, Arkansas Livestock Show Association Annual meeting at the fairgrounds in August, Arkansas Hospitality Convention in Little Rock in September and the 2011 State Fair Queen contest. County and District Fairs or other organizations may invite her to appear at their events throughout the year. Attending County Fairs and District Fairs are not mandatory, but we encourage the Fair Queen to represent the State Fair during her reign when possible.

**The Arkansas State Fair Queen Pageant is divided into 4 Regions.
Find the Region for your fair and come on that day.
CONTESTANTS MUST BE ON TIME FOR ALL PHASES OF COMPETITION.**

REGIONS

SOUTHWEST

*Monday
10/11*

Clark
Columbia
Garland
Hempstead
Hot Spring
Howard
Lafayette
Little River
Miller
Montgomery
Nevada
Pike
Saline
Sevier
Union
Four State
SW District

NORTHWEST

*Tuesday
10/12*

Baxter
Benton
Boone
Carroll
Conway
Crawford
Franklin
Johnson
Logan
Madison
Marion
Newton
Perry
Polk
Pope
Scott
Searcy
Sebastian
Washington
Yell
Arkansas – Oklahoma
NW District

NORTHEAST

*Wednesday
10/13*

Clay
Cleburne
Fulton
Greene
Independence
Izard
Lawrence
Mississippi
Poinsett
Randolph
Sharp
St. Francis
Stone
Three County
Tri - County
Van Buren
White
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NE District

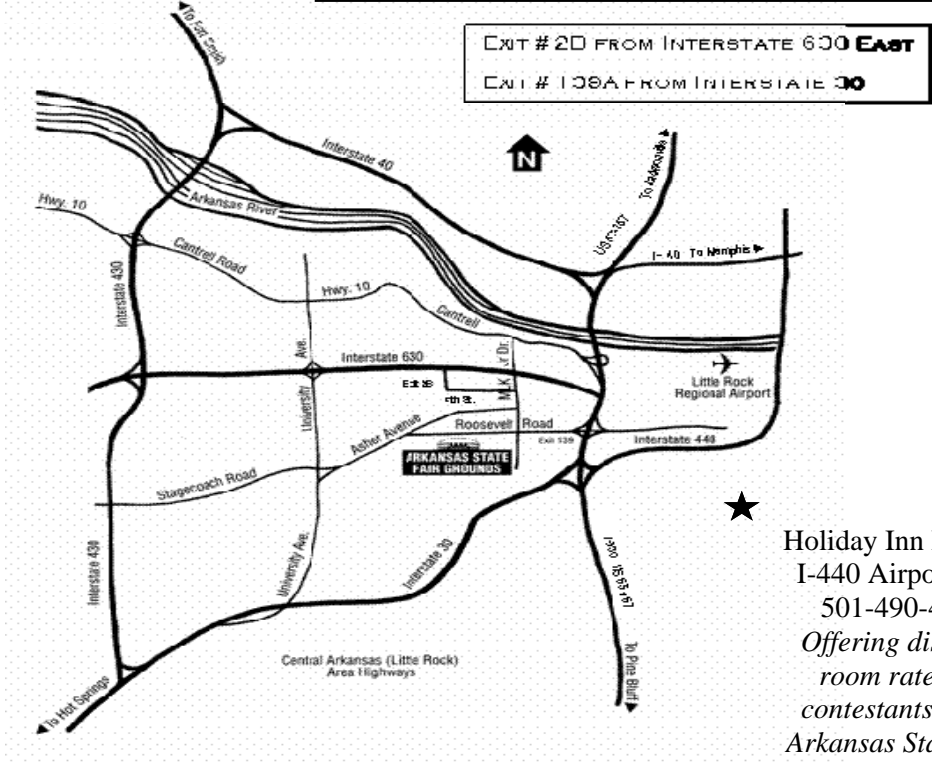
SOUTHEAST

*Thursday
10/14*

Arkansas
Ashley
Bradley
Calhoun
Chicot
Cleveland
Dallas
Desha
Drew
Faulkner
Grant
Lincoln
Lonoke
Ouachita
Prairie
SE District

YOU WILL BE ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS THROUGH GATE 11. VARIOUS GROUPS MAY BE ARRIVING AT THE SAME TIME. THIS INCLUDES SCHOOL BUSES AND LIVESTOCK TRAILERS, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE DELAYS AT THE GATE. ALLOW YOURSELF TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CONTEST DIRECTOR CONTACT THE STATE FAIR OFFICE AT 501-372-8341 OR BY EMAIL AT deb@asfg.net

Arkansas State Fairgrounds
 2600 Howard St., Little Rock, AR 72206 (501) 372-8341



Access to Gate 11 from Roosevelt Road:
 South on Schiller Street, along the East fence of the fairgrounds, to the end at Gate 11. Security staff will assist with directions to the Arkansas Building and parking instruction.

