



Harvest Queen Pageant

2017 Fair Theme: Harvest the Fun

The Harvest Queens serve as ambassadors to the Hillsborough County Fair.

They are called upon to attend special events and to participate in community events including; greeting and escorting guests, speaking at civic club meetings, appearing in parades and representing the Fair in public appearances.

The Harvest Queens are often called upon to participate in Livestock Awards presentations, County Fair Board of Directors meetings and special events held on the fairgrounds and during the fair. Monday evening, September 11, there will be a MANDATORY meeting and rehearsal for all candidates for Harvest Queen and Junior Harvest Queen. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and be held at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds in the exhibit hall. Any absence will result in disqualification from the pageant. Please read the following to assist in understanding the pageant:

**The mandatory meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 at 6 PM
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall**

**The Pageant will be held on Saturday, September 16th at 5 PM
Senior Division will be interviewed starting at 3 PM
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 (Applicant must insure receipt by Fair Office)

QUEEN DIVISION: AGES 16-19

JUNIOR QUEEN: AGES 13-15

- You will be allowed to get dressed in the holding room but be aware that space is limited.
- All candidates must be residents of Hillsborough County or a student enrolled in a public, private school or homeschool in Hillsborough County or a student enrolled in a junior college or university in Hillsborough County.
- Candidates for Junior Harvest Queen **will not** have an interview process. After an introduction, you will be asked a question on stage. This question will be given to you at the mandatory meeting on SEPTEMBER 11th. You will have a maximum time of two minutes to give an on-stage response.
- Candidates for HARVEST QUEEN will have a four minute interview with the professional judges. The interview will take place at the fairgrounds on September 16th, the day of the pageant, beginning at 3 PM. There will be a drawing at the mandatory meeting determining your number in line for the interview. Contestants for HARVEST QUEEN will wear an evening gown on stage for the pageant, introduce yourself when you enter the stage and state only your contestant number. You will then be asked a question and will have a maximum time of two minutes to answer the question. The question will be one of four questions that will be in the fish bowl during the pageant.
- The Senior Harvest Queen may not participate in any other Pageant or activity where she is judged on appearance, poise or where the title of "Queen," "Miss ___," or other such title is given for the year of her reign as Sr. Harvest Queen. This does not include activities such as school calendar girls, FFA Sweetheart, or activities limited to the school which she attends or a club or other organization of which she has been a member preceding being named Hillsborough County Harvest Queen. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the immediate forfeiture of all prizes and scholarships and the title. All decisions of the Pageant Committee regarding this rule will be final.
- Both the Senior Harvest Queen and the Junior Harvest Queen understand and agree that, during the subsequent Hillsborough County Fair they are to be available at all times during Fair hours, on site at the fairgrounds, and are to be available as scheduled for interviews, television, or radio appearances or such other promotional events as may be scheduled by the Fair office or Pageant committee. The Senior and Junior Harvest Queens are to be available at the following year's pageant to crown the new Harvest Queens.
- MOST PHOTOGENIC will be awarded to one contestant in the Junior Division as well as one contestant in Senior Division. The photos for this contest will be taken by a Fair approved photographer at the scheduled time and will not be returned. The photo session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds.
- The scholarship awarded to the Senior Harvest Queen, may be used the FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR and will expire 4 years after her graduation from high school.
- One armband will be given to the contestant for one parent entry on pageant day. The armband will be given at check in.
- Admission for this pageant is \$10.00 each. Children 5 and under free.(cash only)

- There will be someone to assist the contestants and chaperone at the drop off point on pageant day.
- All contestants must be backstage by 4:00 PM and ready for the pageant to begin at 5:00 PM. Contestants will be disqualified if you are not backstage by 4:30 PM ready for the event.
- No member of the Hillsborough County Harvest Queen Pageant Committee with a daughter or granddaughter in the contest can be involved in any part of the planning of the contest.
- Contestants are encouraged to bring their pageant shoes to the mandatory meeting on September 11, 2017.
- No food or colored drinks are permitted backstage.
- No food inside building or drinks inside Exhibit Hall.
- Refreshments and flowers are cash only and will be sold during intermission.
- Two outfits needed for this pageant. One evening gown and one casual wear.
- No slits above the knee or low plunging necklines.
- You will have a chance to walk on stage after the mandatory meeting, Sept. 11th.
- We are always looking for sponsors for this pageant. If you would like to help support the Harvest Pageant in anyway, please contact Kelli Messick @ 813-967-4199, Myke Morris @ 813-294-0337, or the Fair office @ 813-737-3247 and leave a message and someone will get back in touch with you regarding sponsorship information.
- If you should have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call or text Kelli at (813) 967-4199.

Further instructions and/or details will be given at the
Mandatory meeting, Monday, September 11, 2017



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Social Media Clause

A good reputation is precious, both in your public and your private life. As a representative of The Hillsborough County Fair, it is important to maintain an image that reflects the values and ethics of the Hillsborough County Fair organization. The Hillsborough County Fair believes in upholding the wholesome, fun, family traditions that are rooted in the rich history of the fair. Consider yourself an extension of this image, which means your social media and behavior must reflect this.

We respect your right to social media, however, it is important for our Queens to exercise sound judgement in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior. It must also be understood that what we believe is "private" on social media, can often become public with neither our knowledge or consent. For these purposes, "social media" includes, but is not limited to; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Tumblr, and other web based social platforms.

The Hillsborough County Fair, Harvest Queen Pageant, reserves the right to review the social media of all contestants. We also reserve the right to monitor the activity of all Queens during their reign. If we feel that the content of her profiles is in any way inappropriate, inflammatory, or in conflict with the values and standard of the fair, she may be asked to remove such content. If further disciplinary action is required, she may be asked to step down. We feel this is vital to the standard of the fair, as well as a valuable life lesson for future education, employment, etc.

By signing you agree to abide by the decisions of the Pageant Committee and that such decisions will be final.



2017 Hillsborough County Fair Harvest Queen Contests

Harvest Queen: Ages 16-19 Jr. Harvest Queen: Ages 13-15

Entry Fee \$50.00

Entry fee includes professional headshot to be entered in the photogenic contest.

(NON REFUNDABLE FEES)

Deadline for entry is **SEPTEMBER 2, 2017** (Applicant must insure receipt by Fair Office) PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM

Hillsborough County Fair, P.O. Box 100, Sydney, FL 33587
(FORM MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED)
Contestants Limited to 25 Participants per Division

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

School/Employment: _____ Grade Level: _____

Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Activities/Clubs (Limit to 3) _____

Hobbies (Limit to 3): _____

Three Words that Describe You: _____

Future College or Career Plans: _____

Email: _____

Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed.

Make Checks or money order payable to: **Hillsborough County Fair**

I do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the pageant I agree that the pageant or the facilities where the pageant is being held, is in no way responsible for any injuries or accidents that may occur. I agree that the application information is true. I agree that that the judge's decision will be final and that my family and I will show forth good conduct at all times. I agree that the decisions of the Pageant Committee regarding any interpretation of the rules will be final.

Parent/Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE:

Reg. Amt. Pd. _____ Date Paid _____ Check Money Order Cash

Birth Date Verification: _____ Date and Time Submitted _____

CONTESTANT # _____ -



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***Please sign, date, and return to The Hillsborough County Fair with application.**

Printed Name

Signature

Date