

MISS COTTON CARNIVAL PAGEANT 2020

INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Please keep this sheet for your later reference!!!

Contestants: Please take home this application and discuss it with your parents.

Pageant is open to any single high school girl (9th-12th grade) from any area high school, and 10th or 11th grade girls from Sikeston High School (Jr. Miss Sikeston winner is not eligible to participate the year after she won), who has never been married or pregnant.

Pageant Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 1:30 pm. All contestants need to be at the building behind the stage by 1:00 dressed and ready to go on stage.

Pageant Location: Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo Grounds

Requirements for Pageant:

Entry Form: See attached page

Photograph: All girls participating must have a recent photograph (head and shoulders only) to turn in with the entry form. The contestant will be fully responsible for getting the photograph turned in with the entry form by Friday, September 25, 2020. **NO LATE ENTRY FORMS OR PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED! NO EXCEPTIONS!** All photos will be returned the day of the pageant.

Entry Fee: Each contestant will be required to pay a \$30.00 entry fee, which must accompany her picture, Covid-19 release form and entry form. Please make check payable to Miss Cotton Carnival Pageant.

Pageant Dress: Dress for the pageant is **Formal**

Mail the 1) photograph, 2) entry form, 3) signed Covid 19 release form and 3) entry fee to: **(DO NOT take entry form back to your school office or to the Sikeston American Legion, or give to any American Legion member)**

Miss Cotton Carnival Pageant 2020
PO Box 1212
Sikeston, MO 63801

Questions: 380-4524

*****Entry forms must be received by Friday, September 25, 2020, *not* just postmarked by this date.*****

If you feel that your application will not reach us by the deadline, call and you will be given a place to drop it off. If you decide to drop application off, they must be dropped off by 5:00 pm on deadline date.

On Saturday morning (Oct. 1) before the pageant begins, all Miss Cotton Carnival contestants are **REQUIRED** to ride in the Cotton Carnival Parade which begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Sikeston Senior High School. There will be a member of the pageant committee at the parade to make sure you participate. Your car should have signs on each side stating your name, "Miss Cotton Carnival Contestant", the school that you attend, and sponsor (if applicable). All queen contestants need to be lined up **by 9:30 a.m.** on Matthews Street facing east (facing Sikeston High School). If your school band participates in the parade, you can request to be placed in the parade line up by your band. If you are in your school band and required to march, riding in the parade as a Miss Cotton Carnival contestant is optional, but please let us know in advance.

After the contest, please take all personal belongings with you. We will not be responsible for anything left behind. Please pick up the photograph that was mailed in with your entry form before you leave the pageant.

Please **"LIKE"** the page on **FACEBOOK "Sikeston CC Pageants"**. We will keep you updated via this page, in case there is anything you need to be aware of. Also, we will post information regarding where the pageant will be held in case of rain.

2020 American Legion
Miss Cotton Carnival Queen Entry Form

Please print neatly. Judges will receive a copy of your entry form for review.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) _____ Grade in School _____

Height _____ Hair color _____ Sponsored by: _____

High School attending _____ Cell phone #(so we can notify you in case of rain) _____

Please fill out each section below. If additional space is needed, please make note and use the back of the sheet.

School Activities _____

High School Honors _____

Other clubs and hobbies _____

Favorite Subject(s) in School _____

Plans after graduation _____

What do you hope to be doing 10 years from now? _____

Something about yourself that not many people know _____

To the best of my knowledge, all above facts and statements are true. We hereby authorize the use of any and all photographs of said entrant and news stories which may appear in the news media in connection with the Queen Contest referred to herein. Any said subsequent use of said pictures or news stories for advertising and promotional purposes. I agree with all terms on this and attached information page.

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Entrant should submit: 1) This completed and signed application; 2) One recent photograph (head and shoulders only); 3) Signed Covid-19 release form; 4) Entry fee payable Miss Cotton Carnival Pageant by Friday, Sept 25, 2020. **Received by, NOT postmarked by.**
Mail application to: Miss Cotton Carnival Pageant, PO Box 1212, Sikeston, MO 63801

Do not take entry form to school office, American legion Hall or give to an American Legion Member. Entries will not be accepted by any of these and will be disqualified if left at any of these places.

Entries received after Friday, September 25, 2020 WILL NOT be accepted.

Official use only	Date Application received _____	Picture Received _____ Y _____ N	Payment Received _____ Y _____ N
# _____		Check # _____	Cash _____

Important Update for the 2020 Cotton Carnival Pageants

Due to Covid 19, the pageants will be run a little differently this year. We will, to the best of our ability, try to limit close contact. Please be aware, this is a pageant and multiple contestants will be on stage at the same time. With that being said, we are implementing the following for the contestants and their parents/guardian:

-ONLY 1 person will be allowed in the dressing room with the contestant. This will be STRICTLY enforced. NO EXCEPTIONS. The guest will have to **wear a mask** at all times while backstage and they will be asked to leave the dressing room, 30 minutes prior to the pageant start time and will not be allowed back stage again until the pageant ends.

-The contestant needs to come FULLY dressed to the pageant. This includes having make-up on and hair fixed. We do not have room for everyone to dress, apply make-up, finish hair and still keep contestants at a social distance. The only exception will be, if the contestant's dress is long and will drag on the ground, you may bring it and put it on in the dressing room.

-If you feel bad, are sick in any way, have been sick a few days before the pageant, have a cough or are running a fever, PLEASE do not come to the pageant. We will be taking temperatures before you will be allowed to enter the pageant area and anyone with a temp above 99.5 will not be admitted backstage at all.

-The Sikeston Henry F Meldrum Post No. 114 of the American Legion will in no way be held responsible for anyone coming in contact with or contracting the Covid 19 virus while at the Cotton Carnival. **By signing below, you are entering your child and/or will be viewing this pageant, knowing the risks and accept all responsibility for yourself and your child. Failure to sign this form will result in your child not being allowed to participate in the pageant. This form must be returned with the pageant application. Until we receive this form your child will not be entered in the pageant. Also, once entered, there will NO REFUNDS unless the pageant is cancelled.**

Pageant entering: (circle one)

Little Mr & Miss
Cotton Carnival

Jr. Miss
Sikeston

Miss Cotton
Carnival

Miss
Sikeston

Contestants PRINTED Name: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian
PRINTED Name: _____

And
SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

BEGINNING IN 2015, THE FOLLOWING WAS IMPLEMENTED
AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEW MISS SIKESTON, JR.
MISS SIKESTON AND MISS COTTON CARNIVAL

Queens are required to do community service with the American Legion Post 114 and the local veterans during the year holding their title. This is a way the queens can give back to the American Legion for sponsoring the pageants.

There are monthly meetings to attend, along with helping out at other events, such as serving Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas shopping for the veterans in nursing homes, helping with family fun day, being present when awards are being presented and helping with the Memorial Day and Labor Day events sponsored by the American Legion. These are just to name a few of the events in which the Queens are asked to participate. The queen's families are welcome to participate also. All community hours can be recorded for the community hours required by Sikeston High School to receive the gold chord for graduation. During the events, the queens are asked to wear their crown and sash and be dressed appropriately. The Standard Democrat is usually on hand to take picture for the newspaper.

Also, Miss Sikeston and Miss Cotton Carnival (if she is a senior) can join the American Legion. If the queen chooses to join, they will then be able to apply for a scholarship from the American Legion Post 114.

Megan McGill-Knight, American Legion representative

****On a side note, the 2019 queens did an OUTSTANDING job of participating in these events. They went above and beyond what was expected of them. The American Legion was very proud of these ladies and their willingness to participate in the events. You can view pictures of some of the events that the 2019 queens participated in, on the FACEBOOK page Sikeston CC Pageants.*