



Lonoke County Fair Pageant

Saturday September 13, 2025

Deadline to enter September 8, 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Lonoke County Fair Pageant and Talent Competition. There are many changes this year, and we hope you will find them more inviting. It is our mission to enrich confidence, build character and encourage our contestants to be the best version of themselves on and off the stage.

Junior Miss and Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen Contestants

Age divisions:

Ages 14-17 – Junior Miss Fair Queen

Ages 18-23 –Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen

Your division is determined by your age as of October 1. This is not a preliminary for the Arkansas State Fair competition. The ASF competition is an open pageant for these age divisions. The information for the ASF competition can be found at www.Arkansasstatefair.com

How do I compete? Enter at www.lonokecountyfair.com. There you will find an online form to complete. You will then need to mail the \$50 entry fee to the address below. If you are entering the **photogenic portion** of the competition as well, be sure to fill out the additional entry form and mail in the \$10 entry fee to the same address.

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Once your entry fee is received, you will receive a conformation email of your entry.

Eligibility: Miss Lonoke County Fair Queen contestants must be 18-23 years old and either a graduating high school senior, enrolled in post-secondary education or non-pursuant of education by October 1. Jr Miss Fair Queen contestants must be 14-17 years old regardless of what grade you are in. If you are 17 and a senior and want to compete in the senior division for a chance to win a scholarship at the Arkansas State Fair, you may do so. No one 18 and up will be allowed to compete

in this division. Contestants must reside in Lonoke County for a minimum of 6 months prior to competition.

College students: to be eligible to compete in the county or district fair where you are currently attending college you must have completed one full semester, be a full-time student, and currently be carrying 12 credit hours. If you don't meet this criterion, you can compete in your home county. A contestant must have been born a female. She cannot be, become, or at any time have been married, engaged, had a marriage annulled, pregnant, or have had a child. Contestants must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have criminal charges pending. Past Lonoke County Fair Queens are ineligible to compete again until they age up into the next Fair Queen division.

What will I have to do? There will be a private interview with the judges, and you will compete in evening gown, and answer a question on stage or if we have enough contestants, we will substitute the on-stage question for an on-stage conversation.

What can I win? You will receive a beautiful official Arkansas State Fair crown and county sash that will be worn to compete in the Arkansas State Fair that will display the ASF logo and will match other county fair sister queens across the state, flowers, trophy, cash prize (amount will be determined by how many contestants we have), and the opportunity to compete at the Arkansas State Fair for more wonderful prizes and scholarships.

What is the interview about? This private, timed (five-minute) conversation. It is a great opportunity to showcase your personality to the judging panel. Come prepared to talk about the topics on your entry form, current events, the fair in general, including but not limited to, this year's fair theme. This counts for 50% of your total score.

What should I wear? For interviews, I think bright, fun with flair, yet professional. Pantsuit, casual dress, jumpsuit, skirt etc. This outfit will be what you will wear for interview and onstage question. For evening gown, you may wear a gown of your choice. We encourage you to wear something age appropriate. Come ready to showcase your poise and confidence. Stage presence, eye contact, posture, and overall impression are important too. This portion will count as 30% of your total score.

Onstage question/conversation: For the conversation portion (if there is at least 4 contestants) contestants will be called to the stage in groups of 3 or 4, this is a 3-minute timed event where the emcee will lead the conversation by asking a question, and contestants will participate in a conversation with each other. One or two follow up questions may also be asked by the emcee. This phase is judged on a contestant's ability to speak confidently but listens sincerely. Judges are instructed to view this competition as a visual of how a contestant will present herself as a title holder and be representative of the Lonoke County Fair in a public setting. On stage question will be a random question asked from choosing question from a bowl and handing it to the emcee who will read the question. Same type of judging criteria as with the on-stage conversation. This portion will count for 20% of your total score.

Photogenic contest: Yes, there will be an optional photogenic contest. The cost to enter this portion is \$10 and there will be an extra form to fill out for this which you can find at the fair website. Photo should be no larger than an 8x10 photo and bring photo with you to the competition and turned in at registration or you can turn it in at rehearsal. Your entry fee is to be mailed to:

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Crowd favorite Yes, we will have a crowd favorite table set up behind the audience. This is a way for your family and friends to show their support for you and it helps us to fund the contest and awards. There will be bags set up on a table with each girl's name on the bags, votes are in the form of money. In each division we will count money collected and the girl with the most money in her bag will receive half of the money she received in her bag and will be named crowd favorite. This has absolutely no bearing on the pageant. The judges will not know who wins this until it is announced to everyone. You may collect money from friends and family before the pageant if you want and add proceeds to your bag when you arrive.

Rehearsal: Rehearsals will be held on Thursday, September 11 and Friday, September 12, at 6pm. You do not have to be at both we offer two opportunities, so everyone has equal chance to practice in case they have ball games or other extracurricular activities. It is highly encouraged for you to attend at least one of the rehearsals. This is when we will have any last minute information for you and can answer any questions you may have.

Check-in/Dressing Room/Backstage: A dressing room is available for females to prepare for competition. This is for contestants and one female accompaniment. You will enter through the Education Building door, this is the far north door, where during the fair the arts and crafts entries are displayed. You will check in upon arrival and receive your contestant number and turn in your picture if you have entered photogenic.

Please be respectful of the fair property and clean up after yourself. We will have mirrors and chairs set up for your convenience. There are plug-ins but you will need to furnish your own extension cord. Please keep your cell phones in your purse, we don't need any "Oops" photos posted on social media. If you are backstage with contestant and want to see a contestant on stage, you are asked to exit the dressing room and re-enter the building at the audience entrance. You will not be asked to pay if you have your arm band / or stamp that will be given to you at check in. you will not be allowed to watch from beside the stage.

Fair Queen duties:

If you are crowned one of Lonoke County Fair Queens there are a few things that will be expected of you. Queens are to make at least three appearances at the fair and stand at the gate and welcome guests as they enter the fairgrounds. Scheduling and details will be sent via group text after crowning. Queens and kings are required to ride in the county fair parade, and invited but not required to ride in the Christmas Parades in England, Cabot, Lonoke, Carlisle, and Ward. Each queen and king and parents of queen and kings are expected to help build the float. We will start on the float 3 or 4 weeks before first parade. There will be a meeting in November about the parades that Queens/Parents are asked to attend. The date for this will be set a little closer to time. The floats are judged and we can build a very simple one or a more elaborate one that is all up to you and the parents. There will be other events throughout the year that we may be invited too. They will not be mandatory but if we are asked to help with an event I would hope that you ladies would want to help. Pageant entries can find the information and entry forms for the Arkansas State Fair competition at: www.arkansasstatefair.com. Please check the state fair website for those deadlines.

Contact Information:

We will primarily communicate through text or e-mail with contestants. Please ensure that you have provided a good e-mail address that is checked on a regular basis, as well as a good phone number

that accepts texting. You can follow our Facebook page at Lonoke County Fair Queen for information as well or the fair website at www.lonokecountyfair.com. The pageant e-mail is lonokecountyfairqueen@yahoo.com

The contest director and/or County Fair Management of the Lonoke County Fair Pageant reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the contest, and the right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules can be disqualified from the competition by the County Contest Director and/or Fair Management.

Lonoke County Fair Association is not responsible for any accidents, lost, stolen or damaged items or items left in the dressing room or any other areas of the pageant and talent competitions.