

# Menard County Fair Queen Pageant

**Director:** Haley Stewart  
**Assistant Director:** Lindsey Whitley  
**Assistant Director:** Abbey Knox

## TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

1. Personal Characteristics: In order to be eligible, contestants must certify to the Personal Characteristics in this section:
  - a) Must be a minimum of 16 years of age and not have reached her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by January 1, 2024. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant, Parent or Legal Guardian must currently be a resident of Illinois for a minimum of six months.
  - b) Can never have been convicted of a felony offense.
  - c) Was born female and have always been a female.
  - d) Does not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
  - e) Is of good moral character. Has never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent. Attests that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook Twitter, and all other social media sites are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Menard County Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Contestants must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had their marriage annulled. Contestants can never have been pregnant, is not the adoptive parent of a child.
3. Limitations - Contestants must reside within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts or must be attending Menard County Schools, or has graduated high school from a Menard County School. Any girl whose parents are residing within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts, who is a student at a university, college, trade school or other school of higher education, shall be eligible.
4. Contestants will be judged as follows:
  - 25% Stage Presence
  - 25% Beauty & Physique
  - 35% Personal Interview
  - 15% Speech & Communication
5. All contestants will complete their interview and beauty & physique portion prior to the pageant. Then the contestants will appear on stage in business suits and evening gowns, Tuesday evening during the pageant. At this time the 2024 Queen will be selected and crowned by Miss Leah Daniels, 2023 Menard County Fair Queen.
6. Contestants will be photographed individually and/or with other contestants and retiring queens. These photos become property of Menard County Fair, Inc. and are for publications and advertising and promoting the pageants or in conjunction with Menard County Fair events. Menard County Fair, Inc. shall have the right to photograph and video record the contestant and to use the contestants' name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibits, publicity, advertising, and promotional materials of the corporation and the corporation shall retain such right if the contestant voluntarily withdraws or is disqualified from the pageant.
7. Contestants and the crowned queens/miss shall have no material on social media/networking site, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. which the corporation deems to be controversial, obscene, or otherwise objectionable, in its sole discretion.

- Any such material shall be grounds for disqualification of a contestant or crowned queen/miss.
8. Contestants who have appeared at the State Pageant on stage for another county in Illinois are not eligible to participate.
  9. The winner of the contest will appear in Springfield sometime in January 2025, for the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant. The winner of the state contest will serve as hostess of the 2025 Illinois State Fair and DuQuoin State Fair.
  10. The reigning Queen will forfeit her title, prizes (including scholarship award) and privileges to the 1st runner-up in the case of marriage at anytime prior to the 2025 Menard County Fair or in case of gross misconduct as defined and determined by and in the sole discretion of Menard County Fair Board.
  11. The Queen must meet with pageant director before January 1, 2025. She must also help gather donations for the 2025 Menard County Fair Queen Pageant. Scholarship money may be reduced or forfeited if she does not comply with these terms.
  12. If the scholarship recipient should determine not to attend a post-secondary institution within three years of being awarded the scholarship, the recipient thereby forfeits the prize. The scholarship money is not transferable and not redeemable for cash.
  13. Contestants must file applications with the Menard County Fair Pageant Committee on or by July 4, 2024
  14. The decisions made by the 2024 Menard County Fair Pageant judges shall be final.
  15. For further information, contact Haley Stewart at [menardcopageant@gmail.com](mailto:menardcopageant@gmail.com)

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to comply with the 2024 Menard County Fair pageant rules.

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Contestant

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Parent/Guardian

### DUTIES OF QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS

1. Attend ribbon cutting ceremony at the main gate of the fairgrounds for the 2025 Fair.
2. Report at the Fair Office each time she is on the grounds!
3. Present ribbons at the judging events, such as to the winners in the swine, beef and sheep livestock divisions.
4. Represent Menard County in January 2025 at the State Pageant. During this time, Miss Menard will compete on stage in her business suit, bathing suit, and evening gown.

There will be a box seat in the grandstand next to the aisle, which will be at the disposal of the Queen, Jr Miss, and Little Miss any time during the Fair. The Queens are encouraged to attend grandstand events.



# Menard County Fair Junior Miss Pageant

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

**Coordinator:** Assistant Director Abbey Knox

1. Contestant must be between 10-12 years of age. (Must not reach 13<sup>th</sup> birthday before JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)
2. Limitations-Contestants must reside within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts or must be attending Menard County Schools. Any girl whose parents are residing within the area encompassed by Menard County School District, who is a student elsewhere, shall be eligible.
3. Contestants will be photographed individually and/or with other contestants and retiring queens. These photos become property of Menard County Fair, Inc. and are for publications and advertising and promoting the pageants or in conjunction with Menard County Fair events. Menard County Fair, Inc. shall have the right to photograph and video record the contestant and to use the contestants' name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibits, publicity, advertising, and promotional materials of the corporation and the corporation shall retain such right if the contestant voluntarily withdraws or is disqualified from the pageant.
4. Contestants and the crowned queens/miss shall have no material on social media/networking site, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. which the corporation deems to be controversial, obscene, or otherwise objectionable, in its sole discretion. Any such material shall be grounds for disqualification of a contestant or crowned queen/miss.
5. Contestants will be judged as follows:
  - 35% Interview (3 minutes)
  - 20% Beauty
  - 25% Stage Presence in Dress
  - 20% Question
6. All contestants will appear on stage in dance attire and dresses, Tuesday evening, JULY 16, 2024. At this time, 2023 Jr. Miss Leah Melton will crown the 2024 Junior Miss.
7. Contestants must file applications with the Menard County Fair Pageant Committee on or by July 4, 2024.
8. The decisions made by the 2024 Menard County Fair Jr. Miss Judges shall be final.
9. Jr. Miss must be accompanied by a parent/adult at all times when on the fairgrounds.
10. For further information, e-mail Abbey Knox: jrmissmenard@gmail.com

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to comply with the 2024 Menard County Junior Miss rules.

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Parent/Guardian

## DUTIES OF JUNIOR MISS

1. Attend ribbon cutting ceremony at the main gate of the fairgrounds for the 2025 fair.
2. Report at the fair office each time she is on the grounds.
3. Present ribbons, along with 2024 Miss Menard County Fair Queen and Little Miss Menard County Fair to the winners in the swine, beef and sheep livestock divisions.
4. There will be a box seat in the grandstand, which will be available to the Junior Miss any time during the 2024 fair. The Junior Miss and her chaperone are encouraged to attend the grandstand events.
5. Junior Miss and parents are responsible for helping the pageant committee collect donations for the 2025 contest.

# Menard County Fair Little Miss Pageant

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

**Coordinator:** Assistant Director Lindsey Whitley

1. Contestants must be 6 or 7 years of age. (Must not reach 8<sup>th</sup> birthday before JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)
2. Limitations - Contestants must reside within the area encompassed by Menard County School Districts or must be attending Menard County Schools. Any girl whose parents are residing within the area encompassed by Menard County School District, who is a student elsewhere, shall be eligible.
3. Contestants will be photographed individually and/or with other contestants and retiring queens. These photos become property of Menard County Fair, Inc. and are for publications and advertising and promoting the pageants or in conjunction with Menard County Fair events. Menard County Fair, Inc. shall have the right to photograph and video record the contestant and to use the contestants' name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibits, publicity, advertising, and promotional materials of the corporation and the corporation shall retain such right if the contestant voluntarily withdraws or is disqualified from the pageant.
4. Contestants and the crowned queens/miss shall have no material on social media/networking site, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. which the corporation deems to be controversial, obscene, or otherwise objectionable, in its sole discretion. Any such material shall be grounds for disqualification of a contestant or crowned queen/miss.
5. Contestants will be judged as follows:
 

Interview with judges (2 minutes)	35%
Beauty	20%
Stage Presence In Sunday Best	25%
Fish bowl question	20%
6. All contestants will appear on stage in dance attire and dresses, Tuesday evening, JULY 16, 2024. At this time the 2023 Little Miss Kaylee Sherren will crown the 2024 Little Miss Menard.
7. Contestants must file applications with the Menard County Fair Queen Pageant Committee on or by July 4, 2024.
8. The decisions made by the 2024 Menard County Fair Little Miss Judges shall be final.
9. Little Miss must be accompanied by a parent/adult at all times while on the fairgrounds.
10. For further information, email Lindsey Whitley at littlemissmenard@gmail.com

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to comply with the 2024 Menard County Little Miss rules.

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Parent/Guardian

## DUTIES OF LITTLE MISS

1. Attend ribbon cutting ceremony at the main gate of the fairgrounds for the 2025 fair.
2. Report at the fair office each time she is on the grounds.
3. Present ribbons, along with the 2024 Miss Menard County Fair Queen, such as to the winners in the swine, beef and sheep livestock divisions.
4. There will be a box seat in the grandstand, which will be available to the Little Miss and one parent any time during the 2024 fair. The Little Miss and her parents are encouraged to attend the grandstand events.
5. Little Miss and parents are responsible for helping the pageant committee collect donations for the 2025 contest.