



MISS MACOUPIN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT 2010 OFFICIAL RULES

Pageant Director: Julie Fischer 217-839-2807

Committee Members: Mr. and Mrs. James A. Donaldson, Kristen Fischer York, Mr. and Mrs. Dave O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Arnett, and Susan Howard

Courtney Ostendorf is the 20 year old daughter of Sonja Levie of Benld and Daryl Ostendorf of New Athens. She is currently attending Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville majoring in Elementary Education. She would like to eventually obtain her master's degree in business administration. Courtney has been employed for the past three years at Formals of Litchfield. At Formals, she enjoys helping young ladies find just the right dress. Self-Confidence is an aspect she hopes to help every young woman obtain.

Courtney was crowned in July 2009, Courtney spent her first week at the county fair making life long memories with her Jr. Miss Madi Rogers, Little Miss Mary Shay Dennison and Little Mister Peter Lopez. Throughout Courtney's rein she has traveled the state visiting other county fairs, parades and pageants. A highlight of Courtney's rein was spending a four-day weekend in Springfield for the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen pageant. It was there that Courtney represented Macoupin County alongside 65 of her other county fair queen friends. During the crowning on Sunday night, Courtney was named 1st Runner-Up. She is the first Macoupin County Queen to bring this title home. Courtney would like to invite all the young ladies to compete in the Macoupin County pageant because it is a place where love, friends, and farming reign. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their love and support after all, they are the real jewels in her crown. Courtney would like to invite everyone to the 2010 Macoupin County Fair!

1. Contestant must be single; never have been married, divorced, and pregnant or had a marriage annulled.
2. Contestant must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the State of Illinois, and a resident of Macoupin County or attend high school in Macoupin County.
3. Contestant must be a girl the minimum age of 16 years old by July 1 of the participation year and must not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1 of the following participation year.
4. Contestant must not have been arrested, incarcerated, be on probation or have been convicted of a felony.
5. Contestant may not be a reigning county fair queen nor be a former county fair queen [of any county].
6. The reigning Miss Macoupin County Fair may not compete for any other title, nor be in any other pageant during her reign, except the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. This also applies to the first and second runners-up.
7. Professional models will not be eligible. (However, attendance at a charm or modeling school does not classify the girl as a professional model. Professional modeling is defined as accepting money for modeling and/or being listed with a modeling agency.)
8. Contestant agrees to appear on stage in a one-piece swimsuit, a formal, and business suit attire for judging and agrees to be personally interviewed by the judges.
9. Contestant agrees that the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging the contest shall be solely within the discretion of the officials and that the decision of the judges shall be final.
10. Miss Macoupin County must sign a contract with the Fair Association that she will represent Macoupin County at the Illinois County Fair Contest in January. Failure to do so will mean relinquishing the title, cash, and winnings to the 1st runner-up. The queen will also be present nightly at the Grandstand and be introduced. She agrees to appear in appropriate attire – a dress, crown, and sash. She may appear more times if her schedule permits such appearances.
11. Miss Macoupin County Fair agrees to participate in functions during the year upon request of the pageant committee. Activities connected with the Macoupin County Fair shall take precedence over any and all other appearances.
12. All personal appearances as Miss Macoupin County Fair shall be approved in advance by the pageant director or her appointee [including photographic sessions, and pictures released as the role of Miss Macoupin County Fair].

13. The pageant director or her appointee, prior to the competition in Springfield, will review the wardrobe to determine suitability. One 8x10 color photograph and 1 black and white wallet size [taken by Ken Meade Photography of Carlinville], accompanying the official entry form must be in the hands of the State Pageant Director by October 1. Promotional picture of all contestants will be taken by Bartels Photography of Gillespie.
14. Each contestant agrees to abide by the rules of the county and state pageants now in effect or as hereafter announced.
15. The winner of the Macoupin County Queen Contest will receive a \$500 cash award [paid at the County Fair] and an additional \$500 after completion of the state pageant in January.
All decisions made by the pageant committee will be final.
16. Applications can be obtained from Julie Fischer, director. All entries must include sponsoring organization.

Applications should be mailed to: Julie Fischer
710 West Oak
Gillespie, IL 62033