

2011 Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant

Official Contestant Entry Packet

**PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY JUNE 7TH, 2011:**

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- 2. SIGNED RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (page 6)**
- 3. COMPLETED EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET (page 7)**
- 4. SIGNED COPY OF PAGEANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (page 8)**
- 5. COMPLETED & SIGNED MISS M-P FAIR PAGEANT APPLICATION (pages 9 & 10)**
- 6. \$50 ENTRY FEE (Checks made payable to: M-P Fair Pageant)**
- 7. 1 (one) copy of 4"x 6" (or smaller) HEAD SHOT PHOTO**

**RETURN TO:
MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR ASSOCIATION
ATTN: MISS M-P FAIR PAGEANT COMMITTEE
PO BOX 114
HENRY, IL 61537**

Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant

Official Rules

1. Must be at least 17 years old by July 6, 2011, and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2012.
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen and must be of good moral character; never have been convicted of a crime, have any criminal charges pending against them, or have any adjudication pending against them. Entrants should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent. Entrant must have conduct becoming of a Queen contestant at all times. This includes, but is not limited to any comments, pictures, and actions, either in person, written, or in online format (ex – MySpace, Facebook and Twitter websites). Any conduct deemed unbecoming of a Queen contestant, as determined by the Pageant Committee, can & may result in the immediate removal of the entrant from the competition.
3. Must be a single female; never have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled. Must have never been pregnant.
4. Any piercing, other than 2 ear lobe piercings, needs to be removed prior to the pageant. If there is a navel piercing that can't be removed, a band-aid must be placed over it to tape it down.
5. No visible tattoos or other body art will be allowed.
6. Former County Fair Queens who have competed for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair are not eligible to participate.
7. Contestants are encouraged to attend all meetings and rehearsals. These dates are provided on page 5 of this Entry Packet under "Additional Information for 2011 Pageant"
8. An entry fee of \$50.00 must be submitted with completed entry packet. No refunds will be given on entry fees if the entrant later decides not to compete in the Pageant. In addition, all contestants will be asked to sell or purchase 5 books of raffle tickets @ \$5.00 per book.
9. **All completed entry packets are to be submitted to the Pageant Committee by Tuesday June 7, 2011.**
10. Must agree to:
 - a) be personally interviewed by the judges in business attire
 - b) appear on stage in a one-piece swimsuit with taupe heels
 - c) appear on stage in a formal / evening gown for judging
 - d) present a one-minute prepared speech on a topic of your choice
 - e) answer a "fishbowl" question on stage
11. Must agree to abide by all the rules of the County and State contests either published or unpublished.
12. Must agree that the decision of the judges shall be final.
13. Must agree that the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging the contest shall be at the sole discretion of the pageant committee.
14. All grievances or objections relative to anything other than the actual contest will be referred to the Pageant Committee of the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association.

If chosen as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair 2011, the entrant agrees to:

1. Serve as the official hostess for the Marshall-Putnam County Fair from Wednesday July 6th through Sunday, July 10th, 2011. This includes, but is not limited to, participating in activities on the Fairgrounds, such as handing out ribbons at livestock judging events, making welcoming announcements to the crowd at each Grandstand Event, and to make appearances at various other activities during the Fair, to be determined by the Pageant Committee. The Queen must be available during the entire duration of the Fair, unless permission is granted in advance by the Pageant Committee.
2. Dress appropriately during the week of the Marshall-Putnam Fair. This includes no revealing tops, short shorts or skirts, and appropriate footwear for the events you are attending. If the Pageant Committee deems any attire inappropriate, you will be asked to change your clothes immediately.
3. Represent the Marshall-Putnam County Fair at some of the other area pageants, parades and other functions throughout your reign. Please note that you will be responsible for securing your own convertible or other appropriate transportation for all parades, including providing personal insurance coverage and providing your own candy, if you so choose. Dates for these functions will be provided to Miss Marshall-Putnam as soon as possible by the Pageant Committee. You and your family will be responsible for providing your own transportation to & from these events.

4. Attend County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, IL on Friday August 12, 2011 to represent the Marshall-Putnam County Fair. You and your family will be responsible for providing your own transportation to & from County Fair Day.
5. Have the opportunity to represent the Marshall-Putnam County Fair & compete for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair 2012 in January 2012 (exact dates will be provided as soon as possible by the Pageant Committee). This contest will be held over a 4 day weekend in Springfield, IL. If choosing to participate in this State Pageant, Miss Marshall-Putnam will be required to be available for the entire duration of the contest and must be accompanied during this time by a chaperone approved by the Pageant Committee. Miss Marshall-Putnam must submit her final completed State Pageant Application to the Pageant Committee no later than September 1, 2011 in order for her entry fee to be paid by the Pageant Committee.
6. Have a competition swimsuit purchased by the Pageant Committee for use in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, if so choosing to participate in this pageant. Miss Marshall-Putnam understands that this swimsuit will be for her use in competing in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, but will be wholly owned & retained by the Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant Committee after the conclusion of the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.
7. Reimburse the Pageant Committee for all expenses paid towards competing in Miss Illinois County Fair 2012 (including entry fees, hotel costs, clothing, coaching, and any other miscellaneous expenses) if she decides not to compete at Miss Illinois County after these expenses have been paid for her or if she does not comply with any other rules listed within the Official Rules and is removed from the competition by the Pageant Committee.
8. Not partake in any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while representing the Marshall-Putnam County Fair at any function (regardless of age).
9. Refrain from smoking while representing the Marshall-Putnam County Fair at any function.
10. Conduct yourself in a manner becoming of a Queen at all times. This includes, but is not limited to any comments, pictures, and actions, either in person, written, or in online format (ex – MySpace, Facebook, and Twitter websites). Any conduct deemed unbecoming of a Queen, as determined by the Pageant Committee, can & may result in the immediate relinquishing of the title of Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair.
11. Obtain approval in advance from the Pageant Committee for all personal appearances as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair, as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair.
12. Not compete in any other judged pageant during her reign as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair, until after competing in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in January 2012.
13. Be accompanied by a chaperone at all times during the Marshall-Putnam County Fair, the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant, and any other public appearances as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair. This chaperone must be approved by the Pageant Committee, and should preferably be a parent, guardian, pageant committee member, or other approved adult over the age of 21. A parent or guardian MUST accompany Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair AT ALL TIMES if she is under the age of 18.
14. Place all activities associated with the title of Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair above any and all other personal appearances. Exceptions can be made with approval in advance by the Pageant Committee.
15. Participate in the planning of the following year's Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant by collecting donations, recruiting contestants, and attending all workshops and practices for the purpose of training contestants.
16. Purchase and/or obtain donations and assemble a basket to be raffled off for Pageant Fundraising for the 2012 M-P Fair Pageants. The theme of this basket will be provided to you by the Pageant Committee prior to the 2012 Pageant. Approximate value of this basket should be around \$75.00 unless otherwise stated by the Pageant Committee.

In the event of marriage, pregnancy, conduct unbecoming, or for any other reason Miss Marshall-Putnam is unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Queen, she will IMMEDIATELY relinquish her title as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair, and all privileges connected with said title, including ALL prizes awarded to her as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair to that date including, but not limited to, her crown, sashes, scepters, scholarships, cash prizes, and any gifts not inscribed with her name. She will also reimburse the Pageant Committee for any clothing, travel, or other miscellaneous expenses that have already been paid on her behalf.

Please read the statements on the preceding pages carefully & completely before signing below. Any questions should be directed to the Pageant Committee for clarification.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed in this packet. I also understand that if I am chosen to be Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair, I will abide by these rules, or relinquish my title to my successor.

Contestant's Name (printed) _____

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian of Contestant: Please read the statements on the preceding pages carefully & completely before signing below. We are asking for your signature regardless of the age of the contestant, as you will be playing a major role in the coming year if the contestant named above is chosen as Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair. Any questions should be directed to the Pageant Committee for clarification.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed in this packet. As the above named contestant's parent or guardian, I understand that I am also responsible for knowing and understanding the rules and regulations set forth by the Pageant Committee, and will fully cooperate with the Pageant Committee in regards to ensuring the above named contestant abides by these rules.

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed) _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____
(regardless of Contestant's age)

Please type the following information directly onto this form:

Contestant Name _____

Age _____ Birth date _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Additional Information for 2011 Pageant

All completed entry packets (including \$50 entry fee and head shot photo) are due by **Tuesday, June 7th, 2011** to participate in the 2011 pageant.

There will be a Contestant Meeting for all 2011 contestants and their parents on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hunt Building on the fairgrounds. Please wear a nice sun dress, full makeup, and heels to this meeting for a group photo for the newspapers. Also, you can bring any clothing you plan to wear for the pageant to this meeting to be reviewed by the Pageant Committee.

A rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the Hunt Building. Speeches must be ready to practice on this date. A **MANDATORY** full dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the Hunt Building. At these rehearsals, contestants will be instructed in interview skills, walking on stage, poise and posture. Please bring heels over 2" to all practices.

Please contact the fair office (309-364-2814) if you have further questions.

Drawing for Reserved Pageant Seats

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Hunt Building located on the Marshall-Putnam Fairgrounds

THE ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVED SEAT COVERS

1. Pageant Photographer (1 free seat)
2. Pageant Videographer (1 free seat)
3. Judges (3 free seats total)
4. Sponsors (4 free seats each)
5. 2010 Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair's Family (2 free seats and up to 2 additional purchased seats)
6. 2010 Junior Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair's Family (2 free seats and up to 2 additional purchased seats)
7. 2010 Little Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair's Family (2 free seats and up to 2 additional purchased seats)
8. 2011 Contestants (2 free seats per contestant)
9. Master of Ceremony's Family (4 free seats)

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTANT RESERVED SEAT DRAWING

All 2011 contestants' (Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss) names will be written on a piece of paper and placed in a plastic tub.

Contestants' names will be drawn one at a time. The parent, guardian or designated person of the contestant whose name is drawn, will be given two (2) numbered pillow cases and asked to place the pillow cases on any available chair of their choice in the reserved seating area.

The selection process will continue until all contestants' names have been drawn.

If a parent, guardian or designated person of the contestant is not in attendance for the reserved seat drawing on June 14th, 2011 at 6 p.m., then their seat selection will be made for them, by a pageant committee member, after all other seat selections have been made.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR ASSOCIATION**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to enter for any purpose any part of the property of the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association, and/or in consideration of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in any events being conducted at the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association, EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, acknowledges, agrees and represents that he has, or will immediately upon entering any part of such property, and will continuously thereafter, inspect such property and all portions thereof which he enters and with which he comes in contact, and he does further warrant that his entry upon such property and his participation, if any, in the event constitutes an acknowledgment that he has inspected such property area and that he finds and accepts the same as being safe and reasonable suited for the purposes of his use, and he further agrees and warrants that if, at any time, he is in or about such property and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association of such and will immediately leave the area. In further consideration of the foregoing, the undersigned agrees as follows:

1. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the promoter, participants, racing association, sanctioning organization or any other subdivision thereof, track operator, track owner, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crew, and persons in any restricted area, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the event and each of them, their officers and employees, the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association, or its directors, officers, or employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "releasees", from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property of or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees, or otherwise, while the undersigned is in or upon the aforesaid areas, and/or competing, officiating in, observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in any of said events.
2. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in or upon the area or in any way competing, officiating, observing or working for, or for any purpose participating in any event and whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
3. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while in or upon the said areas and/or while competing, officiating, observing, observing, or working for or for any purpose participating in any event.

EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES and agrees that the activities of the event are very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of the undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Illinois and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representation, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Signature

Print Name

Parents' Signature
if entrant is under 18 years

Failure to sign this release automatically voids your entry

MISS MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please print clearly or type

1ST EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____

1ST CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS _____ (HOME)

_____ (CELL)

2ND EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____

2ND CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS _____ (HOME)

_____ (CELL)

ANY OTHER INFORMATION (medications, medical conditions, allergies, etc.) YOU FEEL THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE AWARE OF IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

MISS MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR

Pageant Scholarship Information

The Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant is hoping to award a cash scholarship to the newly selected 2011 Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair crowned Wednesday evening, July 6, 2011. This scholarship will be made possible by generous donations from local businesses throughout Marshall and Putnam counties.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPONENTS & GUIDELINES

1. The scholarship will provide a cash payment to Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair 2011 for reimbursement of educational expenses; including tuition fees, lab or other class fees, books, and room & board expenses. The recipient must be enrolled at an accredited college, university or trade school.
2. Scholarship funds will be made payable to the recipient at the end of her reign as Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair 2011 and will be payable once proof of enrollment and satisfactory academic progress have been provided to the Pageant Committee. Acceptable documentation includes college/university/trade school billing statement and transcript or other proof of academic progress documentation.
3. If the recipient fails to meet either of these requirements (enrollment status and satisfactory academic progress) within 24 months of the date she was crowned, the unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited unless a request for exception due to special circumstances is filed and approved by the Pageant Committee.
4. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to request the scholarship reimbursement by submitting the proper documentation listed above to the Pageant Committee. If the scholarship recipient has not submitted the proper documentation within 24 months of the date she was crowned, the unused portion of the scholarship will be forfeited. It is not the Pageant Committee's responsibility to remind you to request your scholarship reimbursement when the above requirements have been fulfilled.

Please read the above statements carefully & completely before signing below. Any questions should be directed to the Pageant Committee for clarification.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Pageant Scholarship Information printed on this form. I also understand that if I am chosen to be Miss Marshall-Putnam County Fair and awarded the Scholarship, I will abide by these rules, or relinquish my claims to this Scholarship Fund.

Contestant's Name (printed) _____

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed) _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____
(regardless of Contestant's age)

MISS MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR PAGEANT APPLICATION

Please type the following information directly onto this form

Contestant Name

Parents' Names

School Attending

Graduation Year

College Major

Place of Employment

Hair Color

Eye Color

Height

What 3 adjectives best describe you? _____, _____, _____

Career Goals and/or Future Plans _____

Hobbies and Talents (in order of personal importance) _____

Awards and Honors (in order of personal importance) _____

Church and/or Community Activities (in order of personal importance) _____

School Activities (in order of personal importance) _____

I hereby acknowledge that the information provided in the Pageant Application is true and correct.

Signature of Contestant _____

Signature of Parent (if under 18) _____

PAGEANT DATE AND LOCATION

Wednesday, July 6th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

**Marshall-Putnam County Fairgrounds
Hunt Building**

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