

Miss Russell County Fair 2023

***Saturday, August 19th, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Lebanon High School
105 Charles C. Long Drive Lebanon, VA 24266***

Rules and Application Packet

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Russell County Fair Association

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******The Miss Russell County Fair pageant is open to
contestants ages 0-22 residing in the
NINE surrounding counties of Southwest Virginia!!!
(Russell, Scott, Wise, Lee, Washington,
Smyth, Tazewell, Buchanan, and Dickenson)***



RULES

All contestants must be a resident of Russell, Scott, Wise, Lee, Washington, Smyth, Tazewell, Buchanan, or Dickenson counties. They must be single, never married, without children, and be from 0 months to 22 years of age as of August 19, 2023. Contestants competing in the Miss Russell County Fair age division must not have their 23rd birthday on or before January 7th, 2024.

- 1. Contestants must be of good moral character never having been pregnant, one that has not been convicted of a crime, nor has any criminal charges against her, one that has never done any act or engaged in any activity that could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, or in bad taste.**
- 2. Winners are NOT eligible to enter the same division of competition the following year.**
- 3. Management has the right to combine or divide age groups.**
- 4. JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!! Score sheets are not given out.**
- 5. Proof of residency and age is required upon request.**
- 6. Ages 0 months - 12 years will compete in Western Wear ONLY. Ages 13 years -22 years will compete in Personality Wear and change to Formal Evening Wear.**
- 7. Ages 16 to 22 will be required to participate in an interview portion that also requires a 30 second community involvement or platform speech. This will be held on Saturday, August 19th, 2023 at the high school prior to the Jr. Miss portion of the pageant. Contestants need to arrive interview ready!**
- 8. ALL FEES, APPLICATIONS, PHOTOS, AND SPONSORSHIP MONEY/ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED THE EVENING OF REHEARSAL. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- 9. Rehearsal is MANDATORY and will be at Lebanon High School Thursday, August 17th, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00p.m.**
- 10. For age divisions 0 months - 12 years the Pageant will begin at 1:00 sharp, Saturday, August 19th, 2023 at Lebanon High School. After the conclusion of those age divisions there will be a 30-minute intermission and we will begin with the Jr. Miss category to be immediately followed by the Miss category.**

SPONSORSHIP

- ❖ **ALL** contestants are encouraged to participate in the Sponsorship Queen portion of the pageant. The young lady who raises the most money will be our Sponsorship Queen and will receive a gorgeous crown and plaque.
- ❖ All Sponsors will need to be listed on the sheet provided in the application with the amount of the donation to help keep track of the monies that are turned in. This will be turned in the day of rehearsal.
- ❖ **NO SPONSORSHIP MONEY WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DAY.**

PHOTOGENIC COMPETITION - \$10 ENTRY FEE

- ❖ One 5X7 or 8X10 can be entered for Miss Photogenic. It needs to be a recent photo of the contestant, in a neutral frame, under glass, and will need to be turned in the day of rehearsal. The **NAME, AGE, and ADDRESS** must be on the back of the photo securely attached.
- ❖ Photos will be judged in **4 categories**: Ages 0 months - 4 years, 5 years - 9 years, 10 years - 15 years, and 16 years - 22 years. **Photographs must be picked up immediately following the pageant. The pageant committee is NOT responsible for photos that are not picked up.** Trophies and sashes will be presented to the winners. Only **FOUR** winners will be chosen for the entire pageant for Miss Photogenic.

PAGEANT COMPETITION - \$35 ENTRY FEE

- ❖ **Queens of Miss Russell County Fair are strongly encouraged to participate in Fair Activities during the 2023 Russell County Fair.** Some of these include making appearances throughout the week at various fair functions, such as the Horse Show, RC Fair Raffle Giveaway, Senior Citizens Day, School Day, etc.
- ❖ Each age division will have a **Queen, First Runner Up, and Second Runner Up.**
- ❖ **ALL** contestants ages 0 months - 6 years will receive a Participation Trophy.

SIDE NOTES

- ❖ Miss Russell County Fair 2023 must agree to represent Russell County at the Virginia Association of Fairs Pageant in Williamsburg VA on January 4-7th, 2024. This is an all-expense paid trip for the Queen. The contestant must be at the convention no later than 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4th, 2024.
- ❖ If the queen is unable to fulfill **ANY** responsibilities, which include attending various functions throughout the fair and year, the First Runner-Up will assume the responsibility and duties as Miss Russell County Fair.
- ❖ The Pageant Director will work closely with and guide the reigning Queen in **ALL** aspects of preparation for the Miss Virginia Association of Fairs competition. The Pageant Director will also approve **ALL** wardrobe selections and presentations prior to the VAF competition.
- ❖ A prize of \$350 will be awarded to the winner of the Miss Russell County Fair Pageant. This will be maintained by the Pageant Director to be used specifically for VAF competition costs. (Clothing allowance, hair, etc.)
- ❖ PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF REHEARSAL FEEL FREE TO CALL OR EMAIL WHITNEY PHILLIPS, MRCF DIRECTOR, AT 276-608-1602 OR whitnit2004@yahoo.com.

Age Divisions (Please circle)

*****Make all checks payable to RCFA*****

0-12 months

13 months-2 years

3-4 years

5-6 years

7-9 years

10-12 years

13-15 years

16-22 years

Applications and entry fee can be mailed to:

Russell County Fair Pageant

PO Box 2105

Lebanon, VA 24266

This is not a requirement.

Applications can be brought to rehearsal

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Birth/Age: _____

Daughter of: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____ Height _____

Current School and grade: _____

What college would you like to attend: _____

Hobbies/Ambitions: _____

One word to describe yourself: _____

E-mail address: _____

Pageant Entry Fee \$35.00 _____ Pageant and Photogenic Entry Fee \$45.00 _____

Signature of Parent or Contestant if over 18 years of age:

PAGEANT COMMITTEE USE ONLY!!!

PAID _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____

INITIAL _____

**MISS RUSSELL COUNTY FAIR 2023
SPONSORSHIP SHEET**

SPONSOR	AMOUNT

*****Additional Sheets can be added if needed*****