



**Ms. Benton County Fair Pageant
August 4, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.**

Early Entry form and fee due: Submitted by August 1st, 2018

35-55 Years \$40 + \$2.00 processing fee

Entry form and fee due: MORNING OF PAGEANT

35-55 Years (bring to Interview) \$75

Rules & How to Enter

RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Contestants will compete in Interview, Fair Wear, and Evening Gown/Onstage Question.
2. Ms. Benton County Fair Queen must be 35 to 55 years of age as of August 4th, 2019 and must be a legal resident of Benton County. **This means you must LIVE in Benton County. Per State Fair rules, going to school in the county does not constitute residency.**
3. Applicant must have been born a female and a resident of the State of Arkansas and must have resided there for at least six months prior to her entering the Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
4. Applicant will continue to be a person of good moral character, affirms that she has not committed and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the Ms. Benton County Fair Queen Competition, its representatives and sponsors. She will not willingly appear in provocation and sexually explicit photographs for any film or publication prior to, during the competition, or during her reign as Ms. Benton County Fair Queen.
5. Applicant agrees to look solely to the Benton County Fair Pageant Director with respect to all matters relating to the Ms. Benton County Fair Pageant and Ms. Arkansas State Fair Queen Competition.
6. The Contestants of the Ms. Benton County Fair Queen competition must have the physical and mental capabilities to participate in this contest. The winner must also maintain such said capabilities in order to fulfill assigned duties.
7. Winner must attend all events and complete all duties outlined in Ms. Benton County Fair Queen contract. Failure to do so will result in

forfeiture of title and all winnings. First runner up will take over at this time.

ENTRY FORMS

1. **NEW!!!** From now until August 1st you will have the opportunity to submit your entry form and payment online!! Once early registration has ended, you must bring your entry form to the door with your \$75 entry fee, NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. **For the early registration**, you must register and pay online **by August 1st** to receive the discount, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. It will be \$40 and there is a \$2.00 processing fee. You will also click the link in "Tips" to have access to the entry form, please fill this out. ***If you are entering more than one person online-select "Quick Group" this way you only have to pay the processing fee one time!***
 - a. **Early registration website** is <https://bentonar.fairwire.com>
 - b. Check in for early registration will end at 9:00 am, NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are not checked in by this time you will be disqualified and unable to receive a refund for your entry fee.
3. **At the door registration** will be open on August 4th. This is **ONLY OPEN FROM 8:00-9:00 AM**. Please come with your \$75 entry fee and completed paperwork. At 9:00 am, registration will be OFFICIALLY CLOSED, NO EXCEPTIONS. If you show up after 9:00 am, you will NOT be allowed to compete.
4. Entry forms and rules are available at www.bentoncountyfairar.org. As well as, on our Facebook page, Benton County Fair Pageant.
5. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR FORM TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

MORNING COMPETITIONS

Rehearsal

1. Registration and orientation will begin at **9:00 am**. Rehearsal will start at **9:00 am**. You MUST be registered and checked in at this time in order to compete, no exceptions.
2. All contestants will receive their numbers when they check in.
3. Since the rehearsal is closed to the public, contestants are free to wear comfortable clothing, hair in curlers and no makeup if desired. We recommend the contestants rehearse in the same shoes they will wear in each phase of competition.

Interview and Fair Attire

1. Directly following rehearsal, morning competitions will begin.
2. Interviews will begin at **11:00 am**.
 - a. Attire is as follows; Dress or Suit, Jewelry and shoes of choice – no hats, gloves or purses. There will be no dressing rooms at this time. Contestants will need to

change in the restrooms located in the back of the building.

- b. This will account for 50 percent of a contestant's total score. All interviews will be five minutes long and will be timed and monitored. Judges are instructed to avoid current affairs and religious or political questions. The Judges and Contestants are not allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact.
3. After the conclusion of interviews, Ms. contestants will be released to leave until the night competitions.

EVENING COMPETITIONS

1. All contestants will need to be back at the fairgrounds by 4:30 P.M for fair wear and evening gown and onstage question. You will sit in the audience until your age group is called backstage for lineup. We will start with the PreTeens and end with the Ms. contestants.
2. Only contestants are allowed in free. You must show your contestant completed pageant entry form to the gate personnel to be allowed to enter free. (Unless the fair is having sponsored admission-then it is free for everyone)
3. Fair Wear
 - a. Fair Attire attire is as follows; Something you would wear to the State/County Fair or Rodeo.
 - b. This will account for 15 percent of a contestant's total score. Over – all first impression, stage presence, and confidence are also included.
4. Evening Gown/Onstage Question
 - a. Evening gown attire is as follows; Evening Gown of choice. Jewelry and accessories should be tasteful and compliment the gown. High-heeled shoes are recommended, but not required.
 - b. The Evening Gown Competition will account for 35 percent of a contestant's total score. Judging will be based on overall first impression, beauty, stage presence, personality, grace, charm, walk, appropriateness of evening gown and composite appearance. Each contestant will be asked an on-stage question and will be allowed a maximum of 30 seconds for their extemporaneous response, her ability to answer confidently, as well as her tone of voice, will be included in her Evening Gown score. Judges are instructed "not to judge the gown", but to "judge the contestant in the gown.
5. Winners receive rhinestone crowns, sashes, and a prize package. Runner ups will receive a certificate. An Overall Interview and Overall Fair Wear award will be given to the contestants who receive the highest score in each competition. Audience Favorite award will be given to the contestant who receives the most votes in each age group. Votes are \$1.00 each.

6. Ms winner will be required to compete at the State Fair Pageant in October.
7. Winner must attend all events and complete all duties outlined in Ms. Benton County Fair Queen contract. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of title and all winnings. First runner up will take over at this time.
8. Audience Favorite ballots are available to print off. You are welcome to pre collect votes and bring them the night of the pageant along with the collected money. You may also print off more ballots than what are attached if needed. We will also be collecting votes throughout the pageant. Pre-collection of votes is strictly OPTIONAL. Audience Favorite competition does NOT have any deciding factor in the overall winner.
9. Direct all questions to bcfpageant@gmail.com or send a message to our Facebook page, Benton County Fair Pageant.

DISCLAIMERS

The judges will be appointed by the Benton County Fair Pageant. They will be persons well qualified to judge a competition of this kind. Their decision will be final. Critiques and scores will not be provided to anyone, nor will any contestant, or any representative of a contestant, be allowed to approach the judges at any time.

The Benton Co. Fair Pageant Director 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 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 County Fair Management.

NO UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL BE TOLERATED!

**BENTON COUNTY FAIR BEAUTY
PAGEANT
ENTRY FORM FOR MS.
CONTESTANTS**



NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____ PARENTS _____ :

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Emcee will read below while contestant is on stage. Please write clearly.

SCHOOL (if attending): _____

FUN FACT _____

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

HOBBIES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

I wish to enter Benton County Beauty Pageant Contest. I agree to be governed by the rules, as set forth by the BCFA, Inc. We have read and understand the rules and regulations for this contest and agree to abide by them. BCF, Miss Benton Co., neither pageant coordinators nor the facility where it is being held is in no way responsible for incidents, accidents, injury or theft that may occur before, during or after the pageant. I understand the judges' decisions are final and there are no

refunds for any fees. We further agree to conduct ourselves at all times in a manner that will reflect favorably on us and the family we represent. **NO UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL BE TOLERATED!**

_____ **APPROVAL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN** **DATE:** _____

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