

2009 Saratoga County Fair Pageants

For many years the Saratoga County Fair Pageant has recognized and honored local babies, toddlers and young ladies. These contestants gain poise, confidence and build their self-esteem through onstage presentations and friendly competition. We welcome you to be part of this year's Fair Pageants. Entry forms are available online at www.saratogacountyfair.org OR www.scfpageant.org. You can request an application by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 663, Clifton Park, NY 12065.

All divisions of competition will be held on **Tuesday, July 14** in the Talent Pavilion. All contestants must check in with Pageant Staff 30 minutes prior to the start of the pageant.

10:00 AM Miss Tiny Tot, Mister Tiny Tot, Little Miss, Sweetheart, Princess

5:00 PM Young Miss, Honor Queen, Fair Queen* Opening dance number with self-introduction
Baby Miss, Baby Mister, Tiny Miss and Tiny Mister *after opening number

REHEARSAL

Contestants and a guest are invited to meet the other contestants, ask questions, get advice and practice their presentation on stage. This time is scheduled for contestants to practice on stage and become familiar with how the pageant will run on Tuesday. The pageant staff and current titleholders will be available to answer questions and give advice. Rehearsal will be **Sunday, July 12** in the Talent Pavilion on the fairgrounds. Please bring the shoes you will be wearing for the pageant. Attire is comfortable and casual for this event. There will not be any judges at rehearsal. Light refreshments will be served during both rehearsals. Admission tickets for contestants over 6 years old will be given out during rehearsal.

PLEASE NOTE **Contestants will not be allowed on stage to practice prior to the start of their competition the day of the pageant.

11:00- 12:30 pm Miss Tiny Tot, Mister Tiny Tot, Little Miss, Sweetheart and Princess. This rehearsal is highly recommended, but not mandatory for participation.

1:00- 3:00 pm Young Miss, Honor Queen and Fair Queen. Attendance is **MANDATORY** for all contestants in these divisions. The opening dance number will be taught and practiced several times. Self-introductions and questions will also be discussed.

Age Divisions

Applicants must select the appropriate group based on their gender and age as of the day of the event. Current and past titleholders may **only** compete in the next age division and are **not allowed** to compete again for their current or past title if they remain in the same age division.

• Baby Miss	Girls – Ages 6 to 11 months	• Little Miss	Ages 4 to 5 years
• Baby Mister	Boys – Ages 6 to 11 months	• Sweetheart	Ages 6 to 7 years
• Tiny Miss	Girls – Ages 12 to 23 months	• Princess	Ages 8 to 10 years
• Tiny Mister	Boys – Ages 12 to 23 months	• Young Miss	Ages 11 to 13 years
• Miss Tiny Tot	Girls – Ages 2 to 3 years	• Honor Queen	Ages 14 to 16 years
• Mister Tiny Tot	Boys – Ages 2 to 3 years	• Fair Queen	Ages 17 to 25 year

Awards

◇One winner in each age division will receive \$100 cash prize, crown and sash.

◇ 1st Runner-up in each age division will receive special recognition.

All participating contestants will receive participation ribbon.

Miss Saratoga County Fair Queen 2009

◇One winner will receive \$200 cash prize, crown and sash.

◇An 8x10 photo of the winner will be added to the Fair Pageant Photo Board.

◇Titleholder represents the Fair throughout the week of the fair and during the year within her community

Judging

Judges are individuals from the community selected by the Pageant Director. Judges have some experience in stage presentation, public speaking, fashion, make-up and/or hair design, pageants and/or performance. Other judges may be selected from the Fair Board of Directors or the Professional Businesses of Saratoga County. Contestants are not informed of the selection of judges. A judge may be substituted or replaced if a judge or the Pageant Director finds a conflict in relationship or the judge is unable to remain bias and fair. The pageant staff members, including the Assistant Director and Events Coordinator, are not informed of the identity of the judges until the day of the pageant. Information regarding the judges is held confidential by the Pageant Director.

All contestants will be judged on personal style, poise, confidence and overall presentation. All contestants speaking onstage will be judged on speaking ability, projection, personality and confidence. The opening dance number will not be part of the judging or scores.

JUDGING CATEGORIES	EXPLANATION
Overall Presentation (up to 20 total points)	This is the first impression score. Does the contestant demonstrate confidence? Is the attire age appropriate? Does the attire fit properly and show personality and style? Is the contestant smiling? Having fun? Crying? Sitting on the stage? Clearly wants to be on the stage? Is the contestant graceful and poised? Does the contestant look like a Fair representative?
Personality/Smile (up to 10 total points)	Does the contestant demonstrate confidence? Self-esteem? Pride in appearance? Is the contestant having fun and happy to be participating? Does the contestant appear approachable and friendly?
Style/Attire (up to 10 total points)	Is attire age appropriate and fit properly? Does the attire match the values associated with the Saratoga County Fair and surrounding communities? Could this contestant be a role model for young fairgoers and future pageant contestants? Is the contestant graceful and poised?
Speaking Ability (up to 30 total points)	Is the contestant speaking clearly? Does the contestant appear confident and knowledgeable? Does the contestant speak with inflections, voice and style? Does the contestant present a clear message appropriate and matching the values of the Saratoga County Fair and surrounding communities? Does the contestant capture the attention of the audience while speaking?

Judges are asked to look for a contestant they feel represents the values of the Saratoga County Fair and the community. High scores go to a contestant who is confident in front of an audience, able to respond to an audience, overall presentation is age appropriate and reflects the contestant's personality and style. Contestant must be approachable, friendly, visually excited about representing the Fair and a role model for younger fairgoers.

Parents, family members or friends may walk with the contestant during competition. Escorts will not be judged and points are not deducted from the contestant's score. Any contestant that becomes ill, upset or chooses not to go on stage during the competition will be excused from the pageant.

Pageant Attire

We are looking for fair representatives. Everyone should present themselves with poise, personal style and overall neatness. Attire should be age appropriate and fit the contestant properly. Please consider the weather, the stage and the stairs to the stage when selecting your attire. Hair and make-up should compliment the contestant's style and beauty. Contestants are not required to wear make-up. Contact the Pageant Director immediately with questions. The expense of the attire is not considered when contestants are judged. Below are some general guidelines for competition attire.

Baby Miss, Baby Mister, Tiny Miss, Tiny Mister, Miss Tiny Tot, Mister Tiny Tot

- Special occasion or portrait photography wear (something worn for a portrait studio session – cute, stylish, shows contestant's personality, age appropriate and fits properly)
- Hats are allowed, NO PROPS
- Formal wear (suits or tuxedos for boys) is not required, but can be contestants personal choice

Little Miss, Sweetheart and Princess

- Special occasion or portrait photography wear (something worn for a portrait studio session – cute, stylish, shows contestant's personality, age appropriate and fits properly)
- Dress length to the knee or just below – should not be mini length or full length
- No gowns for these divisions
- No flip-flop style shoes, sandals with straps are fine.

Young Miss, Honor Queen and Fair Queen

- Opening number outfit: blue jeans (any shade, NO holes or marks), T-shirt (Young Miss **Red**, Honor Queen **Blue** and Fair Queen **White**) and heels (use the heels you will be wearing with your gown regardless of color)
- Pageant competition: Evening gown / prom style dress (should be below the knee and age appropriate)
- No flip-flop style shoes, sandals with straps are fine.

General Entry Information

- Deadline for all entries is **Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.** The Pageant Director will be on the fairgrounds to collect last minute entries. This is the deadline for ALL fair entries. Entry forms cannot be accepted after this date and time. **SORRY - NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**
- **Entry fee is \$15.** Please make check payable to *Saratoga County Fair*. The entry fee is non-refundable.
- Only residents of Saratoga County may enter divisions of the pageant.
- Contestants must meet age requirements for competition in the selected division.
- Application must be complete and signed.
- Attach a copy of proof of age (birth certificate, passport or state issued id). If contestant has competed in previous year, proof of age will be on file with the fair office and therefore does not need to be re-submitted.
- 1-age appropriate pass will be given to each contestant at rehearsal on Sunday, July 12th. Children age 6 and under are admitted free and will not receive a pass. It is the contestant's responsibility to make other arrangements with the Pageant Director if unable to attend rehearsal.
- Questions may be directed to: Tara Salmon, Pageant Director, email Tara.Salmon@yahoo.com or phone 518-505-0777 (calls taken 10am-5pm) or Michele Zavadil, Pageant Consultant, email dmzavadil@hotmail.com
- **Please do not contact the fair office for information or entry forms.**

2009 Saratoga County Fair Pageant Entry Form

(Please print)

Contestant's Name _____

Complete mailing address (street, city, zip)

Phone number _____ Other number _____

Email address _____

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Age Divisions (please check the box of the appropriate group in which you are participating)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Miss (girls 6 to 11 months) | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Mister (boys 6 to 11 months) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny Miss (girls 12 to 23 months) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny Mister (boys 12 to 23 months) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miss Tiny Tot (girls 2 to 3 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mister Tiny Tot (boys 2 to 3 years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Miss (girls 4 to 5 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetheart (girls 6 to 7 years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Princess (girls 8 to 10 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Miss (girls 11 to 13 years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Queen (girls 14 to 16 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Queen (young ladies 17 to 25 years) |

Please complete the following contestant information for onstage introductions.

Age (as of July 14, 2009) _____

Hobbies / Activities (please list your favorite or top 3 only)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Two words that best describe me / my personality

1. _____

2. _____

Plans for the future / goals _____

All contestants please complete the following question:

My favorite thing about the Saratoga County Fair

Please read and sign.

This is a county fair pageant. I agree to participate with good sportsmanship and respect for all contestants, the Saratoga County Fair and Saratoga County. If chosen as a titleholder, I agree to represent the Saratoga County Fair to the best of my abilities. I understand inappropriate dress attire (nothing 2 inches above the knee line); behavior or language will NOT be tolerated during the pageant following and during her reign. The Saratoga County Fair expects equal treatment of all contestants regardless of religion, ethnicity or race. Furthermore, I hereby grant permission to the Saratoga County Agricultural Society (Saratoga County Fair) to use my photographs for publicity/promotional purposes in any or all media. Failure of the contestant and/or parents of the contestant to adhere to these guidelines will result in disqualification of the contestant from the pageant. Failure to adhere to titleholder guidelines can and may result in loss of title and crown.

Contestant's signature

Date

Parent's signature (if contestant is 18 years of age and younger)

Date

- **Entry fee is \$15.** Please make check or money order payable to *Saratoga County Fair*. The entry fee is non-refundable.
 - **Attach a copy of proof of age of contestant** (birth certificate, passport or state issued id)
- Please fill out the following information if you have previously competed in any age division of the pageant. You do not need to send another copy of proof of age.

Year of participation _____ Age division _____

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Applications must be received before or postmarked with the deadline date. The Pageant Director will be on the fairgrounds, outside the entry office, on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. to collect applications in person. If you have further needs or questions please contact the Pageant Director.

**SORRY - NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
ENTRIES FOR PAGEANT PARTICIPATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
THE DEADLINE DATE AND TIME.**

Mail completed entry form, entry fee and copy of proof of age (if required) to:

**Saratoga County Fair Pageant
PO Box 663
Clifton Park, NY 12065**