

## Dear Contestant:

Congratulations on completing the first step towards becoming the 2023 Doddridge County Fair Queen or Teen Queen! The Fair Board and Pageant Directors are very excited to have you represent Doddridge County on stage at the 2023 Doddridge County Fair. This year, the Teen and Queen Pageant will **BOTH** begin at 7:00 PM at the Stage on the Fair grounds. The Teen pageant will occur simultaneously with the Queen Pageant. Additionally, **all** contestants will undergo the "backstage interview" portion of competition (in addition to Evening Gown & Streetwear)!

**WARDROBE:** Interview & Streetwear can be the SAME outfit and should be age appropriate – think job interview. For the evening gown portion, Queen Contestants should wear a long formal dress & Teen contestants will also wear a long formal dress (like a prom dress). As our theme this year is "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" for the opening number we ask you to pick out a fun animal print or black cocktail dress for the opening number, your choice of shoes!

Enclosed please find two important documents: The 2023 Doddridge County Fair Pageant Application & Contract which sets forth the rules that you agree to abide by if selected as the 2023 Doddridge County Fair Queen or Teen. Please read these rules carefully as they contain much of the information that you need to know. Also, please note that if you are under 18, you <u>must</u> have a parent or legal guardian sign your Contract as well. A **QUEEN** Contestant must be sixteen (16) years of age by August 15, 2023 and must not have reached her 22nd birthday at the time of the state pageant (held in January 2024). A **TEEN** Contestant must be twelve (12) years of age by August 15, 2023 for this year's fair and must not have reached her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 15, 2023 (Teen Queen winners will not be able to compete at the state Fairs and Festivals Pageant even if she is 16 years of age by January 2024).

We are proud to announce that the 2022 Fair **QUEEN** will receive an all-expense paid trip to the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageant held in Charleston in January 2024, a \$1,000 cash scholarship to further her education and/or career, a clothing allowance, and scholarship opportunities. Both title holders will receive various pageant boutique gift certificates toward an evening gown an appearance wear of her choice, a gym membership, a custom sash, a beautiful crown, tee-shirts, and a gift certificate to Tease Me Hair Salon. Plus, keep in mind, our prize package continues to grow as the pageant date approaches. We can't reiterate enough that this pageant is a great opportunity for local girls to find poise, confidence, and interview skills while vying for the opportunity to receive a great scholarship package and life experience.

If you have any questions about the Pageant, please don't hesitate to contact me via text, phone call or even via Facebook message.

Your directors,

Paige Nicholson & Kaleigh Dotson

## 2023 Doddridge County Fair Queen & Teen Pageant

## **Official Application**

lease check the appropriate line, I am a:	
Queen Contestant (ages 16-21)Teen Contestant (ages 12-15)	
ull Name:	
Name you wish used on stage and in the media:	
Birth Date       Age on August 15, 2023	
Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)	
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Current School Grade Entering in Fall 2023	
roposed or Current College Major/Minor (Queen contestants only)	
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Community Activities:	
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Three (3) Favorite Foods		
Three (3) Words to best describe you		
What is your ambition for the future?		
Please name your favorite:		
SONG:		
MOVIE:		
ELECTRONIC DEVICE:		
BOOK:		
TV SHOW:		
MUSICIAN/BAND:		
HOLIDAY:		
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:		
PLACE TO TRAVEL:		
CHARITY:		
QUOTE:		
THING ABOUT DODDRIDGE COUNTY:		
CHILDHOOD MEMORY:		
I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of n	ny knowledge.	
Contestant's Signature	Date	
Signature of Parent		
All contestants & a parent/guardian (if contestant is under 18 years of a Regulations Contract. <i>Entry Fee is \$75.00 (Queen) &amp; \$45.00 (Teen). Please make che</i> You may mail completed forms and che <b>Paige Nicholson</b>	ecks out to Doddridge C	

## 186 Valley Street Salem, WV 26426 Doddridge County Fair Queen & Teen Pageant Rules and Regulations

The Doddridge County Fair Queen & Teen Pageant will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

The following is a list of the Pageant rules that you agree to abide by:

- 1. The pageant committee requires a minimum of six (6) contestants to conduct a pageant. (Deadline 08-05-23).
- 2. A QUEEN Contestant must be sixteen (16) years of age by August and must not have reached her 22nd birthday at the time of the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Pageant (held in January).
- 3. A TEEN Contestant must be twelve (12) years of age by August and must not have reached her 16th birthday by the annual pageant date in August. If the Teen Queen reaches her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by January she will not be eligible to compete in the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Pageant (held in January) as we will only be able to take our Queen contestant.
- 4. The Queen must remain single throughout her reign, which continues until the crowning of a new Fair Titleholder the following year. If for any reason "Miss Doddridge County" should marry during her reign, she forfeits her title and the 1st Runner-Up will succeed.
- 5. Contestant must be a resident of Doddridge County, West Virginia for at least six (6) months prior to the pageant or be a student in the Doddridge County School system.
- 6. The Titleholder must be a resident of West Virginia throughout her reign.
- 7. Judges will interview each contestant individually during the Queen's Tea held the afternoon of the Pageant at Summit Bank in West Union.
- 8. Contestants will also compete in: Street Wear, Evening Gown, and On-Stage Question.
- 9. Contestants will be judged on poise, natural beauty, character and the ability to be an ambassador for Doddridge County.
- 10. An entry fee of \$75.00 must be presented with application for Queen, and \$45.00 for Teen.
- 11. The pageant schedule is a busy one, and contestants are required to be present and on time. Girls must attend all practices prior to the pageant. Practice dates and times are not yet finalized, but they will most likely be Sunday and Monday before the pageant. Practices will be announced. You will receive practice dates and times once they are finalized and your application and payment have been received.
- 12. All contestants and a parent/guardian (if contestant is under 18 years of age) must sign and return this contract. By signing this contract you agree to indemnify the Doddridge County Queen/Teen Pageant and the Doddridge County Fair for any perceived damages resulting from your entry into this pageant, your participation in this pageant, and, if selected as the Titleholder, your year carrying the title as "Miss Doddridge County" or "Miss Teen Doddridge County" You agree to abide by all of the rules set forth in this document.
- 13. Complete and final authority for the "Miss Doddridge County Fair Queen & Teen Pageant" rests with directors Paige Nicholson and Kaleigh Dotson.
- 14. One "Miss Doddridge County Fair Queen" and one "Miss Doddridge County Fair Teen" is chosen and she must participate in all activities of the fair as deemed necessary by the Fair Board or Pageant Director. Part of the responsibility of the Fair Queen is to have an active part in fair week activities and the crowning of her successor the following year. An itinerary will be provided with expectations for Fair Week.
- 15. Attending any other parades, festivals and pageants are options of the Queen/Teen but highly encouraged. Should the Queen/Teen wish to participate in local area parades, she will be responsible for all arrangements involved with doing so.
- 16. The **QUEEN** will be required to participate in the State Competition at the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals Convention held in January 2024 in Charleston, WV. (Weekend expenses, including one room

for lodging at the Marriott Hotel is paid for you by the Fair Board. Your chaperones/parents may stay with you in your room.) Male companions who are not family members are <u>not</u> permitted to be in your room. Room rules set forth by Charleston Marriott must be abided by. Doddridge County Fair board will not be responsible for damages incurred due to smoking in room/etc.

- 17. Miss Doddridge County may enter other pageants throughout the State. However, if another title is obtained by Miss Doddridge County that would conflict with competition in the 2024 W.Va. State Fairs and Festivals Pageant, she will have to forfeit her title. The Queen should consult the executive pageant director before entering another pageant.
- 18. Miss Doddridge County Teen may <u>not</u> enter any other teen pageants in the WV Fairs & Festivals system prior to January 2024. The Teen Queen should consult the executive pageant director before entering another pageant.
- 19. To receive the scholarship awarded, the Queen & Teen must successfully complete their reigns and prove enrollment in a higher educational facility. The Doddridge County Fair Board will be responsible for determining the qualifications of eligible facilities.
- 20. If the winner of the pageant is a high school student, the scholarship funds will be kept in escrow until the individual has graduated from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, provided proof of enrollment in a higher education facility and has fulfilled her responsibilities and completed her reign as Queen.
- 21. Contestants/Queen may not have bore any children, had a marriage annulled or have been convicted of any crime. If for any reason "Miss Doddridge County Queen or Teen" should become pregnant during her reign, she forfeits her title and the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up will succeed.
- 22. "Miss Doddridge County" should maintain a reputation of good moral character; failure to do so may result in her forfeit of her title and in such case the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up will succeed. Any complaints of questionable character would result in the result of the Doddridge County Fair Commission meeting and voting on the decision of said poor conduct. This clause specifically applies to all <u>social media</u> accounts associated with the chosen titleholders as well as her in-person communications with the public.
- 23. Once you have been "Miss Doddridge County Queen or Teen" you may not compete again for the title.

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