May 1, 2009

Dear Fair Queen Applicant,

On behalf of the Lawrence County Fair Queen Committee, I'd like to say that we're excited you've chosen to be a part of the 2009 Queen Contest. We've got a fun, hard-working committee and some great new ideas that we're bringing to this year's program.

The disc in this packet has the application form on it. Just stick it in your computer, fill it out, and print it off. It also has some other information on rules and schedules for the contest. *(There is one change that needs to be made on the schedule. The Splurge Party at Maurices on June 28th is at 5:00 instead of 8:00)* Please read carefully over all of these materials before submitting your application. It's a good idea to go ahead and print those out too for reference.

Take a look at this website www.liasophia.com. If you are interested in some new jewelry for your professional or formal wear, we will have a *lia sophia* rep at our introductory meeting on June 25th. Orders must be placed that day!

Keep in mind that this application form will be the exact form in front of the judges. So make sure you're comfortable talking about everything on your sheet. And check for misspellings and typos!!!

In order for your application to be complete, you must include:

___Completed 1-page application
___Wallet-sized photograph
___Jpeg photo on CD with copyright release form
___Completed index card w/ info for program
___$25 sponsor fee

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Good luck!

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Fair Queen Contest Rules
2009

Purpose:
The purpose of the Lawrence County Fair Queen contest is two-fold. First is the selection of one girl to represent Lawrence County at the Indiana State Fair, and to participate in other Lawrence County activities throughout the year. Equally important is the opportunity for all of the contestants to develop or enhance qualities of leadership, self-confidence, self-esteem, poise, public speaking abilities and many other valuable skills.

Queen Contest Rules:

1. Each contestant must be a least 16 years of age and cannot have had her 21st birthday as of August 1, 2009, or the first day of the 2009 Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.

All contestants must attend at least 50% of scheduled meetings.
Rehearsal will be mandatory.

2. Contestants must currently be active in at least one worthwhile organization in her community (for example: 4-H, church groups, Girl Scouts, etc.)
3. Each contestant must submit an application to the Lawrence County Office of the Purdue Extension Service by June 19th of the current year.
4. Contestant must be a resident of Lawrence County.
5. Each contestant must find a business or individual to sponsor them for a fee of $25.
6. No professional model is eligible for the contest. A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling. A girl who works for a high school or college fashion board is not considered a professional model.
7. Any contestant who has competed at the Indiana State Fair Queen Contest finals may not compete again.
8. The Queen is chosen on the basis of Inner-Beauty, Personality and Poise.
   This judging is divided into three divisions:
   Division 1 – Evening Gown: 30 points total:
   (Stage presence – 15 pts, Overall impression – 15 pts)
   Division 2 – Interview: 50 points total:
   (Ability to converse – 20 pts, Poise – 15 pts, Personality – 15pts)
   Division 3 – Professional Wear: - 20 points:
   (Posture and poise – 10pts, Overall impressions – 10pts)
8. Only the first 24 entries will be accepted. Entry deadline is June 19, 2009.
9. Clothing requirements: (failure to comply with these requirements could result in the loss of judging points)
   Division 1 – Evening Gown
   Attire: Long evening gown
   At least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestant's foot) other portions of the dress may be knee or tea lengths, depending on the design of the dress. Gowns with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the kneecap) and/or a low cut bodice will be discounted by the judges.
   Division 2 – Interview
   Attire: Dress or Suit
   Each contestant will have three minutes before the judges.
   She will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges.
   Division 3 – Professional Wear
   Attire: Dress or Suit
   Pant suits or pant separates will be allowed. Suit does not have to be of the same fabric-separates will be allowed. Suit or dress worn by contestant in interview MAY also be worn/judged in professional wear category. It is recommended that skirts not be shorter than knee-length. Props are NOT allowed.

10. The winning contestant, 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and Miss Congeniality of the Lawrence County Fair Queen Contest must be prepared to spend the entire period of the Lawrence County 4-H Fair in attendance at 4-H Fair activities. Arrangements with employers, etc., must be made in advance. Personal escorts and other friends are not appropriate.
11. The winning contestant will be entered as Miss Lawrence County Fair in the Indiana State Fair Queen Contest, and will be required to spend three days competing for State Fair honors. The Indiana State Fair will provide hotel accommodations, meals, and transportation for each contestant and one chaperone during the State Fair competition. The winning contestant of the State Fair Contest must be available the entire period of the fair as the official hostess for the Indiana State Fair.
12. Miss Indiana State Fair must agree to accept no other title except "Miss Indiana State Fair" nor endorse any commercial product for a period of 12 months following the Indiana State Fair, except with prior approval of the Indiana State Fair Publicity Department.
13. Each contestant must comply with all rules of eligibility listed above. Failure to do so will forfeit her right to be a contestant.
14. Scholarship awards will be given to the recipient upon proof (an official transcript) of one semester completion of college with passing grades. Money will be forfeited back into the fund if not used within two years following high school graduation.
15. Any rule introduced at the organizational meeting by the Fair Queen Contest Committee will precede any of the above rules.

2009 Miss Lawrence County Fair Contestant Schedule

June 19th—Applications must be turned in

June 25th—6:00pm
Introductory meeting
Location: Expo Hall

June 28th—5:00pm
Splurge Party
Enjoy refreshments, games, and discounts while we shop after hours
Location: Maurices

July 2nd—6:00pm
Stage Practice
Bring all suits, formal wear, shoes, and accessories for approval
Location: Expo Hall

July 3rd—4:00pm
Queen Tour
Dress appropriately to visit the local businesses who donate to the pageant
Meet at K-Mart parking lot

July 6th—5:00pm
Stage practice/Mock interviews
Bring shoes
Location: Expo Hall

July 7th—5:00pm
Stage Practice/Interview practice
Bring shoes
Location: Expo Hall

July 9th—5:00pm
Dress Rehearsal
Bring EVERYTHING you will be needing for the pageant
Location: Expo Hall

July 10th—QUEEN CONTEST
Interviews starting at 12:00 noon (time subject to change)
Location: Comfort Inn
Hair and makeup appointments throughout the day
Be at Expo hall by 5:00pm Contest starts at 7:00pm

July 21st—10:00am
Photo shoot for Queen and court
Location: Richardson Studio

Fair schedule to follow.