

## 2025 Miss Edgar County Fair Queen Pageant Rules

1. Personal Characteristics: In order to be eligible, contestants must certify to the personal characteristic in this section:
  - a. Must be 16 years of age (minimum) & not have reached her 22 birthday by January 1, 2026.
  - b. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Contestant & parent or legal guardian must currently be a resident of Edgar Co., Illinois for a minimum of six months prior to pageant date.
  - c. Must reside with her parents/guardians or apartment with friends (living with a significant other is not acceptable).
  - d. Can never have been charged with or convicted of a felony offense.
  - e. Was born female & has always been a female.
  - f. Marital status be single & never have been married or had a marriage annulled.
  - g. Can never have been pregnant. Is not the adoptive parent of a child.
  - h. 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.
  - i. Attests that any online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), Snapchat, Tik Tok or any other social media outlet pages are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Edgar Co. Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Contestant agrees to:
  - a. Be personally interviewed by a panel of judges in a business suit or dress.
  - b. Appear on stage in a one-piece swimsuit with taupe heels.
  - c. Appear on stage in a floor-length evening gown.
  - d. Present a one-minute memorized speech on stage for judging.
  - e. Contestants will be involved in a dance production number during the pageant.
  - f. That all clothing MUST be approved by the pageant director prior to the pageant.
3. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
4. Contestants will use extreme caution & are encouraged to make the web profiles & social networks private when posting on site including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, or blogs. This includes photos that may be posted as well as written comments whether by the contestant or in another individual even if not tagged in the post/video/etc. The pageant directors will be given access to the contestants social media and has the right to ask the have posts removed. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting entry to the pageant or the title of Miss Edgar Co. along with all prizes and gifts received.
5. All tattoos must be covered up at all times during the pageant, events & appearances. Body piercings will be limited to only ears & one in each ear lobe. No alterations to appearance may be (piercings, tattoos, etc.) until the end of the pageant. If selected as queen, contestant agrees not to make any said alterations until the end of her reign.
6. The Miss Edgar Co. Fair Queen Pageant committee shall determine the time, manner & method of conducting the competition. Each contestant must arrange her personal schedule as she is expected to attend all practices.
  - a. All practices are closed, only directors, former queens, crew members, or those approved by the director will be in attendance.
  - b. If a contestant misses more than 2 practices, she will not be allowed to participate in the Pageant.
  - c. The final practice on the fairgrounds is required and is a closed practice, only the director, pageant committee, fair board members & staff will be allowed in the grandstands, friends or family members of the contestants will not be permitted to watch.

7. No cell phones will be allowed during the pageant for any contestant. It is expected that cell phone usage will be limited & in good taste while representing the Edgar Co. Fair.
8. Decision of judges is final. Any grievances or objections relative to the contest will be referred to the Edgar Co. Fair Board.
9. If selected as Miss Edgar Co. Fair 2025, the Queen will serve as the hostess of the 2025 Edgar County Fair. She must be available to be present at the fair for its duration.
10. The Queen will not consume alcoholic beverages while representing Edgar Co. Fair. The Queen will refrain from smoking/vaping while representing the Edgar Co. Fair, officially or unofficially, at any time.
11. The Queen will represent Edgar Co. at as many other area pageant & functions as possible. She will be chaperoned by a Pageant Director when she is representing Edgar Co. The Queen may be chaperoned by a parent/guardian ONLY with prior approval from the Director. The queen must attend events as set forth by the director, inability to attend the events will result in a decrease in scholarship amount.
12. The Queen is under obligation to present herself in a self-respecting manner at all times throughout her year as queen, even when not officially representing the Edgar Co. Fair. If at any time during her reign she is charged with, or convicted of, a felony crime, she will be required to relinquish her crown immediately and the title may be offered to the first runner-up. If the first runner-up chooses to decline the position the title may then be offered to the second-runner up.
13. All personal appearances as Miss Edgar Co. Fair shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director, as well as any photographic sessions & pictures released as Miss Edgar Co. Fair. The Queen may not set up or designate someone else to set up her personal appearances as Miss Edgar Co. Fair.
14. The queen agrees not to enter any other pageant during her reign with the exception of representing Edgar Co. in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant in January of 2025 as part of the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs annual convention held in Springfield, IL. This is mandatory.
15. Parents and family of the Queen are welcome to be present for any and all events where the public is permitted. Parents and family must have the understanding that while the Queen is performing official duties, the directors or crew present will have the authority regarding the Queen and details of her duties. This includes the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant weekend where it is imperative that the directors and crew are the Queen's chaperones until the weekend is complete.
16. In the event of marriage, pregnancy, violation of the set rules, or any other reason that would keep her from fulfilling her obligations as Miss Edgar Co. Fair 2025, the Queen will relinquish her title, crown, privileges, and all gifts; and be succeeded by the first or second runner up.
17. The manner in which the newly selected queen conducts herself should always be that of respect for her, the Edgar County Fair, and its Fair Board, at all times during her reign. If at any time the Edgar County Fair Board and Pageant Directors feel that any of the said rules or duties have been broken it is at their discretion to release the reigning queen of her title. At that time it is required to immediately return all prizes to the pageant director.
18. The Queen as well as a parent/guardian agrees to meet the directors and the fair boards executive members the morning following the pageant to sign a copy of these rules which serve as her contract with the Edgar Co. Fair throughout her year of service.
19. Contestant agrees to abide by all the rules of the Miss Edgar Co. Fair Queen Pageant as well as the State contest now in effect or hereafter announced.

Complete instructions concerning required dates/events and other specific information will be given to the 2025 Queen at a brunch on the morning of July 21.