

2017 Miss Randolph County Fair Pageant—August 19, 2017 Rules and Regulations

Entrant must be a resident of West Virginia; a resident of Randolph County, Barbour County, Pendleton County, Pocahontas County, Tucker County, Upshur County or Webster County, or must attend school in one of the aforementioned counties; and must be a United States Citizen.

Entrant must be 15 by January 1, 2017 and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2018.

Entrant must be a naturally born female.

Entrant must be single, have never been married or had a marriage annulled, must not be pregnant, and have never borne a child.

Entrant must not be the current titleholder, nor have ever been, Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals or Miss Randolph County Fair.

Entrant must certify that she is of good moral character and has not participated in any activities that would be embarrassing to her and/or the Randolph County Fair prior to the entry of this agreement, including being convicted of any major crime.

Entrant must be willing to participate in scheduled pageant activities and conduct herself in a proper manner at all times.

Entrant must attend scheduled pageant activities, including scheduled practices.

Entrant shall be aware that, until the conclusion of the pageant, she is representing the Randolph County Fair and should always be aware that she may be a role model for others. Accordingly, Entrant shall agree to be responsible with regard to any postings, photos and information posted on any social media networks. Entrant shall agree to not make statements or post statements containing inappropriate or profane language, and to not post pictures or videos of herself dressed inappropriately, drinking alcoholic beverages or making inappropriate gestures.

Entrant must agree that the Randolph County Fair, and any of its representatives, has permission to use her photograph and/or likeness for publicity, news articles, or other pageant/fair purposes in print, social or online (website) media.

Entrant must agree to hold harmless the Randolph County Fair, Randolph County Recreation Board and the Randolph County Commission, and any of its members or representatives, in case of an accident. Entrant and/or her parents will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred by her as a contestant or title holder.

Judging is based on interview, event promotion, streetwear, and evening gown categories. There will also be on-stage questions for the top 5. Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants themselves. Miss Photogenic will be judged by a separate judge or panel of judges.

There will also be a Queen's Category of exhibits displayed during the fair, which exhibit must be submitted and set up by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the pageant. Prizes will be awarded on the night of the pageant for Best Exhibits. Judging in this category will not be included in determining pageant results and therefore, entry into this category is voluntary but encouraged. The Queen's Category exhibits will be auctioned throughout the week of the fair by silent auction.

Sponsorship fee for each entrant is \$115.00 and is non-refundable unless contestant should win a pageant before date of Miss Randolph County Fair Pageant. The Early Registration Deadline is **July 25, 2017**, and a \$15 discount to the entry fee will apply to entries on or before July 25, 2017. The fee, entry form and contract must be **postmarked by July 25, 2017** to receive the discounted entry fee. Entries after the early registration deadline of July 25, 2017 may be accepted until such time as the pageant director specifies, but in any event until at least the first practice on August 6, 2017; however, any entries received after July 25, 2017 will be at the regular entry fee of \$115.

If chosen as Queen, I additionally agree as follows:

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair will compete in January 2018 for the title of Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs & Festivals. The winner of this pageant will reign over the 2018 State Fair of West Virginia.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair is expected to attend the 2017 Randolph County Fair (August 23-27) and all scheduled activities (including the children's pageant on August 20) unless prior arrangements are made with the pageant director.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair will also make arrangements to ride in and provide her own transportation for parades and other events outlined below, unless advance arrangements due to extenuating circumstances have been approved by the pageant director. Other events/parades to attend include: The Mountain State Forest Festival Grand Feature Parade; Randolph/Elkins County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade; Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs; Mill Creek Mother's Day Parade; Coalton Days Parade; and Beverly Days Parade. The Pageant Director reserves the rights to request your appearance at other events.

While the above list includes parades your participation is requested in, you are free to participate in other parades of your choosing within the state. The title holder can find a listing of fairs and festivals that are members of the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals, with information on their parades and dates, at www.wvfairsandfestivals.org or consult with the Pageant Director.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair must agree that, while wearing her crown and/or sash, she will always conduct herself in a respectable manner that is fitting of the representative of the Randolph County Fair. The Queen shall not wear the crown and/or sash and/or represent the pageant/fair at any other events or activities, other than parades, unless she obtains permission from the pageant director prior to doing so.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair must agree to remain single during the year of her reign and agree to not become pregnant. If either of these circumstances occur, the winner's title will be void and she will relinquish the crown. She must also agree not to engage

in any activity that would be embarrassing to herself and/or the Randolph County Fair. This includes being responsible with regard to any postings, photos and information posted on any social media networks. Title Holder agrees that she will not make any statements containing inappropriate or profane language, and will not post pictures or videos of herself dressed inappropriately, drinking alcoholic beverages or making inappropriate gestures. Should she engage in any conduct embarrassing to herself and/or the Fair, including being arrested and charged with a crime, the Randolph County Fair Committee will have the right to declare her title void and request she relinquish the crown and/or scholarships/prizes.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair may not compete in any pageant prior to January 2018 that upon winning would require her to relinquish the title of Miss Randolph County Fair 2017.

The 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair will receive a \$550 scholarship, which may either be used toward entry fees and lodging for Miss West Virginia Fairs and Festivals, or may be in the form of a college scholarship. Should the Queen choose the \$550 college scholarship, the queen will then be responsible for \$550 in fees for Miss West Virginia Fairs and Festivals. The Queen may either pay this fee herself, or raise the money through sponsorships. If the Queen chooses the college scholarship, the \$550 for the Miss West Virginia Fairs and Festivals pageant will be due to the Randolph County Fair Association by October 20, 2017. If the Association has not received the \$550 for the state pageant from the Queen or her sponsors by October 20, 2017, the Association will pay all associated fees for entry into the state pageant and the Queen will forfeit the \$550 college scholarship. However, should the Queen, or her sponsors, pay the \$550 to the Association by October 20, 2017, then the Association will hold the \$550 college scholarship until the next semester's tuition invoice. If the Queen is currently in college, that may be for the Spring 2018 session. If the Queen has not graduated from high school, then the Association will hold the scholarship until the first semester following the spring 2018 semester that the Queen is enrolled in college. The Queen must simply present proof, in the form of a tuition invoice, that she is enrolled in college for the upcoming semester, and the Association will issue a check for \$550, made payable to the college for which the Queen is enrolled. Should the Queen choose the \$550 college scholarship, and then not enroll in college, the Queen will forfeit said scholarship. Scholarships will only be held until the first semester following the pageant for which the Queen is eligible to enroll in college unless other arrangements are approved by the Association ahead of that time.

**MISS RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR
FACT SHEET**

(Typewritten or neatly printed in black ink please)

Name of Contestant: _____

Name you wish used on stage: _____

Name of Parents/Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Birth Date: _____ **Age as of August 19:** _____

Height: _____ **Color of Hair:** _____ **Color of Eyes:** _____

School: _____ **Year:** _____

Major(College): _____

School and Community Activities:

Ambition:

Hobbies:

Special Interests, Activities, or Honors:

Three (3) Favorite Foods: _____

Three (3) Words to Best Describe Self: _____

Sponsor(s): _____

_____ I am paying my own entry fee of \$115 (\$100 if before 7/25), or am providing my own sponsor, as listed above, and a cashier's check or money order for the \$115 fee is enclosed. (Checks from corporate sponsors should be made payable to the Randolph County Fair)

I, _____, hereby attest and certify that I am a United States
(print name)
Citizen, a legal resident of West Virginia and a legal resident of Randolph, Barbour, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Tucker, Upshur or Webster Counties or enrolled in school in one of the aforesaid counties; that as of January 1, 2017, I will be between the ages of 16 and 21; that I am a naturally born female; that I have never been married, had a marriage annulled, or borne a child; that I am of good moral character and have never been convicted of any major crime; that I am not the current titleholder, nor have ever been, Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals or Miss Randolph County Fair. I further attest that I have read the 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair Pageant Rules and Regulations and I do certify and agree as set forth therein, both as a contestant and as the title holder should I become the 2017 Miss Randolph County Fair.

Signed: _____
(Contestant) (Date)

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian if Contestant under 18) (Date)

Please return this page (contract) along with the **fact sheet** and **\$115 entry fee** (or \$100 if prior to July 25, 2017) made payable to Randolph County Fair) to:
Chrissy Harper, P.O. Box 208, Beverly, WV 26253.