

2021 Mercer County Fair Pageant Application

Pre-teen (ages 8-12). Contestant must be 8 years of age on June 30th, 2021, cannot be 13 before or on October 31, 2021, and must reside in Mercer County.

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade this Coming Year _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

(as you want them to appear in newspaper)

Parent/Guardian 1 Contact Information:

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Contact Information:

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

**Texting will be the primary means of communication in addition to the Facebook page called Miss Mercer County Fair Pre-Teen Pageant. If you are a Facebook user, please like the page to receive notifications.

Sponsor _____

(contestants may ask business owners to pay all or some of the entry fee)

Do you have any special needs of which we need to be aware? (allergies, medical needs, physical limitations, etc.) _____

I, _____, give permission for my daughter, _____ to participate in the 2021 Miss Mercer Co. Fair Pre-Teen Pageant. I have read all of the attached information & agree to all of the requirements of the Mercer County Fair Board including allowing my child's image to be used for publicity purposes. I also understand that any poor sportsmanship by family members or the contestant could result in the relinquishing of her title.

Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

Check here if child has been in **three or less** pageants in her lifetime (for Amanda Bailey Rising Star Award) _____

Contestant's Name _____
Age _____

Complete the following questions using only the space provided.

What are your hobbies, clubs, & awards?

What is something you like about yourself & why?

What three words best describe you and why?

If you could do or be anything you wanted for a day, what would it be?

What do you do to make a difference in the world?

What is something about yourself that few people know?

If you had \$1,000 to spend, how would you spend it?

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Mail the first two pages of this application with a check for \$75 payable to the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show (Memo line: Pre-Teen Pageant) to:

Amy Riley

109 Ash Brooke Lane
Harrodsburg, KY
40330

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS **June 18th**. There are a limited number of spots in this pageant due to stage space, so the sooner you get your application in the better. Before June 1st is recommended to secure your spot!

Keep all remaining pages of this packet as your personal reference guide.

For questions about the pageant contact:

Director, Amy Riley (859) 612-9053 or via email:
amy.riley@mercer.kyschools.us

Assistant Director, Heather Howard (859) 613-3141 or via email:
jchhdh@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Pageant Date: Tues., July 27, 2021

Times: Interviews will be mid-afternoon. Exact time & place TBA. Pageant begins at approximately 8 PM.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING/PAGEANT CLINIC: (Optional) May 25th, 6:30 PM,
MCSH Auditorium

PAGEANT DRESS REQUIREMENTS:

Interview: Contestants are asked to wear a Sunday style dress that is age

appropriate.

On-Stage Introduction/Sportswear: Outfit will be a SOLID shirt of choice (no monogramming or designs of any kind. Buttons are fine.) in any pastel shade (baby blue, mint green, peach, light pink, yellow, lilac, etc.) and white shorts or capris. Shoes and accessories are the girl's choice. SHORT, catchy intro will include name, contestant number, parents, and sponsor.

Evening Gown: Floor length gown (perfectly touching the floor; shoes not visible when walking) that fits properly and is age appropriate is required. No strapless or off the shoulder dresses for this age group. There are many Facebook pages available to purchase pre-owned dresses. See directors for more information.

SCORING: Competent, out of town judges will score using the following percentages:
Interview 35% (Appearance, Confidence, Speaking, Eye Contact, Overall Impression) On-Stage Introduction/Sportswear 25% (Public Speaking Ability, Appearance, Poise, Confidence) Evening Gown 40% (Appearance, Poise, Dress Choice)

**Decision of the judges is FINAL. Scores will not be given to contestants, but judges comments/suggestions will be provided by the director upon request. Good sportsmanship is required of all contestants and family members. No questions/comments should be directed to judges in any form, including on social media.

AWARDS:

Miss Preteen Mercer County Fair and Horse Show, 1st runner up, 2nd runner up, 3rd runner up, Interview, People's Choice Award (based on Facebook likes), Miss Congeniality (voted upon by contestants), Photogenic, & Spirit (Directors' choice)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF WINNER: Represent Mercer Co. in the state pageant in October in Louisville, be available in sash, crown & nice dresses the week of the fair to present ribbons to horse show winners (Director will let you know dates but these will primarily be on the weekend), & participate in Harrodsburg & Salvisa Christmas parades.

PHOTO DATES: (Must choose one. Dress is casual, but

stylish)

Photo Session 1: Tuesday, June 22nd
from 5 til 8 PM

Photo Session 2: Tuesday, June
29th from 5 til 8 PM.

Location: The Stable building at the
fairgrounds

The professional photos taken these two nights are the **only ones eligible for the photogenic award and guaranteed for printing in the newspaper and program. However, you can turn in your own professional photo to the director by July 6th, but there is no guarantee it will be printed and it will **NOT** be eligible for the photogenic award. DO NOT call The Herald to ask for an extension.

PRACTICE DATES/TIMES:

Tuesday, July 20th from 5:30-7:00 PM Center
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Thursday, July 22nd from 5-7 PM Center
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Saturday, July 24th from 7-9 PM Center
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