



Miss Lake County Fair Scholarship Program

The goal of this program/contest is to select a group of young ladies who embody what a young woman should be. They should be well spoken and carry themselves with poise, respect, and a sense of self-worth. They should be intelligent, energetic, honest, and outgoing. They should be leaders who show initiative and sense of pride and commitment. The young women we are in search of should be well-rounded individuals with their own voice and thoughts, who participate in activities not just for recreation, but to make a difference. They should participate in both their school and community beyond that which is expected of them. Overall, they should stand out from their peers and be role models for those of all ages.

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Contestants

- This program is open to residents of Lake County, FL born female, currently in Grades 7th-12th for the 2022-2023 school year.
- This program will crown one (1) Miss Lake County Fair Queen (in 11th or 12th Grade), and two (2) Court Members (7th – 12th Grade). All three (3) Court Members will receive a Crown, Sash, and Flowers.
- Miss Lake County Fair Queen will also be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship provided by the Lake County Fair Association and Board. This scholarship is only applicable if Miss Lake County Fair Queen seeks higher education. The scholarship will be issued to the college, post secondary education, or training facility directly upon receipt of official registration. The scholarship must be used within two (2) years of serving on the court.
- Contestants must be single-never married, have no children, and must remain so during their reign.
- It is highly encouraged that contestants be an active member or alumna of at least one worthwhile organization in her community. Examples include but are not limited to: Church Groups, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, Jr. Cattlemen, Sports, Schools, HOSA, Skills USA, DECA, FCA, Etc.
- No professional model is eligible for this program
- Contestants must NOT currently hold a title or must be willing to relinquish current title if chosen as Miss Lake County Fair Queen or Court Member.
- If selected to Miss Lake County Fair Court, contestant must attend all designated events including 2023 Lake County Fair, all designated parades, all interviews, 2024 Miss Lake County Fair Program Contest, and all volunteer events to the promotion and representation of the program and The Lake County Fair throughout the entire reign unless absence has been approved by Lake County Fair Management.
- Contestants MUST be available the entire ten (10) days of the fair. The Queen and her court are expected to perform daily duties at the fair, and should be available for the entire duration of the fair to complete those duties.
- Each contestant and parent must sign a commitment stating that they will fulfill their duties if selected to the Miss Lake County Fair court. Failure to sign this agreement will result in the contestant being removed from the program. If a contestant is selected and is found not to be fulfilling her commitments by the Miss Lake County Fair Committee or Lake County Fair Association she will be removed from the court and forfeit all awards.
- Any Contestant (including prior to the competition) with pictures, or posts on social media and/or other sites presenting them in inappropriate settings/situations will be disqualified from the competition/forfeiture of winnings and crown. Examples include but are not limited to:

inappropriate parties, drinking, drugs, smoking, inappropriate sexual oriented poses, and/or inappropriate language/slandering of others. Court members are representing the Lake County Fair Association and should consider themselves role models to young women in the area. Determination of a violation of this rule will be made by the Program committee and Fair Management.

- Contestants Selected for Miss Lake County Fair Court are directed NOT to use the name/likeness of the Lake County Fair or Miss Lake County Fair in any private social media forums, media, or press releases. The name/image of Miss Lake County Fair and The Lake County Fair and it's events are exclusive to the fair and fair board.
- A \$75.00 non-refundable entry fee is due at the time of entry to help offset expenses to run the Miss Lake County Fair Program.

Program Overview

- All Contestants will complete an Entry Form and an Activities report. Dates must be provided and will be verified.
- All forms must be submitted to MissLakeCountyFair@gmail.com on or before 4:30pm September 1,2022. *Entries will not be valid until entry fee is paid. Entry fee invoice will be emailed upon receipt of entry form*
- All Contestants will go through a three-part contest/competition.
 - Activity Report Judging (Contestants will not be present for this Judging)
 - Interview Phase
 - On-Stage Presence Phase
- Once Competition is started parents, guardians, and friends will not be permitted backstage with contestants.
- Cell Phones are NOT permitted backstage.

Activity Report Judging

- Prior to interviews, the judges will review all participants' Activity Reports completed by contestants. Each report will be given a score based on the contestant's' Participation, Leadership, Achievement, and Initiative.
- The majority of activities represented in the Activity Report should reflect the organization the contestant is representing. For Example: if a contestant is representing 4-H, most of her involvement should reflect her time in that organization. School, Church, and Community will be seen as extras that show how well rounded the contestant is and should be listed as well.
- Points will be given based on responses to three (3) essay questions. These Answers should reflect the contestant's personal opinions.
- Activity Reports must only fit on the pages provided to the Contestant. No additional pages may be used. It is highly recommended that bullets should be used when listing activities and that Reports are typed.

Interview Phase

- Contestants will be expected to dress as if going to a job interview. The Dress code for this portion of the program is Business Casual. A nice sundress, pants suit, top and skirt combo, etc. are expected. The outfit the contestant chooses should reflect her personality and should represent the contestant in a tasteful manner and be age appropriate. Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not appropriate.
- Questions for the interview will be generated from the contestant's individual Activity Report. Some Questions will be general in nature, and some questions may also be asked to determine the contestant's knowledge or the Lake County Fair. ALL QUESTION WILL BE GENERATED BY THE JUDGES.
- During this phase, contestants will be judged on poise and personality, self-presentation, personal appearance, and responsiveness to questions.
- No evidence of involvement or additional materials should be brought to interview.
- Contestants should remember they are being judged at all times and may be seen by the judges at any time throughout the process.

On-Stage Presence Phase

- Each contestant will compete on stage and will answer questions from the judges.
- This phase of the program will be to judge the contestant's overall presentations, poise and personality, responsiveness to questions, and her ability to speak in front of an audience.
- Each contestant will be asked to dress in a formal manner, each contestant will choose her own dress. (ie: something similar to a prom dress) The contestant should feel comfortable in what she is wearing and it should present her in a tasteful manner and be age appropriate.
- Each contestant will be expected to walk across a stage, possibly up or down a set of stairs, and answer questions in front of an audience.

Scoring

- Scoring will be done on the following basis. All Judges decisions are Final and NOT up for debate.

Activities.....20pts

Participation	Achievements
Leadership	Initiative

Essay Questions.....10pts

Interview.....35pts

- Responsiveness to questions (15pts)
- Poise and Personality (10pts)
- Personal Appearance (5pts)
- Overall Impression (5pts)

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- Poise and Personality (10pts)
- Personal Appearance (5pts)
- Overall Impression (5pts)

TOTAL: 100pts

Miss Lake County Fair Court

- Once selected to the court, all court members are expected to work as a team. No Member is more or less important than any other member of the court. Court members will be spending an ample amount of time together and are expected to treat each other with respect and in a mannerly fashion. The Committee and Fair Management will not tolerate petty disputes.
- The Miss Lake County Fair Committee and Fair Management will settle all arguments/conflicts.
- Court members are expected to reign over and promote the Lake County Fair.
- Lake County Fair Management will supervise court members and will work to make sure the court is fulfilling their commitments at all times.
- Any additional Court Member appearances/representation of the Lake County Fair at events, interviews, activities, social media posts, etc. Outside of those scheduled by managements, must first be approved by Lake County Fair Management. Failure to contact management prior to acting upon an action can and will result in removal from the court and forfeiture of winnings.
- Court Members may be asked to raise money through fundraising and donations to help provide funds for the Miss Lake County Fair Program. All funds raised will be used to help defer costs of the program and court members. All funds not used within the courts reign will be carried over to following years of the program.
- Court members must adhere to the following dress code when representing The Lake County Fair:
 - No Shorts
 - No Flip Flops
 - Attire must be appropriate:
 - Not reveal midriffs
 - Not Excessively low cut
 - No Distasteful wording, sayings, or symbols
 - No Excessively short/revealing skirts or dresses
 - Etc.
 - No visible tattoos or body piercings other than ears.
 - Closed toed shoes must be worn during the Lake County Fair
- When a court member is representing the Lake County Fair or Miss Lake County Fair program and is found to be out of dress code, Fair Management and Miss Lake County Fair Committee can and will removed court members sash until the Court Member returned dressed appropriately.
- Court Members are not permitted to wear their sashes and/or crown to any event as a competitor.

Court Member Duties

- **Pre-Fair Duties** include but not limited to Attending:
 - Parades
 - Community Events
 - Holiday Events
 - Chamber Breakfasts
 - Guest Appearances
- **Fair Week Duties (April 6-15,2023):**
 - Court Members will be expected to perform daily duties such as livestock shows, clover bud interviews, Hayloft Activities, Fair Contests, Livestock shows/Auctions, etc.
 - Court Members will be assigned activities/shows to work and will be given the opportunity to work them in a way that best fits their schedules.
 - Court Members may be expected to be in the show arena with both small and large livestock. Court members must decide the comfort level with such livestock prior to competing for the court. If you do not feel comfortable being around livestock this position may not be for you.
- **Post Fair Duties:**
 - Attendance at the next year's Miss Lake County Fair Program competition.
- No Court member shall leave a show, activity, community event, parade, or other scheduled appearance without permission from Lake County Fair Management. Even if a court member is relieved by another court member, Fair Management must still be notified.
- Failure to fulfill duties and/or breaking rules/guidelines will result in the removal from the court and forfeiture of all winnings. All Contestants will have previously signed a commitment letter and agree to fulfill their obligations if selected to Court.

Miss Lake County Fair Activities Report

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Include below all information and activities for youth organizations, school, church, community, etc. additional pages may not be used.

A. Activities participated in:

B. Achievements or Awards Received:

C. Leadership Positions Held:

D. Activities you oversaw or Organized:

Essay Questions

Name: _____

Answer any three (3) Essay Questions below in the space provided.

1. Why do you want to be the Next Miss Lake County Fair Queen or Court Member?

2. What qualities do you think would be found in a good Court Member?

3. How would you promote the Lake County Fair to people outside of the county?

4. What change or changes would you make to the Lake County Fair and why?

Miss Lake County Fair Entry Blank

Orientation: August 24, 2022

****10 Bonus Points will be awarded to contestants who attend Orientation****

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2022

Name: _____

Organization Representing: _____

Address: _____

Age as of September 1, 2022: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s): _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Please submit this form along with your completed Activities Report, Essay Questions, Letter of Commitment, Introduction, Photo, and Entry fee via Email:

MissLakeCountyFair@gmail.com

*An Invoice for entry fee will be emailed to you upon receipt of Entry Blank and all other reports *

Entries are not valid until Entry Fee has been paid

The public is invited to the Program Competition. Please refer to the Lake County Fair Website and Facebook page for date, time, and location.

www.lakecofair.com

For Questions, Please Contact:

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Letter of Commitment

I _____, have read and understand the rules and guidelines pertaining to the Miss Lake County Fair Program Competition.

By Signing this commitment, I agree to be available the entire duration of the Lake County Fair (April 6-15, 2023), and I will fulfill any and all duties outlined in this handbook if selected to the Miss Lake County Fair Court.

I understand that failure to fulfill such duties will result in my removal from the court and forfeiture of all winnings.

I understand that if at any time my own actions are deemed unworthy of this honor, I can be removed from the Court.

Contestant: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Miss Lake County Fair Program Introduction Form

_____ Is the _____ of
(Full Name) (Daughter or other)

_____ Of _____
(Parent/Guardian Name(s)) (Township/Area of County)

_____ Is currently involved in _____
(First Name) (Organization (FFA,FFCLA,etc))

_____. She is currently _____
(Club/Troop Name, etc.) (Attending HS, Working, Enrolled in college, etc.)

As a _____ .
Grade, Job Title, Etc.

_____ Is _____
(First Name) (Fill in as you like)
