

## MISS TUSCOLA PAGEANT GENERAL RULES

1. Contestants for Miss Tuscola Pageant must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the pageant date and have not reached her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by March of the following year.
2. Contestants for Miss Tuscola must be a single female; never have been married or had a marriage annulled; contestants can never have been pregnant.
3. Contestants must have been a resident of Tuscola, Illinois for six months prior to the pageant date.
4. Contestants must be a U.S. Citizen and must be of good moral character; never been convicted of a crime or have had any criminal charges pending against them. Contestants should not have engaged in any activities that are characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
5. Contestant agrees:
  - a) to be personally interviewed by the judges in a business suit
  - b) to retain an organization to support should they win the pageant
  - c) to appear on stage in an evening gown
  - d) to present a one-minute memorized speech on stage
  - e) to answer a pop question on stage
  - f) to participate in the opening grand march/introduction wearing t-shirt, jeans, white shoes
6. Contestants are required to have a Tuscola “sponsor” (business) who will pay a \$60.00 entry fee.
7. All contestants have to participate in the required fundraiser. Raffle will be held during the pageant. Winning ticket does not need to be present to win. (Fundraiser is subject to change).
8. All contestants will limit themselves to one hole/piercing in each ear lobe. All other piercing must be removed or covered up. Any and all tattoos must be covered up.
9. All practices and rehearsals are mandatory and must be attended by all Miss Contestants unless excused by the Director. Final Dress Rehearsal is required – no exceptions! Participation is kept track of and shared with the judges. It is recommended you practice in the shoes you will be wearing in the pageant. Cell phones are not allowed out during practice and are not allowed backstage during the pageant. If you are seen with a cell phone backstage during the pageant, you will be disqualified!!!
10. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is final.
11. Pre-requisites and duties of the newly selected Queen will be:
  - a) The Queen will not partake of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs and will refrain from smoking while representing the Tuscola Pageant and City of Tuscola at any function.
  - b) The Queen will not enter any other judged pageant during her reign with the exception of the Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen Pageant (which is required).
  - c) The Queen will be chaperoned by the Pageant Director or by a chaperone approved by the Director at any time she is representing the Tuscola Pageant.
  - d) All personal appearances shall be approved in advance by the Pageant Director; as well as any photographic sessions and pictures released as the role of Miss Tuscola Queen.
12. Attendance at local parades throughout your reign is strongly encouraged upon approval of the Director. You are responsible for securing a convertible or appropriate transportation for all parades and candy.

13. Visiting other queen pageants with the Pageant Director is strongly encouraged.
14. If the newly selected Queen cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties or violates any rule set forth for a contestant she will immediately relinquish her title, crown, and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.
15. Good moral character is expected at all times by the contestants/queen. If poor moral character is displayed by a contestant then the director has the right to disqualify the contestant prior to the pageant. In addition the director has the discretion to remove title of the queen if integrity is not upheld.

## MISS TUSCOLA PAGEANT FORMAT

### Interviews:

Individual interviews will be held in the afternoon prior to the stage competition. You will be judged on your individual interview and facial beauty at that time. This includes but is not limited to: conversation skills, ability to answer questions efficiently and accurately, how well the contestant is “put together”, poise/posture, and appropriate hair/makeup. Interviews will be four minutes long. Appropriate attire for this portion of the competition is a suit, heels and hose. Wear daytime make-up and look your best. This is the only time the judges will see you close-up! BE ON TIME!

### Grand March:

All contestants will appear on stage in a grand march wearing a t-shirt, jeans, and white shoes.

### Volunteerism Promotion:

All contestants will choose one organization from Tuscola to partner with. They must receive permission from this organization by the first practice. In the event the contestant wins Miss Tuscola, she will be obligated to support this organization at least quarterly during her year. This includes but is not limited to volunteer hours, event organization, fundraiser organization, and promotions. Each contestant will announce the organization of their choice during the interview process.

### Stage Presence / Evening Gown:

Most contestants wear a gown that they have worn to prom or to a wedding. If you already own a pageant gown, that is great, but it is not necessary for this level of competition. There is no need to purchase a gown for this competition if you do not have one - many girls borrow from a friend. Dresses with cut outs and high slits will not be acceptable! The Pageant Director must approve the evening gown prior to the pageant.

### Communication Skills:

Miss contestants will prepare and perform an original one minute timed commercial about their sponsor. Be creative! This will take place on stage with a microphone. No props are allowed. A pop question will be asked of all contestants prior to their speech.

### Scoring:

Contestants will be judged on the following:

Personal Interview	30 points
Overall Appearance (interview)	15 points
Commercial (timed)	20 points
Pop Question	20 points
Evening Gown	<u>15 points</u>
	100 points

### Stage Make-up:

Make-up for the stage is different than the daytime make-up you normally wear. It needs to be heavier so that you will not look “washed out” under the bright lights on stage. You may feel uncomfortable, but on stage you will look perfect! The minimum amount you will need is the following: foundation (even if you are tan), eye shadow, mascara, blush, and lipstick.

The FINAL REHEARSAL is required

**GOOD LUCK AND WE KNOW YOU WILL LOOK BEAUTIFUL!!!!**

**MISS TUSCOLA PAGEANT**

**CONSENT FORM**

I hereby acknowledge that the personal data as shown on the entry form is correct; and that I have read and understand the Miss Tuscola Pageant General Rules. I understand that the time, manner and method of conducting the Pageant are solely within the discretion of the Pageant Officials and that the decision of the judges is final. I hereby agree to comply with all the rules of the Miss Tuscola Queen Pageant.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Tuscola                      Zip: 61953                      Cell Phone#: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Entry Form must be signed by the Contestant and Parent to be officially entered in Pageant.**

**\*\*If the contestant is caught with their cell phone/digital camera backstage the evening of the pageant, the contestant will be DISQUALIFIED!**

**MISS TUSCOLA**  
**CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO TAKE TO THE PAGEANT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Outfit for pop question

\_\_\_\_\_ Bra

\_\_\_\_\_ Slip

\_\_\_\_\_ Hose (at least one extra pair)

\_\_\_\_\_ Shoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Jewelry

\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Gown

\_\_\_\_\_ Bra

\_\_\_\_\_ Slip

\_\_\_\_\_ Hose

\_\_\_\_\_ Shoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Jewelry

\_\_\_\_\_ Makeup

\_\_\_\_\_ Brush/Comb

\_\_\_\_\_ Hair Spray

\_\_\_\_\_ Moisturizer (no oil)

\_\_\_\_\_ Deodorant

Optional Items as needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Baby Powder

\_\_\_\_\_ Sanitary Pads/Tampons

\_\_\_\_\_ Vaseline

\_\_\_\_\_ Fans

\_\_\_\_\_ Hair Pins/Barrettes

\_\_\_\_\_ Mirror

\_\_\_\_\_ Static Guard

\_\_\_\_\_ Curling Iron

## **MANDATORY 50/50 RAFFLE**

Miss Contestants – must sell 100 tickets @ \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 to be in the pageant.

Jr Miss Contestants – must sell 75 tickets @ \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 to be in the pageant.

Little Miss Contestants – must sell 50 tickets @ \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 to be in the pageant.

See calendar for date all ticket and money must be turned in!

Each contestant can sell more tickets if they wish. Each contestant that sells all of their tickets will be entered into a drawing to win \$50 at the final dress rehearsal.

Half of the money taken in will be given to the 50/50 winner. The new royalty will receive the other half. It will be deposited into the Miss Tuscola checking account for their use for the Moultrie-Douglas Pageant to be held in July. Listed below is the breakdown:

Miss Tuscola – 50%  
Jr. Miss Tuscola – 25%  
Little Miss Tuscola – 25%

Contestant Program Ad Form  
"HAPPY ADS"  
Miss, Jr. Miss and Little Miss Tuscola

Here is an opportunity to wish your favorite contestants Good Luck!! Simply fill out the ad form below (no pictures please) and return it with your payment of \$5.00 per happy ad (see calendar for due date). Payments may also be mailed to Denise Groves, 10 Nancy Dr., Tuscola, IL. 61953  
Thank you so much for your participation!!!!

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Miss Tuscola Pageant - Denise Groves**