

MISS BROWN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION CONTEST RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The contestant will be represented by her school, not an individual chapter or club; she will also be required to be a qualified member of a FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter, or 4-H Club in Brown County, live in Brown County and/or be enrolled in a public or private school in Brown County. Home-schooled candidates that are members of a local 4-H Club are eligible to participate, as well.
- B. The parent(s) or legal guardian of the contestant of the Miss Brown County Fair Association contest and/or the contestant must be a current member of the Brown County Fair Association.
- C. The contestant must be at least a freshman in High School. The new Miss may be a senior and graduate in May.
- D. Each Miss Brown County Fair Association contestant must have an entry in the current Brown County Youth Fair in livestock and/or home economics.
- E. Each contestant and the reigning Miss cannot be or have been married, or pregnant.
- F. Contestants are required to live with their parents(s) or legal guardian.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Events requiring attendance by contestants include, but are not limited to, the following: The Application Meeting, Annual Membership Dinner, Brown County Rodeo, Brown County Rodeo Parade, Radio Interviews, Queen's Tea, Christmas Parade, Show Ring Assistance during the Youth Fair, Brown County Youth Fair Fashion Show and mandatory practice, and Livestock Validations. There must be a written or emailed approved excuse for missing scheduled events. This excuse must be turned in so that the candidate has a response prior to the absence.
- B. The contestants and reigning Miss must realize that she assumes a great responsibility in representing herself, her family, the Brown County Fair Association and her school and shall do so with honor and dignity. See Rule 3, Zero Tolerance.
- C. The contestant and reigning Miss must not allow her reputation or actions to reflect any disfavor upon herself, her family, the Association or her school, legally or morally. Any failure to do so will result in a review by the Miss Brown County Fair Association Committee and/or the Brown County Youth Fair Steering Committee with the possibility of demerits being assessed and/or contestant being disqualified or reigning Miss being relinquished of her title. See Rule 3, Zero Tolerance.
- D. Memberships must be sold by the contestants either by face-to-face contact or personal phone calls, mail, email, text or social media, **AFTER** the designated start time for sales. **PARENTS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS, ETC CAN NOT SELL MEMBERSHIPS FOR CONTESTANTS.**

E. The Contestant must deliver the memberships sold in person or parent/legal guardian can deliver memberships after the contestant has made the sale by Rule 2D or membership may be sent via U. S. Mail if arranged satisfactorily with the buyer.

F. Contestant is responsible for all membership cards issued for sale and the money collected from sales.

G. Contestants are to turn in sold memberships with checks and/or cash attached **at least weekly** during the contest to a person designated by the Miss Brown County Fair Association Committee. The final turn in of memberships must be done by 12pm, Friday of Youth Fair Week.

H. Contestant is responsible for returning any unsold membership cards issued to them. Any missing or lost membership cards will be paid for by contestant and will not count towards memberships sold.

I. Each contestant is required to turn in a detailed description of the clothing she will model at the Brown County Youth Fair Fashion Show one week prior to the event. The description should give details of each item worn. (Example: color, including jewelry and other accessories) Do not include any brand names in your description.

J. The contestant that becomes the Miss Brown County Fair Association is responsible for providing an 8" X 10" photograph by June 1st to be displayed with the past Miss Brown County Fair Associations.

3. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

A "Zero Tolerance Policy" has been established for the Miss Brown County Fair Association. The following will be considered violations of the policy and will be grounds for review or immediate dismissal. This policy will apply to the reigning Miss and all contestants.

A. Unresponsiveness by the contestant (not parent/guardian) to the calls, texts and emails of the Queen Committee Members or the Fair Board Members;

B. Illegal types of behavior, such as underage drinking, drug or tobacco product use;

C. Expected to conduct herself in a manner that reflects positively on herself, her family, the Brown County Fair Association, and her school;

D. Disrespectful behavior of/with others. Public displays will not be tolerated including social media, etc. Social Media will be monitored for appropriateness.

E. Clothing or dress that is indecent or inappropriate. See Rule 4, Dress Code

Always remember that your actions or appearance portray an image of our Fair to the public.

4. DRESS CODE

A. Contestants are required to wear a western felt hat and embroidered shirt provided by the Association at events including, but not limited to the following, Annual Membership Dinner, Brown County Rodeo, Brown County Rodeo Parade, Radio Interviews, Christmas Parade, Livestock Validations, etc.

B. Western attire including western felt hat will be required for the poise and appearance portion at the fashion show, Queen's Tea, and crowning of the new Miss and any other events specified in the contest rules.

C. Appropriate and tasteful dress is expected at all functions. Jeans with holes, short skirts (fingertip rule), shorts, flip flops, gym clothes, see thru etc. will not be allowed while selling memberships or to any functions. Appropriate denim may be worn for the style show.

5. JUDGING

A. The Miss Brown County Fair Association winner will be determined by the following point systems based on membership sales; poise and appearance; personality; public speaking; school evaluation and participation in the current Brown County Youth Fair.

1. MEMBERSHIP SALES

- a. A contestant will receive one (1) point for every ten (10) memberships sold. Block sales up to fifty (50) memberships will be counted as normal for prize money. For block sales more than fifty (50), the contestant will receive one (1) point for every fifty (50) memberships thereafter in that block.
- b. To be considered as one (1) of the top 3, contestants must sell a minimum of (200) memberships.

2. PERSONALITY

- a. Contestants will be evaluated by out of county judges.
- b. There are 0-30 points available per judge based on individual interviews.
- c. Interviews will take place during the Queen Tea which will be held at a time and place to be determined and announced by the committee.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING

- a. Contestants will be evaluated by out of county judges.
- b. There are 0 to 30 points available per judge based on individual interviews.
- c. Interviews will take place during Queen Tea which will be held at a time and place to be determined and announced by the committee.

4. POISE AND APPEARANCE

- a. Contestants will be evaluated by out of county judges.
- b. There are 0 to 30 points available per judge based on individual judging.
- c. Judging will take place during the Brown County Youth Fair Fashion Show and Tea judging. A mandatory practice will take place prior to the Brown County Youth Fair Fashion Show.

5. SCHOOL EVALUATION

- a. Contestants will be cleared by school administrators as eligible to represent their school.

6. PARTICIPATION IN THE BROWN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

a. Values of points per Division **exhibited:**

1. Two (2) points per division for Market Goat Division, Breeding Goat, Market Swine Division, Registered Breeding Gilt Division, Market Lamb, Breeding Lamb Division, Horse Division, Registered Heifer Division, Market Steer Division, Market Rabbit Division and Breeding Rabbit Division. Total of 22 points in Animal Divisions.
2. One (1) point per division for Food Division, Canning Division, Craft Division and Clothing Division. Total of 4 points for Home Economic Divisions.

- b. Total points accumulated from the six (6) categories will determine the placing with the top three (3) contestants being recognized during the awards program.
- c. In case of a tie, the candidate with the most memberships sold will be the winner.

6. PRIZES:

A. The Miss Brown County Fair Association will be awarded scholarship money, trophy, and flowers.

B. The Queen, First and Second Runner-up will be awarded as follows:

- a. For **200 to 299** memberships sold by an individual contestant:
 - Queen - \$1,000.00 Tuition scholarship
 - 1st Runner-up - \$750.00 Tuition scholarship
 - 2nd Runner-up - \$500.00 Tuition scholarship
- b. For **300 to 399** memberships sold by an individual contestant:
 - Queen - \$1,250.00 Tuition scholarship
 - 1st Runner-up - \$1,000.00 Tuition scholarship
 - 2nd Runner-up - \$750.00 Tuition scholarship

c. For 400 to 499 memberships sold by an individual contestant:

Queen -\$1,750.00 Tuition scholarship

1st Runner-up -\$1,250.00 Tuition scholarship

2nd Runner-up -\$1,000.00 Tuition scholarship

d. For 500 or more memberships sold by an individual contestant:

Queen - \$2,000.00 Tuition scholarship

1st Runner-up - \$1,750.00 Tuition scholarship

2nd Runner-up - \$1,500.00 Tuition scholarship

C. The Miss Brown County Youth Fair will be awarded a belt buckle, crown, and bracelet as souvenirs of her reign. Each contestant will receive a pendant.

D. Contestants selling two hundred (200) or more memberships will be awarded \$1.00 per membership, after first 200 memberships sold.

E. The checks for the membership sales will be mailed to the contestants when they have fulfilled their responsibilities after the Rodeo. Contestants are required to participate in Queen activities through completion of the Brown County Rodeo. Lack of or Non participation in Rodeo events will result in forfeiture of membership reimbursement sales check.

F. The reigning Miss duties/responsibilities are not complete until the new Miss is crowned.

G. Tuition scholarship money will be mailed to college after proof of enrollment is received by Board treasurer. Scholarship money is only good for 5 years. Forfeiture of scholarship money if not claimed within the allotted amount of time.

7. DEMERIT SYSTEM

A. For infractions of the rules as written in the rulebook and pertaining to the Miss Brown County Fair Association contest, the Committee shall meet and assign demerits ranging from 5 to 50 points based on each individual case.

B. If the committee becomes aware of a rules violation the candidate will be made aware of said violation. The assignment of demerits will be given in specific consideration of the situation on a case by case basis.

C. Demerits will be deducted by the formula below: Example: 30 demerits=30 points=\$30.00 from memberships sold.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

A. No personal financial sponsorships for individual contestants are allowed.

B. All the General Rules of the Brown County Youth Fair apply to the Miss Brown County Fair Association's reigning Miss and contestants.

C. All questions concerning any of the rules, complaints, suggestions, or criticisms must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Miss Brown County Fair Association Committee and/or Youth Fair Steering Committee and signed by the complainant. No oral or unsigned complaints will be acted on.

D. The Miss Brown County Fair Queen Committee and/or the Youth Fair Steering Committee reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules at any time as may be deemed necessary.

E. The Miss Brown County Fair Committee Chairman will advise Board Secretary for meeting dates and special activities.

F. The Queen Committee will consist of two Chair members and no less than five members' total, with two members being on the current Board of Directors.

G. FOLLOWING THE CONTEST, ALL PAPERWORK WILL BE DESTROYED. THIS INCLUDES THE JUDGES SCORE SHEETS, COMMENTS, TABULATION SHEETS AND RANKING SHEETS. NO CONTESTANT OR PARENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THESE IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS AND JUDGES/CONTESTANT CONFIDENTIALITY.

9. REIGNING "MISS" RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Miss will represent the Brown County Fair Association at as many events as possible including but not limited to the Application Meeting for New Contestants, Annual Membership Dinner, Brown County Rodeo, Brown County Rodeo Parade, Radio Interviews, Queen's Tea, Show Ring Assistance during the Youth Fair, Brown County Youth Fair Fashion Show and mandatory practice, and serve buyers during the Brown County Youth Fair Premium Sale, Pre-arranged, approved excuses are necessary for missing scheduled events.

B. The Queen should be able to explain the basic purpose of the Brown County Fair Association, the way funds are raised and how those funds are used.

C. The Queen must not allow her reputation or actions to reflect any disfavor upon herself, her parents, the Brown County Fair Association, or her school legally or morally. See Rule 3, Zero Tolerance.

D. The Queen should make herself available to speak to groups regarding the Brown County Youth Fair, Brown County Rodeo and the Miss contest. When she speaks to a group organization, she should make a report to the Brown County Fair Association Board of Directors at the next meeting.

E. The Queen must be available to mentor and/or answer questions asked by the contestants that are running after her. The Miss may not favor any one contestant including solicitation or help in sale of memberships.

F. The Queen must be available, and horsemanship preferred at the Brown County Rodeo and Rodeo parade.

G. The Queen must be present at the next year's Award Program.

H. The Queen has not fulfilled her responsibilities until the new Queen is crowned.

I. Should the reigning Queen become unable to fulfill her duties or is dismissed, she will be replaced by the next eligible runner up and will immediately relinquish her title and all privileges and prizes awarded to her.