



Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant

2021

Contestant Application Package

Presented and Sponsored by:
The Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair

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Letter from the Director

Hello Potential and Current Contestants!

I am so excited to work with you as you prepare for this year's Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant. The Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair is the oldest fair in the country, beginning in 1738! You are now part of a time honored tradition of crowning a queen to represent the fair throughout the year. Welcome to the family!

Our goal is to select the young lady that best represents the values that we hold dear--a nice appearance and presentation, excellent interpersonal skills, proven academic and personal accomplishments, knowledge of a wide array of topics, and much more. The young lady chosen as Miss Fredericksburg Fair will represent the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair at the Miss Virginia Association of Fairs Pageant at The Homestead in January 2022. She will also serve as an ambassador of the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair throughout the year. Our expectation of the Miss Fredericksburg Fair is a responsible individual whose desire is to contribute to the greater good through education, volunteerism, and personal influence.

This contestant application packet provides all of the information contestants need to be prepared for the competition. Please read over it carefully, paying close attention to dates and times.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have specific to this competition or pageants in general. My goal is for you to experience all of the benefits that pageantry has to offer!

All the best,
Heather Ablondi
Director
Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant

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Important Dates and Times

Entry Form Deadline: Sunday, July 11th - Form can be mailed in (available at www.fxbgfair.com) or completed online at <https://forms.gle/uZ33vBFggiTjxqqS9>.

Pageant Orientation: Saturday, July 17th at 10AM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

Paperwork and Registration Fee Deadline: Saturday, July 17th

Pageant Rehearsal: Wednesday, July 28th at 5:30PM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant: Friday, July 30th, Arrive at 10AM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

NOTE: ALL PAPERWORK AND REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE RECEIVED **NO LATER** THAN JULY 17TH.

Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant Rules and Regulations

The contestant selected as Miss Fredericksburg Fair will reign for one full year, beginning with her coronation and ending with the crowning of her successor. Miss Fredericksburg Fair agrees not to compete in any other pageants during her reign. Miss Fredericksburg Fair agrees to participate in events to which she is invited. In addition, she may schedule additional appearances with the knowledge and approval of the Pageant Director. The following guidelines will apply to participants in the Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant:

1. Contestant must be single, never married, without children, and never having been pregnant.
2. Contestant must be between the ages of 17-23 on the date of the local pageant.
3. Contestant must be have born female.
4. Contestant must possess strong moral character. She will not be allowed to compete if she has been convicted of a crime or has criminal charges pending against her (not including minor traffic violations). She will not be allowed to compete if she has engaged in any activity which is characterized as dishonest, immoral, indecent, or in bad taste. This also includes improper action on social media, in print, or via any electronic form of communication.
5. Contestant must be a resident of one of the following localities: Fredericksburg City, Spotsylvania County, Caroline County, Stafford County, and King George County.
6. Contestant and all accompanying pageant guests shall conduct themselves in a proper, professional manner. Any display of uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.
7. Due to COVID-19 regulations and space restraints, contestants may have ONE assistant with them in the pageant dressing room. (Contestants are encouraged to take responsibility for their own make-up and hair styling.)
8. Contestant must attend all activities and rehearsals to participate. Rehearsals are closed to the public unless otherwise announced by the Pageant Director.
9. Contestant will compete in the private interview, personality wear, civic engagement speech, and evening gown.
10. The decisions of the judges are final.

11. Contestants must remain on stage until all awards are presented and for pictures until dismissed by the Pageant Director. Well-wishers are asked not to come on stage until after official photos have been completed.
12. Award winners will receive a prize claim letter. Miss Fredericksburg Fair may claim her prize after the crowning of her successor. All other prizes must be claimed within one year of the Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant.
13. The first runner-up must be willing to assume all duties if the winner is unable or unwilling to fulfill her reign.
14. The new Miss Fredericksburg Fair will attend the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair throughout the following week. Every attempt will be made to make an appearance each day of the fair.
15. Miss Fredericksburg Fair will meet with the Pageant Director to discuss plans for preparing for the Miss Virginia Association of Fairs Pageant no later than one week after being crowned.
16. Miss Fredericksburg Fair agrees to participate in civic activities, parades, and other local events. She will agree to represent her title with dignity.
17. Except for signatures, all applications must be TYPED (not handwritten).
18. Responses to all fields on the Contestant Application must be confined to two pages only. Additional pages will not be considered.
19. Contestants must adhere to deadlines. Completed application packets with fees shall be sent to Heather Ablondi, Pageant Director, P.O. Box 7585, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (Application packets and fees may be turned in at the Pageant Orientation on July 17th).

A completed application packet includes:

1. Contestant Application
2. Signed and Dated Miss Fredericksburg 2021 Agreement
3. \$50 Entry Fee paid by check, money order, or cashier's check. May also be paid through Event Brite at www.fxbgfair.com.
4. High resolution headshot in .jpg format (email to missfredericksburgfairpageant@gmail.com)

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Areas of Competition and Contestant Requirements

Opening Number The opening number will be a simple dance routine taught at rehearsals. The opening number outfit will be a red, white, or blue cocktail dress. Please be sure it is tasteful and flattering. Have fun with your choice! It should reflect your personality. After the opening number is completed, each contestant will proceed to the microphone to introduce herself.

Private Interview (40%) Judging will be based on personality, poise, speaking ability, personal achievement in education, and civic and community participation. Interviews will be 8 minutes in length. Questions will start immediately after the contestant's introduction by the director. At the 7:30 mark, the contestant will be stopped and will be given an additional 20 seconds to complete the questions in progress OR make a final statement on any topic of their choosing OR she may conclude the interview. Interviews will end at the 8 minute mark. Required dress for interview competition is a tasteful short dress or pants with jewelry and footwear that complement the outfit. **No cocktail attire please.**

Interviews will take place the day of the pageant after morning rehearsals. Plenty of time will be given for the contestant to prepare for her private interview.

Personality Wear (20%) Your personality wear will be modeled in a fast-paced modeling pattern which will be taught at rehearsals. A **CASUAL** outfit of your choice that best displays your personality is to be worn. Each contestant will present her community engagement speech while wearing this outfit. Please be tasteful, yet youthful when choosing this outfit. Judging of this portion will be on appearance, poise, and personality. **Outfits that could serve as evening wear are NOT permitted and points will be deducted.**

Community Engagement (20%) Each contestant will be given up to 60 seconds to speak on the values of community service or a platform in which they are involved and intend to promote if they are selected as Miss Fredericksburg Fair. Do not over-rehearse your speech. Contestants will be judged on their ability to spread awareness and encourage others to advocate for their cause as well as their stage presentation. Do not state your name in your speech. If the

contestant goes over the 60 second time limit, five (5) points per judge will be deducted from her OVERALL score. Note cards and props are not permitted.

Evening Gown Competition (20%) Contestants will model their evening gown of choice in a modeling pattern taught at rehearsals. Judging of this portion will be on appearance, poise, and stage presence. After the evening competition is completed, all scores will be tabulated.

Additional Information:

Dressing Area: A dressing area will be provided during the pageant only. It will open Friday, July 30th at 9:30AM. This area will be for contestants, designated Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant personnel, and **one (1)** assistant per contestant. Please come prepared. There are no mirrors in the dressing area. Small, personal hanging racks are permitted.

Meals: Lunch will be provided for contestants on July 30th. Please inform us of any allergies no late than July 17th. Contestants are responsible for their own dinner. Food can be brought or purchased from one of the Fair vendors.

Pageant Tickets: Entry to the Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant is included with admission to the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair. Tickets may be purchased at the main gate. NOTE: This is the first night of the fair. Traffic will likely be very heavy. Spectators should plan on arriving early.

Contestant Order: Contestant order will be determined by the order in which application packages are received. The earlier the package is received, the later in the lineup the contestant will be placed. If the contestant prefers to compete first, please note that she would like to do so in the package. All contestant materials due on July 17th as described in the rules and regulations must be received before the contestant is given a place in the lineup.