DEPARTMENT Z MADISON COUNTY PAGEANT

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Date & Time Saturday, July 13@12:00pm

Contestants must arrive by 11:30a.m.

Location Madison County Fairgrounds, Brookfield, NY

Entry Fee

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\$5/person, payment must be received with completed application by July 1st.

Titles	
Miss Madison County	16-19 years of age
Junior Miss Madison County	13-15 years of age
Young Miss Madison County	10-12 years of age
Little Miss Madison County	7-9 years of age
Tiny Miss Madison County	4-6 years of age
Toddler Miss Madison County	2-3 years of age
Baby Miss Madison County	0-23 months
Mr. Madison County	13-19 years of age
Junior Mr. Madison County	6-12 years of age
Little Mr. Madison County	0-5 years of age

- 1. Fill out the <u>application</u> and submit payment by July 1. Late entries will not be accepted. Need-based scholarships are available; please call (315)525-9035to inquire.
- 2. Payment can be made via check. Checks should be made payable to Madison County Fair. Write contestant(s) name(s) in memo line.
- 3. Contestants must be residents of Madison County.
- 4. Contestants must be age 19 or under on the day of the pageant, unmarried and without children.
- 5. Contestants must be smoke and drug free.
- 6. Contestants must display good sportsmanship before, during and after the pageant.
- 7. All contestants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guardians are responsible for their children at all times, including events which they are attending as a pageant representative.
- 8. Contestants will be judged on appearance, charisma, confidence and poise. The Madison County Pageant prefers to acknowledge contestants for their natural appeal. Therefore, excessive make-up and hair extensions are not permitted.
- 9. It is the intention of the pageant to award at least one title per age category. Pageant coordinators reserve the right to alter groups based on low enrollment.
- 10. All contestants must submit a photo or photo collage, no larger than 8.5"x11." Please ensure the contestant's name is on the photo (front or back). To expedite registration, it is preferable that photos be mailed to the pageant director at least one week prior to the pageant.
- 11. Scores for **Baby & Toddler Miss Madison County and Tiny Mr. Madison County** will be based on photos, personality, facial appearance and overall appeal. Formal attire is required. A guardian must accompany contestants on stage.

- 12. Scores for **Tiny & Little Miss Madison County Madison County Little & Junior Mr. Madison County** will be based on photos, personality, facial appearance, confidence, interview and overall appeal. Formal attire is required.
- 13. Scores for **Young & Junior Miss Madison County and Mr. Madison County** will be based on photos, personality/interview, attire and overall appeal. Contestants will present themselves on stage in formal attire.
- 14. Scores for **Miss Madison County** will be based on photos, personality/interview/speech, attire and overall appeal. Contestants will present themselves on stage in formal attire.
- 15. Attire guidelines: For girls, long or short dresses (no shorter than 1" above the knee for ages 10 and up); no cupcake dresses. Boys may wear a tuxedo, suit or slacks with a button down shirt. Casual attire should reflect the child's personality while displaying modesty and a sense of fashion. All clothing should be age appropriate. If you have any questions concerning clothing, please contact the pageant director.
- 16. The interview portion of the competition will take place during the formal wear portion of the pageant. Contestants will be asked age-appropriate questions on stage and will respond in front of the audience and judges. In addition, they will be asked to introduce themselves with their name and age.
- 17. Contestants in the Miss category are required to prepare a 1-2 minute speech answering the question, "What do you love most about Madison County?" Judges will be looking for clear diction, wellorganized thoughts, eye contact and confidence. While it is preferred that contestants memorize their speeches, note cards are permitted.
- 18. Winners are expected to serve as ambassadors for the county and the Madison County Fair and may be asked to participate in the New York State Fair, The Hamilton Fourth of July parade or the Cazenovia Fourth of July parade, the Oz-Stravaganza! parade and/or the Boxing Hall of Fame parade and make other appearances as appropriate. The 2019 Miss & Mr. Madison County should plan to attend the 2020 pageant to assist with crowning. Each appearance requires formal wear or appropriate dress, sash and tiara/crown to be worn.
- 19. Pageant judges will be selected from a variety of industries representing the qualities of which Madison County pageant contestants will be judged upon. Judges decisions are final.
- 20. Failure to comply with all pageant rules are grounds for dismissal from the pageant or loss of title.

Please feel free to contact the director with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you at the pageant!

Sheila Buschor Pageant Director