

2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen & Princess Pageant

Saturday June 1, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Miss Vermillion County Fair Queen and Princess Pageant!

I am Blythe Heber, the director of the Vermillion County Fair Queen/Princess Pageant. As a young woman who has recently been through this whole process/experience herself, I am excited to share the changes and ideas I have for this pageant to make your experience as a contestant a fun and memorable one! My goal is for each contestant to build confidence, poise, communication skills, make new friends, and most importantly, have fun!

To start things off, 2023 Miss Vermillion County, Caledonia Coleman and myself, will be visiting schools the week of April 8-12th. We will have hard copies of the applications and Caledonia will be available to share her experiences with you. I will be available to answer any questions you may have about the pageant, requirements or duties of the queen and princess.

Watch for emails, school announcements and social media posts for updates!

On **Saturday April 20th, 2pm-4pm at the Community Building in Cayuga**, I will host a welcome meeting. This will be a relaxed meeting for everyone to turn in their applications, meet the other contestants, learn about the pageant, review the queen/princess expectations, and ask questions. **I ask each contestant to bring one parent/guardian along to the welcome meeting.** There will be a lot of important information they will need to know as well!

The application, along with the rules and responsibilities contract are included in this packet. I encourage you to fill out this application, sign the rules/responsibilities contract, and send them in as soon as possible. I am available by phone, text and email for any questions you may have.

(Phone/Text: 812-298-4222 Email: bfayeheber@gmail.com)

Please don't hesitate to reach out! There are no silly questions!!

I am so excited to expand the participation of this pageant, make it a fun and memorable experience, and most of all, meet you all in the coming weeks!!!

Submit applications to: Blythe Heber by email (bfayeheber@gmail.com)

or by mail (313 E 1200 S Clinton, IN 47842)

Application deadline is **April 20, 2024**.

The entry fee is due at the time of your application. This can be paid by you or a sponsor. Please make checks payable to **VERMILLION COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT**.

Application Entry Fee: \$45.00

2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen Terms and Conditions

1. Each 2024 queen contestant must be at least 18 years of age by June 1, 2024 and cannot have reached their 21st birthday on or before June 1, 2024.
2. Applications will be made available on or before March 30th, 2024. They can be obtained through local schools, social media, the Vermillion County Fair website, or from the pageant director. Each 2024 queen contestant must submit their application to the Vermillion County Fair Pageant Director by April 23, 2024. Late applications will only be accepted at the discretion of the pageant director.
3. At the time of their selection as the Vermillion County Fair Queen, each contestant must be a Vermillion County Indiana resident, a U.S. citizen, and represent their home county (county of legal residency).
4. Any contestant who has been crowned as Miss Vermillion County in a prior Vermillion County Fair Queen Pageant cannot compete or participate again.
5. No professional model is eligible for the pageant. If currently holding a title, must be passing current title within the next 60 days or must be willing to relinquish current title if chosen as Miss Vermillion County Fair Queen.
6. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Vermillion County Fair Queen/Princess Committee and the Vermillion County Fair Board, reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
7. If any of the previous terms and conditions listed above are not followed by the contestant, the Vermillion County Fair Pageant Committee and the Vermillion County Fair Board has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.

Contestant Initials: _____

FOR THE PAGEANT

1. Interviews and preliminary judging will be held at North Vermillion High School on Saturday June 1, 2024. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00am. Contestants need to arrive no later than 8:30am, dressed in their professional wear with hair and makeup done. Dressing rooms and mirrors will be available for touch-ups. A light family luncheon will take place at approx 1pm. Details will be shared closer to date.

2. The 2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen & Princess Pageant finals will be held at the North Vermillion High School Auditorium: June 1, 2024 at 6:00pm. Contestants shall arrive at the school no later than 5:30pm, dressed in presentable khaki pants and their pageant t-shirt (provided), with hair and make-up done. Contestants will be provided more information on other items to bring closer to pageant day.

3. Each contestant will receive an official 2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen Pageant t-shirt as part of their paid entry, distributed at the conclusion of preliminary judging on Saturday, June 1, 2024. These t-shirts will be worn for the opening number at the school and need to be worn with a pair of presentable khaki pants.

4. At no time, during preliminaries or finals, will anyone other than contestants and pageant committee members be allowed backstage or in the dressing rooms. One parent/guardian may help contestants bring belongings to the dressing areas, but then must leave immediately, and can meet their contestant after preliminary judging is complete, and after the pageant finals. Any unauthorized people found backstage, in the dressing area, interfering with judging or the pageant will be asked to leave.

5. Vermillion County Fair Queen Pageant contestants will be scored on the basis of the ability to converse, speaking ability, poise, personality, and the judges' overall impression.

6. All contestants will take part in the Preliminary Judging, as follows:

INTERVIEW - 45 percent of scoring

Attire: Suit, pant suit or dress. (Same as worn for the Professional Wear judging and Prepared Speech judging)

Each contestant will have one (1), three-minute interview with each of the three judges individually. Therefore, each contestant will give three separate interviews (9 collective minutes)

total), answering impromptu questions asked by each judge. Interviews are private and not open to the public.

PREPARED SPEECH - 15 percent of scoring

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Interview and Professional Wear judging)
Each contestant will prepare a speech no longer than one (1) minute, on the topic of their choice. Speeches will be scored on natural speaking ability, delivery, poise and originality. Each speech will be timed, with one (1) point deducted from each judge (3 points total) for speeches going over one minute. Props, music and audio-visuals will not be allowed. Speeches will be delivered at a microphone on a stand as part of the Professional Wear competition during the Preliminary Judging. Speeches will also be delivered during the pageant finals.

PROFESSIONAL WEAR - 20 percent of scoring

Attire: Suit, Pant Suit or Dress (same as worn for the Prepared Speech and Interview)
A suit does not have to be of the same fabric – separates are allowed. Professional wear will not be worn during pageant finals.

8. All contestants will take part in the Pageant Finals judging, as follows:

FORMAL WEAR - 20 percent of scoring

Attire: Formal Gown or Tuxedo

Any style tuxedo is acceptable and must include pants, shirt, jacket and tie. When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the knee), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the pageant may be discounted by the judges. Formal Wear will only be worn during pageant finals and need to be brought to the grandstands dressing room the evening of pageant finals.

PREPARED SPEECH

Attire: Formal Gown or Tuxedo - finals only! (same as worn during Formal Wear)

Contestants' prepared speech will be given to the public, during the pageant finals. This will be the same speech given during preliminary judging. Speeches will be given while the contestants are on stage for the Formal Wear category. *The public delivery of the speech will not be awarded or deducted percentage points, but judges will take public delivery of the speech into consideration when making their final decision.*

9. Selection of the Top 5 Finalists is the judges' decision. The Top 5 Finalists will be announced during the public Queen Pageant Finals.

10. Only the Top 5 Finalists will compete by answering one (1) impromptu on-stage response, to be scored by the judges.

11. Selection of Miss Vermillion County Fair Queen 2024, First Runner-Up, and Second Runner-Up are the judges' decision and may not be based solely on the Top 5 Finalists' overall point totals awarded during the pageant finals. The judges' decision shall be final and binding.

12. Prior to the Finals, contestants will vote to select a county representative to receive the Miss Congeniality-Queen award. The Miss Congeniality-Queen award is based solely on the contestant vote and will be awarded to the contestant with the most votes.

13. Failure to comply with the above requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and score sheets are for the judges' assessment only and will not be available to view following the pageant. Contestants will **ONLY** be provided judges' feedback/notes.

14. The Vermillion County Fair Pageant Director reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.

Contestant Initials

FOR THE 2024 WINNER - QUEEN

1. The winner of the pageant will receive the title "Miss Vermillion County Queen 2024" and must be prepared to spend the entire 9-day period at the 2024 Vermillion County Fair:

June 15-22, 2024.

2. The winner is strongly encouraged to make appearances at various other county activities within Vermillion County Indiana, (festival parades, fundraising events, 4-H activities, Christmas/Holiday parades and activities, open livestock shows, festival pageants, etc), visit surrounding county queen and festival pageants, represent Vermillion County at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, and other official capacities as required throughout their year until a successor is crowned. All appearances made by Miss Vermillion County, in official capacity, must be approved by the Vermillion County Fair Queen Director.

3. When attending events, you must have an adult such as a parent, grandparent, aunt, older sibling, your director, pageant committee member or fair board member with you. Boyfriends are not allowed to accompany you. They are a distraction and you are there to do a job.

4. The Vermillion County Fair Board will award the winner a \$2500 scholarship, to be paid directly to her school/college.

5. To help cover the expenses of the 2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen during the 2024 Vermillion County Fair, along with transportation and expenses for official appearances scheduled by the Vermillion County Fair Queen Director throughout the reign of the queen, may be reimbursed to the queen at the discretion of the Vermillion County Fair Board.

6. The winner must agree not to accept another pageant title or endorse any commercial product as “Miss Vermillion County Queen 2024” for 12 months following the 2024 Vermillion County Fair Queen Pageant without the written permission of the Vermillion County Fair Board with the exception of participation in the 2024 Miss Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant.

8. The winner will receive all prizes, gifts and awards at the conclusion of the pageant finals.

9. If at any time the Vermillion County Fair Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the winner is unable to perform the official duties and obligations of Miss Vermillion County Fair Queen, the winner shall relinquish the Queen title, crown, sash(es), duties, and remaining benefits of the position to the First Runner-Up or next Court member in the line of succession. By signing this contract, you are agreeing to the guidelines above.

Signature of Vermillion County Queen Contestant

Date

2024 Miss Vermillion County Queen Application

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age on June 1, 2024 (must be 18 years old on June 1, 2024 and not to have had 21st birthday by June 1, 2024) _____

E-Mail _____ Phone # _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Sponsor (if applicable) _____ School _____

Hobbies: _____

School/Community Involvement:

Community Service:

Please complete the application and send as:

Electronic copy to: bfayeheber@gmail.com OR

Hard copy to: Blythe Heber at 313 E 1200 S Clinton, IN 47842

Contact Phone #: 812-298-4222

Entry Fee: \$45 Entry Form and Payment Deadline: Saturday April 20, 2024

Make checks payable to Vermillion County Fair Pageant

