



**Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant
Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair Pageant**

2023

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 and Miss Teen 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 ladies that best represent 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 in Colonial Williamsburg in January 2024. Miss Fredericksburg Fair and Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair will serve as ambassadors of the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair throughout the year. Our expectation is that Miss Fredericksburg Fair and Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair are responsible individuals 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

Pageant Workshop: July 1st at 10:30 AM (Location TBD)

We will go over tips and tricks for preparing for the different phases of competition. This is a great opportunity to receive personal coaching from the pageant director.

Entry Form Deadline: July 8th (Form available at www.fxbgfair.com)

Pageant Orientation: Saturday, July 15th at 10AM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

Paperwork Deadline: Saturday, July 15th

Pageant Rehearsal: Monday July 24th and Tuesday, July 25th at 5:30PM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

Interviews: July 26th (Interviews will be held in the evening. Exact time to arrive will be given to each contestant).

Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant: Thursday, July 27th, Arrive at 2PM at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds

NOTE: ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE RECEIVED **NO LATER** THAN JULY 15TH.

**Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant
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Rules and Regulations**

The contestant selected as Miss Fredericksburg Fair and Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair will reign for one full year, beginning with her coronation and ending with the crowning of her successor. **Miss Fredericksburg Fair and Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair agrees not to compete in any other pageants during her reign. She certifies that she does not currently hold any other titles for any other pageant systems.** Miss Fredericksburg Fair and Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair agree 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 and Miss Teen 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 17-22 (13-16 for Miss Teen Fredericksburg Fair) 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 reside within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.
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, only the contestant will be allowed in the dressing room (Contestants are encouraged to take responsibility for their own make-up and hair styling.) **NOTE: If a contestant chooses to disregard this rule during the competition, her scores will be disqualified and she will not be eligible for any titles or prizes.**

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 and Miss Teen 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 and Miss Teen 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 and Miss Teen 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 15th).

A completed application packet includes:

1. Contestant Application
2. Signed and Dated Miss Fredericksburg 2023 Agreement
3. 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. Specific guidelines will be shared at a later date. Your outfit should be tasteful and flattering. I recommend nothing too short! You will be on a raised platform above the audience. 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 6 minutes in length. Questions will start immediately after the contestant's introduction by the director. At the 5:30 mark, the contestant will be stopped and will be given an additional 30 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 6 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.**

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 or Miss Teen 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 gown 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 Thursday, July 27th at 1:30PM. **This area will be for contestants and designated Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant personnel only.** Please come prepared. There are no mirrors in the dressing area. Small, personal hanging racks are permitted.

Pageant Tickets: Entry to the Miss Fredericksburg Fair Pageant is free of charge.

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 16th as described in the rules and regulations must be received before the contestant is given a place in the lineup.