



# *Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant*

March 23, 2024

Application availability: online, [www.claycountyfair.org](http://www.claycountyfair.org) (under participation)

(Contestant must be accompanied by 1 parent or guardian if not 18 years or older)

## **Important dates:**

**Application and entry fee deadline – Friday, March 8, 2024**

Mandatory Meeting – Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. Green Cove Springs Park (pavilion)

Rehearsal (at venue) – March 22, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. Please bring all shoes.

Interviews (at venue) – March 23, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Pageant (at venue) – March 23, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Venue – Hibernia Baptist Church

7100 Highway 17

Fleming Island, FL 32003

Points will be deducted for not attending Mandatory Meeting and rehearsal.

**Application** and **non-refundable** entry fee must be at the Clay County Fair Association office by **March 8, 2024**. The application and entry fee can be submitted from the fair website:

<https://www.claycountyfair.org/p/getinvolved/scholarships/miss-clay-county-fair-scholarship-pageant> or dropped off or mailed to:

Clay County Fair Association

2493 State Road 16 West

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

**Application fee: \$100.00 – all divisions (non-refundable)**

**NO FAXED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

It is your responsibility to make sure your entry form was received. Please confirm by calling the fair office at (904)284-1615.

Please keep a copy of your application to practice interview questions.

**Contestants must reside in Clay County to compete.**

Applications need to be legible since the judges use it in the interview portion of the pageant. There will not be an opportunity to hand in a different application or additional paperwork after the deadline.

Each queen should be able to speak effectively and respond to questions concerning the fair, pageant, and themselves. They should be friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and sincere. Since each queen will be making appearances during the year, they are asked not to compete in another pageant that could/would conflict with her obligations to the Clay County Fair Pageant. Each queen should be of good moral character.

**The pageant consists of the following categories:**

All contestants will compete in each category listed: no exceptions.

Private Interview – 40%

Western Wear – 30%

Evening Gown/Impromptu Question – 30%

Date of Pageant: **Saturday, March 23, 2024**

Interviews: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Hibernia Baptist Church

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Stage competition: 4:00 p.m.

**Superintendent:**

Diana Rothwell

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Age Divisions

Miss Clay County Fair 16 – 19

Teen Miss Clay County Fair 13 – 15

Pre-Teen Miss Clay County Fair 11 - 12

Jr Miss Clay County Fair 9 – 10

Each Division

Queen

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up

Additional awards described below:

Additional Awards

Community Service

Interview

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### **Official Rules**

1. Entrant must be a resident of Clay County, U.S. citizen and never: been convicted of a crime, have any criminal charges pending against them, have any adjudication pending against them. Entrants should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
2. The entrant is and will continue to be a person of good moral character; she has not committed and will not commit any acts inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and convictions, or that she reflects unfavorably on the Clay County Fair Pageant or Clay County Fair Association.
3. Female entrants only, born female, must be single; have never been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled. She must never have been pregnant, nor become pregnant or married before or during her reign.
4. Any piercing, other than 2 earlobe piercings must be removed prior to the pageant/appearances. If there is a navel piercing that cannot be removed, a Band-Aid must be placed over it.
5. No visible tattoos or body art.
6. Entrant is required to attend all workshops and rehearsals.
7. All information and photos submitted become the property of the Clay County Fair Association. Once the packet is turned in, no revisions may be made unless requested by Pageant Superintendents. Names of applicants will not be released to other contestants.
8. Mandatory 2 entrants per age category to hold specific title. If there is a limited number of contestants in a specific age category, Pageant Superintendents/Board in charge of Pageant have the right to remove/combine age category. If age category is removed, entrant will be contacted and refunded application fees in full.
9. Entrant will be placed in age category based on their age on the day of the pageant.
10. Entrant agrees to pay the entry fee in full of application. Payments are made to the Clay County Fair Association. Money order only. Money order must be made payable to the Clay County Fair Association. Contestants may obtain sponsors other than family. ALL fees are non-refundable.
11. Entrant, family, and affiliates agree the judges' decision is final.
12. Entrant has not previously held the title in which they are competing.
13. Clay County Fair Association, Pageant Superintendents/Board in charge of Pageant, nor Venue are not responsible for any items lost, damaged or stolen.
14. All entrants who are minors must have a legal guardian present during all rehearsals and competition.
15. No one is allowed backstage during the pageant.

**As a winner you agree to:**

1. Be available during the Clay County Fair to serve as an official host/hostess of the fair and other events through the reigning year.
2. Not to partake in public alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, NO using illegal drugs, no public fighting, swearing, and nude/partial nude photos while holding this title. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other online social media will be monitored by the pageant committee.
3. Obtain approval in advance from the Pageant Superintendents/Board in charge of pageant for all personal appearances, as well as any photo sessions (in crowns and sashes).
4. Provide all transportation to and from all events.
5. Notify Pageant Superintendents of an absence for an appearance. Some appearances may be on short notice. Parents/legal guardian must make the phone call if under 18.
6. Funding of supplies throughout the reign; event entrance fees, mileage, fuel, parking expenses, car rentals for parade, and food.
7. If you compete in another pageant, please notify Clay County Fair Pageant Superintendents. Should you win, Clay County Fair Queen appearances will take precedence over other title.
8. If unable to fulfill duties, please return all applicable awards (scholarship, crown, sash, trophies, etc.) immediately.
9. If you move from Clay County during your reign, please notify your Pageant Superintendents. Contact information must be up to date with Pageant Superintendents, such as, cell phone numbers, home numbers, and email addresses for communication purposes.
10. Attending ALL scheduled events, meetings, and guest appearances. When wearing your crown and sash you will be expected to dress appropriately, have your hair and make-up done (age appropriate) as well as manicured nails.
11. Your behavior is expected to be always respectful. You have now become a Role Model, so it is imperative to always be friendly and speak to others. Please do NOT have your cell phone in your hand texting while making appearances.
12. No significant other while making appearances. ALL queens will most likely be together for appearances so you will not be alone.
13. When making appearances, make certain you are wearing crown and sash. If the pageant coordinators decide on crown or sash only, you will be contacted for that specific occasion. If in doubt, always have both crown and sash with you.
14. Entrance fee is non-refundable.
15. If your sash and/or crown is lost, stolen, or damaged, you will be responsible for replacement.
16. If you are a participant in "any" area of the Fair, your community service hours must be done outside that area of the fair. Again, the Fair office will assign that area for your community service hours.