

2014 COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS PAGEANT

The Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant is an exciting addition to our annual Fair.

All contestants, whether successful or not, enjoy the experience of participating in the event and receive a memento of the pageant plus a pass to the 2014 Fair.

In addition, the pageant will be a memorable experience filled with lasting memories and new friendships. The pageant will be an opportunity for you to gain poise, self-confidence and to learn the valuable lesson of good sportsmanship.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestant must be between the ages of 9 and 12 years of age.
2. Contestant must not reach her 13th birthday on or before June 4th, 2014.
3. Contestant must be a resident of Colusa County for at least six months prior to the pageant and a resident of the State of California for not less than one year prior to the opening date of the Fair.
4. Contestant must agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant now in effect or as announced hereafter.

JUDGING AND AREAS OF COMPETITION

1. Contestant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant Management and the decision of the judges will be final in all cases.
2. The contestants will be judged in the following areas of competition:
 - A. Personality Interview Competition25%
Each contestant will be interviewed separately on personality, mental alertness and awareness of communicative skills.
 - B. Visual Poise Competition.....25%
Contestant will be judged on poise and grace and the ability to think on her feet when asked an impromptu question.
 - C. Stage Arts Competition.....25%
Contestant will be judged on a live 2 1/2 minute or less talent presentation.
 - D. On Stage Personality Communicative Skills.....25%
Contestant will be judged on communicative skills, stage personality, and confidence in speaking before a live audience.
 - E. Director’s Points 10 points
10 points possible to earn at the discretion of the Pageant Directors. Participation, attitude, being on time, being prepared at each practice, knowing your material by dates assigned, etc, will all factor into any points given.

SPONSOR AND APPLICATION FEE

1. Contestant and/or sponsor shall pay a sponsor or application fee of \$60.00 per contestant. Checks are to be made payable to Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant.
2. Sponsor or application fee may be paid by either parent, family member or business that wishes to sponsor the contestant.
3. Sponsor will be announced on stage during contestant's various areas of competition.
4. Sponsor or application fee must accompany the contestant's application to the Colusa County Fair office by no later than **4:00 P.M., April 18, 2014**.
5. Contestants' applications that are not completed properly or accompanied by the sponsor fee will not be accepted or processed.

STAGE ARTS COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Contestant must display a live talent presentation not to be less than 60 seconds in length with a maximum time allowance of not more than 2 1/2 minutes. Any contestant exceeding the 2 1/2 minute time limit will automatically be disqualified. The presentation may be dancing, vocal performance, baton, instrumental performance (piano, guitar, flute etc.), dramatic reading, mime presentation, action demonstration or a drill and/or pom pom/flag girl routine, art or sewing presentation.
2. Contestant's Stage Arts Competition performance must be live. A contestant who is a singer must perform that talent live. A contestant cannot be accompanied by a tape recording of her own voice. Contestant may, however, use a taped musical accompaniment.
3. Any contestant who pantomimes or lip-syncs to a recording must state that she is doing so and state same in writing. Contestant must state in writing the name of the artist or recording, as there can be no inference that the contestant is actually singing. This rule does not apply to a contestant whose talent is singing. Contestant must perform a vocal solo live.
4. Contestants are not permitted to perform a vocal solo to a professional recording which features or has the voice of a professional artist on the recording.
5. Contestants may not use a film, video or slide presentation in conjunction with her Stage Arts Competition presentation.
6. Contestants whose talent is sketching, painting, graphic arts, commercial arts, dressmaking, or creative sewing, and presents in conjunction with her Stage Arts Competition, items which were made prior to her performance in said competition, must present proof of authenticity and creation by Contestant. Said statement must be provided by individuals other than the contestant's family. Individuals qualified to provide said proof of authenticity would be school or private instructors, scout instructors, scout leaders, 4-H leaders, ministers, or community leaders.
7. Contestants who play a musical instrument must have selection memorized so that she does not need the music on stage. All music must be memorized.
8. Contestants only will be permitted on stage during her Stage Arts presentation performance. No other person can be a part of the contestant's act.
9. Contestant's stage entrances and exits will be determined by the Mini Miss Pageant Management.

10. Contestants who perform vocal presentations, sing and dance, or present dramatic reading or communicative presentations, are required under all circumstances to use a microphone as designated and determined by the officials of the Mini Miss Pageant Management.
11. Contestant is to select costuming for her Stage Arts Competition presentation which is appropriate for her talent presentation and her age.
12. **NO PROPS**
13. Talent must be stage ready by date given at the first practice which is not until the later part of May. Any talent that is incomplete will be docked director's points.
14. Application **MUST** include details of talent at the time of submission. If another entrant has the same song then the first person entering gets it first and any others will be asked to change their song.

PAGEANT ACTIVITIES

1. Contestant agrees to attend all Pageant-related activities and rehearsals without exception.
2. Visitors are not allowed in pageant rehearsals at studio.
3. Contestant will be released to their parents following the actual Pageant.
4. Contestant shall make all appearances for publicity reasons and any other similar-type appearance so designated by the Pageant Management.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestant must complete the official Pageant application.
2. All applications must be signed by parent or legal guardian.
3. Contestant must include a black and white, colored school photo or any other suitable photo taken within the last six months. Polaroid photos are acceptable.
4. Photos will not be returned.
5. All applications must be in the Colusa County Fair Office no later than **4:00 P.M. Friday, APRIL 18, 2014.**
6. The first 12 entries will be dated and time-stamped in their order of arrival. Applications may be downloaded from the Colusa County Fair website or picked up from the Fair office beginning 9:00 A.M. Friday, March 21st, 2014.

WARDROBE

Celebrating 75 Years of Country Roots & Cowboy Boots

1. Contestants shall provide the following garments for Pageant competition.
 - A. Long dress - Visual Poise Competition
 - B. Talent costume - Stage Arts Competition
 - C. Outfit will be provided – for Production Routine

- D. Short dress - Personality Interview
 - E. On stage communicative skills competition outfit – this outfit should represent the Fair Theme
“Country Roots & Cowboy Boots”.... Be creative!
2. The Pageant Management reserves the right to reject any wardrobe item selected by the contestant, which is not suitable for public appearance.

LOST ARTICLES

1. Contestants and parents understand that the Pageant Management will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles during any pre-Pageant or Pageant activities.

PAGEANT TIME AND PLACE

All practices will be held on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings during the month of May at Stardust Dance in Maxwell. During the first week of June there will be daily practices in the morning at the Fairgrounds.

Pre-Pageant Rehearsal and Personality Interview **Sunday June 1, 2014, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the Fairgrounds. The Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant will be held **Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m.** in the Grandstands.

RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO CONTESTANT'S PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

1. There will be no parents, guardians, family members or friends allowed backstage during the actual Mini Miss Pageant or on interview days.
2. Parents, guardians, family and friends of Pageant contestants are prohibited from talking with the judges before, during or after the Pageant competition.

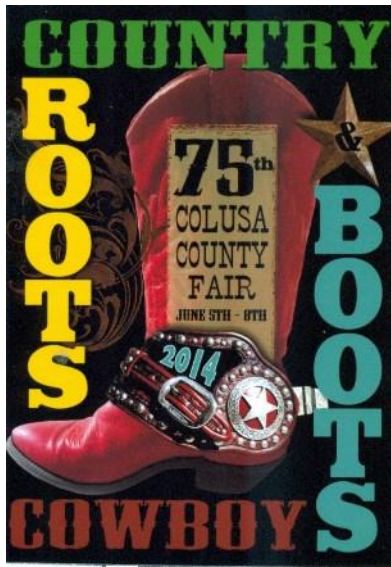
AWARDS

1. The newly crowned Miss Colusa County Mini Miss will receive for her one-year reign a rhinestone crown and sash. The 1st and 2nd Runners Up will also receive a crown and sash.
2. Winner will receive various gifts from local area merchants.
3. Each contestant will receive an award on stage for the areas of competition in which she scored the most points by the judges.
4. FRIENDSHIP AWARD

One of the most meaningful awards given in the Mini Miss Pageant is the friendship award. It is certain that the recipient of the award realizes more than anyone the true depth of the award to the fact that the contestants are the only ones casting the votes for their choice who should receive the friendship award. You as a contestant in the Colusa County Fair Mini Miss Pageant, will have the opportunity to cast your vote for the girl who you feel personifies a Miss Colusa County Mini Miss friendship award winner.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEWLY CROWNED
MISS COLUSA COUNTY FAIR MINI MISS QUEEN

1. Winner agrees to attend all public appearances when asked by the Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant Management.
2. Winner and parents understand and acknowledge that the Miss Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant management shall have the right to choose and designate the winner's chaperone and traveling companion during her year-long reign for personal appearances in the case that the winner's parents or guardian could not attend.
3. If the contestant chosen Miss Colusa County Mini Miss Fair 2014 should for any reason move from Colusa County, she shall forfeit her title and crown and the first runner-up will fulfill the title of Mini Miss for the remainder of the year.



OFFICIAL CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE AND APPLICATION

CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME _____ AGE _____

BIRTH DATE _____ BIRTH PLACE _____

AGE ON JUNE 4, 2014 _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

HOW LONG HAS CONTESTANT RESIDED IN COLUSA COUNTY _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S CELL or WORK PHONE:

MOTHER _____ FATHER _____

CONTESTANT'S HOBBIES AND INTERESTS _____

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF _____

HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS DO YOU HAVE _____

HAVE YOU WON ANY PREVIOUS TITLES OR AWARDS ? _____

IF SO, NAME EVENT AND WHERE IT WAS STAGED _____

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MISS COLUSA COUNTY MINI MISS ? _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

GRADE IN FALL: _____ FUTURE GOALS _____

HAVE YOU ANY SPECIAL TRAINING IN DRAMATICS, MUSIC, DANCING, ETC. ?

**REMEMBER: APPLICATION DEADLINE, FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2014, 4:00 P.M.
COLUSA COUNTY FAIR OFFICE.**

TALENT INFORMATION _____

TYPE OF TALENT: _____

NAME OF SONG _____

WILL CONTESTANT USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

PIANO _____ INSTRUMENT _____ WHAT KIND _____ MIKESTAND _____

WHAT PROPS WILL BE USED _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU STUDIED YOUR TALENT _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

BUSINESS OR FIRM REPRESENTING

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONTESTANT'S NAME _____

Permission is hereby given to the Miss Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant Management to utilize the information contained herein in any way they see fit without recourse from me, my heirs, or immediate family. Contestant hereby releases the Miss Colusa County Mini Miss Pageant Management, its directors, agents and employees, from claims of any kind or nature arising out of damage of persons or property occasioned by or in connection with any portion of contestant's participation.

SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT
OR LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

NAME OF PARENT
OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (Please print) _____

DATE _____

WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOT CONTESTANTS IN THE COLUSA COUNTY MINI MISS CONTEST UNTIL AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS, APRIL 18, 2014 AND ARE NOTIFIED BY THE FAIR MANAGEMENT.

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY: _____

CONTESTANT APPLYING FOR CONTEST: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____