



Lonoke County Fair Pageant

Saturday September 19, 2026

Deadline to enter September 14, 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Lonoke County Fair Pageant and Talent Competition. Be sure to check for any updates and changes. 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.

Miss, Elite Miss, and Senior Miss Pageant

Age divisions:

Ages 24-34 – Miss.

Ages 35-55 – Elite Ms.

Ages 56-75 - Senior Ms.

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

Eligibility: All contestants must reside in Lonoke County for a minimum of 6 months prior to competition. All applicants must have been born a female and continue to be a person of good moral character. Applicants have not and will not willingly appear in provocative and sexually explicit photographs for any film or publication before or during the competition or during her reign. Contestants of the competition must have the physical and mental capabilities to participate in this competition.

How to Enter: To enter, go to our website: www.lonokecountyfair.com, complete the online entry form, then mail, or drop off the \$50.00 entry fee to the address below. Contestants may also bring their entry fee to the pageant rehearsal. Make checks payable to: Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association. Once your entry fee is received, you will receive a conformation email of your entry

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There will not be photogenic for these age divisions. The interview and stage performances will follow the same guidelines as the Jr and Sr competitions. There will be an interview, on stage question or conversation, and evening gown portions of 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 is a 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 interview 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 are 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 Couty 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.

What about 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 as a 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 17 and Friday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. 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 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.

Queen's 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 3 (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. There will be other events throughout the year that we may be invited too. They will not be mandatory, but we strongly encourage you to attend what you can as a representative of Lonoke County Fair.

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 Lonoke County Executive Director and or Lonoke County Fair Management of the Lonoke County

Fair Queen Pageant reserves 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 competition 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 or any rules/statement given orally may be disqualified from the competition by the Lonoke County Fair Pageant Executive Director and or Lonoke County Fair Management or Fair Board. 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.