



March 2-4, 2012
STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SPRINGFIELD

Illinois Horse Fair Queen Pageant

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield
March 2 – 4, 2012 (Friday - Sunday)

The Illinois Horse Fair Queen will be an ambassador of the spirit of horse husbandry as epitomized at Illinois Horse Fair and by the Horsemen's Council of Illinois, which produces the event.

Duties – The Illinois Horse Fair Queen is expected to participate in next year's pageant, but will not be eligible to compete again.

Eligibility: Contestant must be a female resident of Illinois, at least 13 years of age and not over 21 years of age as of January 1 of this year. She must not be married, divorced, pregnant or a single parent. Each contestant is required to bring a horse to ride.

Pageant Entry fee: \$75 (includes two Horse Fair weekend passes)

Entry Deadline: February 10, 2012

Limited to first 25 contestants

Judging Criteria – Horsemanship, interview, appearance, personality and overall presentation.

Sponsorship – Contestant may be sponsored by an Illinois equestrian club or association (breed, 4-H, Pony Club, etc.), stable/farm or individual(s).

Horse – Each contestant must ride in Pageant activities. Horse to be an appropriate mare or gelding of any breed or type; contestant may use any style tack and should wear attire appropriate to tack. Horse must have a current negative Coggins; out-of-state horse must have Health Certificate and Entry Permit Number.

Stabling – Horse must have a stall on the fairgrounds; working out of a trailer is not permitted. If horse is involved in other sections of Horse Fair (Breed/Sport Demo, HorseForSale, etc.) and already has a stall reserved, indicate what group the horse is part of on the application and do not reserve an additional stall. However, if horse does not already have a stall, a stall must be reserved for it. Stall fee is \$60 and includes first bedding and one Horse Fair weekend pass. Stalls will be assigned and must be vacated by Sunday night. Stalls available after 9am Friday; contestant's horse must be stalled on site by 6pm Friday. Signed release forms are required.

Application form – Complete and mail the official pageant application form by the deadline. Email address is required as entries will be confirmed and participation instructions sent by email only.

Photographs – Enclose two 3" x 5" or larger head-and-shoulders photos (in equestrian attire, if possible) suitable for publication. Photo should be identified on the back with contestant's name.

Essay – Provide a short essay, approximately 150 words, on "Why horses are important for me." Essay should be typed on separate 8-1/2 x 11" paper, with contestant's name in the upper right hand corner.

Release Form – Fill out and sign the enclosed Release Form and return it with the application.

Pageant Schedule:

Friday 9am: Stabling available
Friday 1pm: Horse Fair opens
Friday 6pm: Horse must be in assigned stall on fairgrounds

Friday 7:30pm HorseCapades evening show: All contestants ride in Grand Entry.

Saturday 9:30am: Horsemanship judging (riding pattern will be furnished by Pageant committee)

Saturday afternoon: Personal interview; announcement of finalists

Saturday 7:30pm HorseCapades: introduction of finalists, crowning of Queen

Hotels – For special room rates at Horse Fair Host Hotels, visit website: www.HorsemensCouncil.org/HorseFair

Mail completed application and fee(s) to:
Illinois Horse Fair Queen Pageant
Attn: Pam Sigler
6345 Auburn Rd.
Auburn, IL 62615

For information:
Pamela Sigler, Pageant Director
217/553-1755
gpsigler@mwii.net

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Please print. Use back of form if you need more room.

Contestant Full Name _____

Name you go by _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

Email _____

(Entries will be confirmed by email only)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Illinois Horse Fair Queen Pageant requirements and responsibilities, that I am complying with them in every way, and the personal data submitted is true and correct.

Contestant Signature _____	_____
Date _____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature (if contestant under 18) _____	_____
Date _____	_____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

Email _____

Information on contestant:

Age as of 1/1/12 _____ Date of Birth _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____ Height _____

School/College _____

Grade/Class _____

Favorite subject _____ Scholastic average _____

Career Goal(s) _____

Active member of the following equine organizations _____

Activities/Honors (School, Community, etc.) _____

Involvement/interest in horses _____

Sponsor _____

City/State _____

Sponsor Contact _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email _____

Photographs: Enclose two photographs with contestant's name on the back of each. **Essay:** Enclose typed essay with contestant's name in the upper right hand corner. **Release:** Enclose the completed and signed release form.

Information on horse you will ride:

Name _____ Breed/Type _____

Horse Owner _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

Email _____

Check one:

My horse already has a stall with _____

(group or club horse will be stalled with) in the _____ section of Horse Fair.

My horse needs a stall. Include \$60 stall fee in entry check.

Pageant Entry Fee \$ 75	\$ _____
Stall Fee \$ 60	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____
(No Refunds)

Make check payable to Illinois Horse Fair

Mail to Illinois Horse Fair Queen Pageant
Attn: Pam Sigler
6345 Auburn Road
Auburn, IL 62615

Queen Pageant – 2012 Illinois Horse Fair

RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Guest/Attendee (collectively "Participant"), on his/her own behalf and as the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the following terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement"):

1. **Assumption of Risk and Waiver:** Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in equine activities and merely being near a horse, mule, or pony (collectively "equine"), including: (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;(for example, jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (ii) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things (for example, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (iii) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other equines or objects; (v) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability. Participant understands the resulting injuries, death, and property damage that may result from the accepted risks of engaging in equine activities or just being near an equine, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Agreement are just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (as defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant therefore agrees, on his/her own behalf and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, that he/she understands the risks and dangers inherent in equine activities and agree to assume them on his/her own behalf and on behalf of minor Participant, to at all times to be responsible for his/her personal safety, remain financially responsible for his/her medical expenses, and waives his/her right to any claims arising from his/her participation in or observation of any equine activities, being near an equine, or mere presence on the property of The Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Horse Fair, and Horsemen's Council of Illinois (collectively "Facility").

2. **Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnification:** Participant agrees to release and hold the Facility, Horsemen's Council of Illinois, Illinois Horse Fair, and their respective owners, managers, officers, directors, members, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, attorneys, assistants, representatives, assigns, volunteers, employees, independent contractors, trainers, and others acting on their behalf (collectively "Released Parties"), harmless for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss incurred by Participant unless caused by Released Parties' gross negligence or wanton and willful misconduct. Participant agrees to indemnify Released Parties against injuries and damages sustained or suffered by any third party, whether caused by Participant directly or indirectly, and which includes reimbursement of Released Parties' attorneys' fees.

3. **Governing Law and Time Limitation:** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the federal or state court in Sangamon County, Illinois. The parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court for such purpose. Participant agrees that any and all claims and/or causes of action, for injury, death, property damage, or other claims or losses by Participant, on his/her own behalf and/or on behalf of a minor Participant, against the Released Parties, must be brought within one (1) year of the date they accrue.

4. **Attorneys' Fees:** Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Agreement and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving, or in any way relating to, Participant.

5. **Participant Certification:** Participant certifies that he/she has read this entire Agreement and understands, agrees, and intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, spouse, heirs, agents, representatives, relatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

WARNING UNDER THE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES

Signature: _____	_____
Dated	Participant signing on own behalf and as Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor
	Add'l Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor
Printed Name: _____	Printed Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____