

2008
Miss Marshall-Putnam
Fair Pageant
Sponsored by Henry State Bank

Official Contestant
Entry Packet

Please complete & return this
entire packet to the Pageant Committee by
Monday, June 16th

Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant Official Rules

1. Entrant must be at least 17 years old by the date of the pageant (July 9, 2008), and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2009.
2. Entrant 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 and Facebook 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. Entrant must be a single female; never have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled. Entrant 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. Entrant is required to attend all workshops and rehearsals. These dates are provided on page 4 of this Entry Packet under "Additional Information for 2008 Pageant"
8. Entrant agrees to have a sponsor (either a business, family, or friend) who will pay a \$50.00 entry fee. 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 MONDAY JUNE 16, 2008.**
10. Entrant agrees to:
 - a) be personally interviewed by the judges in a business suit
 - 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. Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules of the County and State contests now in effect or hereafter announced.
12. Entrant agrees that the decision of the judges shall be final.
13. Entrant agrees 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 2008, the entrant agrees to:

1. Serve as the official hostess for the Marshall-Putnam County Fair from Wednesday July 9th through Sunday, July 13th, 2008. 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 as many other area pageants, parades, and other functions as possible. Please note that you will be responsible for securing your own convertible or other appropriate transportation for all parades, including 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.
4. Attend County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, IL on Friday August 8, 2008 to represent the Marshall-Putnam County Fair.
5. Have the opportunity to represent the Marshall-Putnam County Fair & compete for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair 2009 in January 2009 (exact date 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.
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. Not partake in any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while representing the Marshall-Putnam County Fair at any function (regardless of age).
8. Refrain from smoking while representing the Marshall-Putnam County Fair at any function.
9. 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 and Facebook 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 2009.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

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, scholarships, cash prizes, and any gifts not inscribed with her name. She shall be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up and said runner-up shall be awarded all gifts and privileges as if she were chosen Miss Marshall-Putnam on pageant night.

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 official rules and regulations printed on this form. 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 above statements 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 on this form. 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)

Additional Information for 2008 Pageant

There will be an Informational Tea for all interested contestants and their parents on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Building on the fairgrounds. This meeting is mandatory for all contestants who wish to participate or are just thinking about competing. The rules will be explained at this meeting. Each contestant must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Completed application, signed copy of Official Rules, signed Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement, \$50.00 entry/sponsorship fee and two copies of 4" x 6" or smaller head shot photos for the pageant program and judges books are due at the June 16th rehearsal.

Rehearsals will be Mondays, June 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the Hunt Building. A **MANDATORY** full dress rehearsal will be held on Monday, July 7th 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.

On June 16th, please wear a nice sun dress, full makeup, pantyhose and heels for a group photo. On June 23rd, speeches should be ready to practice. At each week of practice, our Reigning Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair, Miss Amanda Lutes, will be sharing tips and her experiences of being Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair.

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

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 T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

For this year's pageant, each contestant will receive a free T-shirt with the Marshall-Putnam County Fair Pageant logo printed on the front. To ensure that you receive the correct size shirt, please indicate the T-shirt size you would like the Pageant Committee to order for you. If you have any questions about the sizing of the T-shirts, please contact Jodi Slingsby at 815-343-2721.

Order forms should be submitted with your completed entry packet to ensure that all T-shirts can be ordered & received prior to the pageant date.

Please circle your size choice below (please choose only one size):

Youth 2 – 4

Adult Small

Youth 6 – 8

Adult Medium

Youth 10 – 12

Adult Large

Youth 14 – 16

Adult X-Large

Please return this order form with your completed entry packet no later than June 16th.

MISS MARSHALL-PUTNAM FAIR PAGEANT APPLICATION

Please print clearly or type

NAME _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____ PHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____

PARENTS' FULL NAME(S) _____

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ GRADUATION YEAR _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER _____

HAIR COLOR _____ EYE COLOR _____

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

WHAT 3 ADJECTIVES BEST DESCRIBE YOU?

_____, _____, _____.

Please type responses to the following questions on three separate sheets of paper (one answer per sheet).

Please limit each of your answers to 100 words or less.

1. Whom do you most admire and why?
2. What are your ambitions for the future?
3. Describe an issue facing the world today and express your feelings about that topic (such as drinking and driving, AIDS awareness, drug abuse, etc)

HOBBIES AND/OR TALENTS _____

AWARDS AND/OR HONORS _____

Please list your favorites:

FOOD_____

SONG_____

MOVIE_____

BOOK_____

CELEBRITY_____

TV SHOW_____

COLOR_____

SINGER/GROUP_____

HOLIDAY_____

PLACE TO TRAVEL_____

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 9th, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

**Marshall-Putnam County Fairgrounds
Hunt Building**

**PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NO LATER THAN
MONDAY JUNE 16TH, 2008:**

- 1. SIGNED COPY OF MISS M-P FAIR PAGEANT OFFICIAL RULES**
- 2. SIGNED RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**
- 3. COMPLETED EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET**
- 4. COMPLETED & SIGNED MISS M-P FAIR PAGEANT APPLICATION**
- 5. \$50 ENTRY FEE (Checks made payable to: Marshall-Putnam Fair Association)**
- 6. 2 (two) copies of 4"x 6" (or smaller) HEAD SHOT PHOTOS**

Miss Marshall-Putnam Fair Pageant Pageant Bio Information

Please answer as many of the following questions as possible. These answers will be used as part of your bio cards that will be read during the pageant as you walk the stage. Please print or type clearly.

1. Who is / was your favorite teacher and why?
2. What is your dream job?
3. Where is your favorite place in your county to go to?
4. What one word describes you best and why?
5. Where have you volunteered in the past and what did you do to volunteer?
6. What is your favorite exhibit / event at the Marshall-Putnam County Fair?
7. What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

8. What is the best advice you would give to younger girls?

9. How do you see yourself as a role model?

10. What are you afraid of?

11. What is one thing you are most proud of in your life?