



Miss Manatee County Fair Pageant



FAIR QUEEN EXPECTATIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manatee Fair Pageant Team's goal is to provide a memorable and enjoyable experience for each fair queen during their reign. We are available to always support and encourage each fair queen. The goal for each fair queen is to be a role model for their peers and a warm, inviting ambassador to the fair. The following is a list of expectations, obligations and responsibilities once a contestant becomes a queen. The standard is high, but we know each queen wins their title because they portrayed these high standards during all parts of competition.

Immediately Following Crowning

- New fair queens must stay on stage for official photos for the fair.
- New fair queens and a parent/guardian will meet briefly with the Fair Queen Coordinator in the auditorium.
- New fair queens will attend a Fair Queen Orientation Brunch with a parent/guardian. A list of events will be given at that time.

Events and Appearances

- Each fair queen will be given a schedule of events for before, during and after the fair.
- For safety reasons, all events and appearances related to the fair must be attended by the Fair Queen Coordinator or a fair pageant board member. Parents may attend but friends and siblings are not permitted.
- During events each fair queen must wear their crown and sash.
- Fair queens must wear age-appropriate attire for all events. If attire is not appropriate the Fair Queen' Coordinator may ask for the fair queen to change clothing.
- No facial piercings, visible tattoos or drastic hair color/style changes during your reign.
- Crown and sashes may not be worn for any other event or photo unless it is approved by the Fair Queen Coordinator or pageant team member.
- Only the Fair Queen Coordinator will plan events, appearance, and will give plenty of notice to the events. If a fair queen is contacted directly and invited to appear at an event, the fair queen must have prior approval from the Fair Queen Coordinator. Either the Fair Queen Coordinator or a fair pageant team member must accompany the fair queen (s) to that event.

Code of Conduct

Queens, if applicable, must maintain age-appropriate social media pages. Posts must be free of nude or seminude images, foul language, illegal activities, or bullying of any kind. Queens must be social media "friends" with the Fair Queen Coordinator and fair pageant co-directors. If any posts are deemed inappropriate, a fair queen may be asked to remove the post.

If a fair queen is engaged in any of the following, it will be cause for immediate revocation of the title. The crown, sash and trophy must be returned to the fair. Any unused scholarship will be forfeited:

- Fail to comply with any of the Official Rules and Regulations.
- Continually miss appearance opportunities.
- Be involved in an unlawful school or domestic community dispute of a violent nature.
- Be expelled or suspended from school for any reason.
- Become pregnant or married.



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Contractual or Endorsement Obligations

Fair Queens may not...

- a.) Sign a management contract with any individual, business or corporation using their fair queen's' title.
- b.) Give verbal or written endorsement of any mercantile commodity or any commercial organization using their fair queen title.
- c.) Permit photographs of herself to be used with any advertised commodity or service using the fair queen title.
- d.) The Manatee County Fair must be notified of any prior commitments or contracts prior to competing if those prior commitments or contract would interfere with the contestant fulfilling their fair queen obligations if chosen to represent the fair. This includes any other current pageant titles held.
- e.) After winning a Manatee County Fair Queen title, competing in other pageants is not encouraged but if an additional title is won, the Manatee County Fair events supersede any event commitments from any additional pageant titles.

List of Appearances (Based on 2024 schedule)

(Subject to Change)

- Fair Queen's Orientation Brunch
- VIP Luncheon and presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Award – Thurs., Jan. 9th–11:15 a.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto – An excused absence letter for school will be provided by the fair office if needed.
- Manatee County Board of Commissioners Presentation – Tuesday, January 16th – Downtown Bradenton. An excuse absence letter for school will be provided by the affair office if needed.
- Meet and Greet at the Fair – Friday, January 17th – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Corndog Eating Contest - Saturday, January 18th – 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Fair Duties – School Holiday – Monday, January 20th – TBD – Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Veterans' Tribute – Tuesday, January 21st – 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Walkabout/Meet and Greet – Friday, January 24th - 6 to 9 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Baby Pageant - Saturday, January 25th – 11:15 to 3:30 p.m. – Fairgrounds, Palmetto
- Parrish Heritage Day Parade and Chili Cook Off – Saturday, March 8th - Parrish
- Desoto Children's Parade – Friday, April 18th – Starts at the Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Desoto Grand Parade – Saturday, April 26th – Downtown Bradenton
- Miss Manatee County Fair Pageant Orientation – Sunday, October 26th – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Kendrick Auditorium, Fairgrounds, Palmetto.
- Miss Manatee County Fair Pageant - Saturday, November 15th – 12:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Palmetto High School.

More details for each event will be discussed during the Queen's Orientation Brunch after the crowning.