

Tennessee “Fairest of the Fairs” Contest Rules

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SPONSORSHIP: This contest is sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Fairs and will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association in January.

PURPOSE: The purpose is two – fold: previous experience indicates that a beauty contest is a highly successful feature in most fairs. Publicity provides excellent tie-in with the statewide contest to give local interest to the fair feature. Second, the enthusiasm for the statewide contest provides a real incentive for the annual meeting.

RULES

1. Entries in the contest shall be limited to one contestant for each fair in Tennessee. Each contestant must be sponsored by a Tennessee Fair at which time she was a winner, or alternate winner, in a beauty contest held in conjunction with that fair. She must be a Tennessee resident. A contestant may not represent more than one fair in any given year.
2. Sponsoring fair must be a member in good standing of the Tennessee Association of Fairs. Entries in any contest must be limited to that particular fair.
3. Each contestant must have reached her 16th birthday, but not her 21st birthday on or before December 31 of the year in which the contest was held at her particular fair.
4. A contestant cannot qualify for the state contest if she has ever been married, had a child or found guilty of a felony.
5. Contestants must wear formal floor length attire for the pageant. The dresses may be two-piece but cannot be a wrap skirt worn over a body suit. You may have exposed midriff but bralettes are not appropriate. Be mindful of the age group of 16 thru 20 and dress accordingly.
6. Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise and personality.
7. **Contestants may participate in State Competition ONE TIME ONLY.**
8. On or before **November 1st**, a sponsoring fair must:
 - a. Pay entry fee, which partially defrays the expenses of the state Association in sponsoring the contest.
 - b. Make formal entry (in duplicate) on official entry forms and mail to the state chairman of the “Fairest of the Fairs” contest.
9. Any contestant found guilty of misconduct during the convention by the committee is subject to a penalty.
10. Only one chaperone per contestant will be recognized at the state contest. Chaperone must be at least 25 years of age.
11. Any fair that sends an entry postmarked after **November 1st** will be fined a minimum of \$200.00.
12. No entries will be accepted after **November 15th**.
13. The Tennessee Association of Fairs will not be held liable for any damages that may occur to a contestant’s wearing apparel or accessories during the state contest or contest activity.
14. Neither will the Tennessee Association of Fairs be held responsible for any bodily injury that may be incurred by a contestant during the state contest or contest activity.
15. Neither will the Tennessee Association of Fairs be held responsible for lost or stolen articles during the state contest or contest activity.
16. The contestant must be currently and always has been of the female gender.
17. If the winner of the Tennessee Association of Fairs Pageant wins another title during her TAF reign, that prevents her from wearing the TAF crown and sash, she must relinquish her title as TAF Queen and will not receive her cash winnings. The cash winnings will be awarded to the winner when she returns to crown the winner the following year. The final decision on this situation will be at the discretion of the Tennessee Association of Fairs Pageant Committee and the Tennessee Association of Fair State Board.

The winner of the state wide contest will receive the title of “Tennessee’s Fairest of the Fairs” and will receive such prizes as approved by the Association.

NOTE – The prize or prizes offered by sponsoring fair to the winner of a beauty contest in connection with its own fair will be left to the determination of the individual fair. It is suggested, however, that each fair making an official entry in the statewide contest, make arrangements to pay the expenses of its entry and her chaperone to the Murfreesboro meeting in January. It is further suggested that all sponsoring fairs devote one or more pages in its annual premium list to the contest and state award.

ATTENTION – CONTEST, CHAIRMAN AND FAIR SECRETARIES: The entry deadline **(NOVEMBER 1st)** for the statewide contest is established for a purpose: To see that all entries are filed in an orderly pattern and to provide the required information for the publication of the annual convention program. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH.**