

# MODOC COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AND COURT PAGEANT RULES AND INFORMATION

The 2023 Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Pageant shall be held August 16, 2023 (Horsemanship) and August 23, 2023 (Interview, Speech, Modeling, Impromptu Question and Coronation).

The Modoc County Fair Queen and Court shall consist of two ladies: 1st Place Queen and 1st Runner Up Princess. The winning contestants will receive the perpetual leather chaps and crown, in addition to a buckle and sash. A scholarship/savings bond will be awarded when proof of registration at a college or trade school, etc. has been received. The Modoc County Fair Queen will receive \$1,000.00 and the Modoc County Fair Princess will receive \$500.00. If either the Queen or Princess is not planning to continue her education, she will receive a savings bond in lieu of a scholarship. The Queen and Princess shall act as official hostesses of the Modoc District Fair, as well as ambassadors for Modoc County by attending local and neighboring county events.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Contestants must have resided in Modoc County for at least one year. Persons attending college, whose parents are Modoc County residents for at least one year, are eligible.
- Contestants must be at least 16 years of age at the time of application, but not older than 19 years of age.
- Contestants must never have been married nor a parent.
- No contestant may have been convicted of a felony.
- *If the contestant is still in high school, a "C" average GPA must be maintained. Please attach a current report card to the application. Copies of transcripts must be turned in quarterly for the Queen and Princess during the year of reign.*
- Contestants who have been placed as Queen in this Pageant are no longer eligible.
- Any Modoc County Fair Queen and Court titleholder who violates the eligibility requirements and/or General Rules during the Pageant or reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Pageant Committee or 34th DAA Board of Directors.
- **Submit an application no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2023.**
- Applications can be turned in via mail to PO Box 26, Cedarville, CA 96104 or by contacting Claire Martin at (530) 640-1785.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Contestants must use the same horse during the competition and reign. Contestants supply their own tack and dependable horse. Your horse must be able to appear in parades and grand entries comfortably. Your tack needs to be clean for each appearance.
2. Parents, friends and relatives: The Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Committee welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends and relatives during the competition. It is requested that there is complete cooperation from these supporters during the Pageant activities. At no time during the Pageant shall parents, friends or relatives disturb contestants. During the Pageant, contestants will be required to be together as a group without coaching or other activities taking place. *Some of the Pageant activities will only be open to the contestants, judges and Committee. If parents, friends or relatives attend closed events, the contestant they support could be excused from the Pageant.*
3. **Problems and Complaints:** Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Committee before the day of the Pageant. The Committee and 34th DAA have full authority over the contest and any decision they make regarding rules and participation is final.
4. **Sportsmanship:** The Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Committee and 34th DAA expect each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest and following crowning. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing Modoc County, the 34th DAA Modoc District Fairgrounds Board of Directors, Modoc District Fair and themselves. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Pageant.
5. The Queen and Princess will have a raffle item to raise funds to help cover travel costs.
6. **Mandatory Events:** The Mandatory Events list is attached. As Queen and Princess, you are obligated to attend each event on the list. In accepting the crown, you are agreeing that all parades, rodeos and events take priority over other functions that may come up, including employment. **There will be a MANDATORY ORIENTATION on Monday, August 7, 2023 at the Modoc District Fairgrounds Office beginning at 7:00 p.m.**
7. Contestants, Queen and Princess must have a positive attitude, clean and pressed clothes, clean and combed hair, etc. You are representing Modoc County and yourself. It is important to maintain a tidy appearance through the Pageant and your reign.

8. *As a representative of Modoc County, improper behavior such as smoking, drinking alcohol and holding hands/displaying affection is not acceptable.* Such behavior could be grounds for removal of title.
9. The Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Committee will assist with outfit coordination and selection for Queen and Princess.

## **JUDGING**

The Modoc County Fair Queen and Court Pageant will follow these guidelines:

- Qualified judges selected for their experience will be used for each category: Horsemanship, Appearance, Poise, Personality and Personal Interview
- Decisions of the judges are final
- In the event of a tie for Queen or Princess, the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

### *Four Divisions of Judging*

Application	(neatness, thoughtful answers)	10%
Interview	(appearance, poise, personality, communication)	30%
Horsemanship	(ability, appearance, wave, knowledge)	30%
Stage Performance	(comfort, appearance, communication)	30%

*Tips for Horsemanship: The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:*

1. Mount and dismount, proper ring etiquette and control in an unexpected situation.
2. Balance, ability and position of hands, feet and seat.
3. Knowledge of horsemanship, horse science and rodeo facts. Horsemanship interview topics could include:
  - a. Knowledge of tack
  - b. Horse science (including feeding, grooming, parts of the horse)
  - c. Rodeo facts
4. Showmanship: how the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
5. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or equipment.
6. No ropes or chaps shall be allowed in the competition.

*Tips for Appearance: The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:*

1. Grooming: This includes meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other apparel.
2. Posture: This includes carrying oneself straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.
3. Poise: This includes handling every type of situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.
4. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure-flattering styles altered for personal fit, if necessary and properly fitted and shaped hats, which flatter contestant's faces. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the contestant's ability to carry out a "total look", rather than an excessive amount of clothing.

*Tips for Personality: The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:*

1. Intelligence and common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
6. Self-projection (the ability to project one's personality) in any situation, whether from horseback or on stage.
7. Positive outlook on life.
8. Promptness and cooperation. Please note: If a contestant fails to arrive on time for any Pageant event, she may be disqualified at the Committee's discretion.
9. Maturity

## **WARDROBE GUIDELINES**

- ❖ The Pageant Outfit: Long sleeve western blouse, blue jeans and western hat.
- ❖ The outfit will be worn for the Interview, Horsemanship, Dinner and Crowning.
- ❖ An evening gown will be worn during the Impromptu Question
  - *Please note: It is not necessary to buy a new evening gown for this part of the evening - the judges are judging YOU, NOT the dress.*