

PAGEANT BULLETIN

2025

A Message from the Genesee County Fair Queen Pageant Coordinator:

Hey gorgeous contestants! Welcome to the 2025 Genesee County Fair Queen Pageant!

I'm so excited to share this bulletin packed with practical and thoughtful tips to help you shine on your journey to becoming this year's Genesee County Fair Queen. I genuinely hope these tips will inspire and support you as you prepare for the pageant.

Thank you so much for your incredible interest and enthusiasm in this year's Pageant. Let's make this the best year ever!

Cheers to your journey,
Shelby Saumier

PURPOSE OF THE GENESEE COUNTY FAIR

The purpose of the Genesee County Fair is to provide a chance for youth and adults to come together and celebrate our counties rich and varied cultural traditions, as well as to share in memories that will last a lifetime.

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JUDGING PROCESS

The Genesee County Fair Queen Pageant judging system is all about celebrating diversity, individuality, and overall achievement among all contestants. Judges score each contestant right after each phase of the Pageant, using a point scale in whole numbers for each category. This ensures that every unique quality and accomplishment is recognized and valued.

During the Pageant, the weighing of scores awarded per category is distributed as follows;

Application:	1-10 points
Scholastic Achievement:	1-10 points
Interview:	1-20 points
Talent:	1-10 points
Impromptu Question:	1-20 points
Personality:	1-15 points
Poise and Appearance:	1-15 points
TOTAL POSSIBLE:	100 POINTS

Good Luck!



JUDGING CRITERIA

APPLICATION - 1-10 points

Each contestant must submit a typed application. Directions need to be followed, and every question should have a clear answer. Scoring criteria: application appearance and adherence to directions.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT - 1-10 points

Contestants will be judged on their service to church, school, and community.

INTERVIEW – 5 minutes - 1-20 points

Each contestant will have a 5-minute group interview with the judges. Questions will be based on the application. Scoring criteria: first impression, intelligence, vocabulary/grammar, composure, and responses. Wear business attire suitable for a professional interview.

TALENT - 3 to 5 minutes - 1-10 points

Contestants will perform a 3 to 5 minute talent presentation. Talents can include vocals, dance, gymnastics, instrumentals, drama, or any other skill. Scoring criteria: skill, stage presence, expression, and self-confidence.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION - 1-20 points

Each contestant will appear on-stage in formal wear and answer a randomly drawn question. Scoring criteria: stage presence, composure, clarity of voice, speaking skills, and expression.

PERSONALITY - 1-15 points

This is very IMPORTANT! Be courteous to everyone. Judges could be watching at all times, so maintain a positive attitude throughout the pageant. Remember, congeniality is highly valued.

POISE / APPEARANCE - 1-15 points

Contestants will be observed by judges throughout the day. This is crucial for public appearances as our queen. Scoring criteria: make-up, hairstyle, grooming, business attire, formal wear, and congeniality/personality.

CONTESTANT F.Y.I.

INTERVIEW - When you're being asked questions, honesty, sincerity, and simplicity are key. Judges look for contestants who are confident and comfortable with their answers. Just be yourself and let your true personality shine through!

TALENTS - For those showcasing their vocal skills, choose a song you can sing comfortably. If poetry is your thing, pick a monologue that suits your style and expression. Instrumentalists, select your pieces wisely. Dancers, remember the performance area is 10' x 12'—plan your routine accordingly.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT - This section is all about your achievements in church, school, and community. Let your accomplishments speak for themselves!

APPLICATION - Make sure your application is typed. This is the judges' first impression of you, so it needs to be perfect. Have someone proofread your work, keep a copy for yourself, and make sure you know everything on it—judges might ask questions based on your application. Follow all instructions carefully to avoid losing points and return your application by the deadline.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION - This part can be a tie-breaker. Answer with confidence and be prepared for anything. Remember to maintain composure, good posture, clarity of expression, clear speaking skills, and most importantly, SMILE.

PERSONALITY / POISE / APPEARANCE - It's IMPORTANT to be courteous to everyone. Judges could be watching you at all times, so keep a positive attitude throughout the entire pageant. Be yourself and don't overdo it.

NOTE: During the Pageant, please keep the following in mind:

1. There is a pageant for everyone.
2. Quitters and bad attitudes will never win.
3. Everyone has bad days.
4. Persistence and dedication make winners.
5. Poise and confidence are the keys to the crown.
6. Practice your smile for the next pageant.

DON'T GIVE UP!! REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS GAIN INSIGHT AT EACH EVENT.

2025 MISS GENESEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT GUIDELINES

1. ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FAIR OFFICE BY JULY 1. POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Contestants must be between the ages of 15 and 21 years old (age as of January 1st of the current year), never been married, never had children, and be a resident of Genesee County. A currently reigning Genesee County Fair Queen may not run the year following her crowning.
3. The Contest will be held on Monday, August 19th. Check-in at 4 PM; judging times to be determined.
4. Contestants agree to:
 - Be personally interviewed by the judges in business attire.
 - Appear on stage in a formal/evening gown for judging.
 - Answer a "fishbowl" question on stage.
5. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges shall be final.
6. Contestants agree to abide by all rules of the Genesee County Fair now in effect or hereafter announced.
7. Contestants must not compete in any other judged pageant during their reign as Miss Genesee County Fair Queen.
8. Judging will be based on the following point system: Application - 10 pts., Scholastic Achievement - 10 pts., Interview - 20 pts., Talent - 10 pts., Impromptu Question - 20 pts., Personality - 15 pts., Poise / Appearance - 15 pts.
9. Contestants must be available on Monday, August 18, 2025, from 4 PM - 9 PM, and Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 5 PM - 8 PM. The exact schedule for check-in and judging will be available ten days prior to the Pageant. Coronation will take place at 6:30 PM. All contestants must be present at the Parade and Coronation Ceremony.
10. The winner will reign for one year. The Queen and Her Court must be available August 19-24, 2025, to host Fair activities (at least 4 hours per day). Throughout the year, the Queen and her Court will be asked to participate in local parades or host additional activities.
11. Order of Judging: Interview (business attire), Talent (bring everything necessary), On-Stage Question (formal wear). Totalling of all scores and the announcement of Queen, 1st, and 2nd Runners-up, and Coronation will be announced to the general public at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, in the Grandstand Arena.
12. Contestants must file their pageant application with the Genesee County Fair Office, along with a photo (which may be used in print materials to promote the contest).
13. If the Queen, 1st, or 2nd runners-up are unable to fulfill their duties due to circumstances found to be objectionable by the Genesee County Fair Board of Directors, they will forfeit all awards. Queen – Crown and Sash, 1st and 2nd runner-up – Sash. The next in line will finish their reign.
14. No scores will be released to any contestant.
15. **It is mandatory to send the application, a photo of yourself, and the entry fee.** All submitted material must be **typed**. The photo is used for identification purposes and may be used to promote the contest. If the photo is not included with the application, you will not be qualified to participate in the 2025 Miss Genesee County Fair Queen Pageant.
16. All materials (application, photo, etc.) become the property of the Genesee County Fair.
17. The Genesee County Fair Executive Director reserves the right to modify these Rules and Policies at any time, with or without cause or notice.

Contestant # _____

2025 GENESEE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All application **INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED** (*NOT HAND WRITTEN*) except signature and include a photo. Please answer all questions with a brief **TYPED** explanation on a separate sheet(s). Number your answers to correspond with each question. Check your spelling; **JUDGES WILL SEE THIS APPLICATION** as you have written it. A \$10 entry fee must accompany this form. **Mail completed application, photo, and entry fee to:**

Genesee County Fair
2188 W. Mt. Morris Rd.
Mt. Morris, Mi 48458

APPLICATION

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Address, City, Zip: _____

Contestant's Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Contestant's Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth _____

E-Mail: _____

High School: _____ Year or Graduation: _____

College (if applicable): _____

1. What are your goals for the future, and how do you plan to achieve them?
2. What have been your primary scholastic achievements?
3. What other extracurricular activities have you been involved in?
4. What church, civic, or community activities have you participated in?
5. What special honors, awards, or recognition have you received?
6. What accomplishments are you most proud of?
7. Have you ever been involved in the Genesee County Fair before? If yes, in what way?
8. Briefly explain why you want to become the Miss Genesee County Fair Queen.
9. If crowned Miss Genesee County Fair Queen, how do you think you can help promote the fair?
10. List something that isn't on this application that you would like the judges to know about you.

I hereby acknowledge that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have read and understand all the rules and requirements of the pageant. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign.

Contestant's signature: _____ Parent's name: _____

Parent's address, city, zip: _____

Parent's phone: _____ Parent's signature: _____