

Department V Miss Altamont Fair Pageant

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The Altamont Fair invites you to enter the 2016 Miss Altamont Fair Pageant! The competition will be held at the Northrup Stage near Gate Three. An application form is attached.

ABOUT THE PAGEANT

Purpose

The purpose of the Pageant is to give the contestants an opportunity to serve their community while showcasing their inner beauty, poise and speaking ability in a public environment. As well as to enhance their personal and professional skills in order to achieve their educational and professional goals; and become a positive representative of the Altamont Fair and their communities.

Residency Requirements

Applicants must be residents of Albany, Schenectady or Greene Counties.

Categories/Age Requirements

Miss Altamont Fair	18-25 years old
Junior Miss Altamont Fair	14-17 years old
Tween Miss Altamont Fair	11-13 years old
Young Miss Altamont Fair	8-10 years old
Little Miss Altamont Fair	5-7 years old

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must meet the minimum age of their respective categories on or before August 1, 2016. Former first place winner of a division cannot compete again for the same title. However, a contestant may compete in the next age division if she meets the minimum age requirement.

Areas of Competition

Personal Interview 60%

The judges will interview each contestant one-on-one starting with Little Miss, right up to Miss. We will do the Little Miss and Young Miss first and they will rehearse right after. The Tween Miss Jr., Miss, & Miss will have their interviews followed by their rehearsal.

Interview Dates & times- Interviews will be held on

Saturday August 13th, 2016 in the Chapel building on the Fair grounds.

Division Times will be emailed to contestants prior to the 13th. Times will depend upon the number of entries.

Tickets and final starting times will be given, at the rehearsal, to contestants who will need them for entrance to the fair. The interviews will be held in the Chapel near the Grove Area.

Apparel: The apparel you choose should fit properly, enhance your appearance and be appropriate to your age.

Hobbies and Activities – Little and Young Miss 20%

Proper attire for the competition includes clothing depicting your hobby or activity. It may also include sundresses, short-sets and/or slacks. (swimwear is only acceptable if swimming is your hobby or activity, no bikinis are allowed.) Props may be used if easy to carry on and off of the stage. **This category only!**

Party Dress – Little and Young Miss 20% (evening wear)

Proper attire for the competition should be a formal party dress.

Hobbies and Activities 20% Tween Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss

Proper attire for the competition will be clothing depicting your hobby or activity. It may also include shorts, shirts or tees, sports outfits. Jeans may be worn for this competition only. (swimwear is only acceptable if swimming is your hobby or activity, no bikinis are allowed.) Props may be used if easy to carry on and off of the stage. **This category only!**

Eveningwear 20%

Evening gowns may be floor length or tea length. Prom dresses are commonly worn in the Miss division, but any formal dress is accepted.

Awards

All finalists will receive a certificate of participation and two passes for free admission into the Fair on Tuesday, August 16th.

The winner of each division will receive a rhinestone tiara, sash, bouquet of flowers, trophy and a portrait will be taken of each winner and alternates in each group right after the pageant. It is the responsibility of the winners and alternates to get their picture taken with Carol Donato, right after the contest.

First and second alternates from each division will receive a sash, Tiara comb and a trophy. Other prizes may be available at the awards ceremony. Awards are subject to change. All winners will be admitted to the 2016 Fair at no cost by wearing their crowns and sashes.

Additional Awards

The following titles will be awarded to the contestant who receives the highest number of votes for congeniality and sponsors for the cover girl.

Miss Congeniality- This award is open to the contestants in the Miss division.

This award is chosen by the contestants themselves. It reflects the respect and admiration of the contestants' peers, who voted for her as the most congenial, charismatic and inspirational participant. The winner will receive and award certificate, trophy and bouquet of flowers.

Cover Girl – This Award is open to all contestants in all Divisions. There is a minimum of 3 paid sponsors to qualify.

This award is given to the contestant who receives the most paid sponsorships. Sponsors may be a business, friend or relative. All paid sponsorships will be advertised in the Pageant Program Booklet; each paid sponsor will receive a copy of the booklet. The winners will receive a certificate and flowers.

Responsibilities of winners

Appearances during the Fair (August 16th-22nd 2016) will be required and will be announced.

Winners and alternates in each division may be asked to make appearances on behalf of the Fair during the year (2016-2017). We need the winners to be sure to wear appropriate clothing, no short shorts, short dresses or skirts (knee length or longer while representing the Fair.) Jeans are OK as long as they are not ripped.

Current winners/Runners up will be granted free admission for the week of the fair. Please be sure to be wearing your Crowns and sashes for all public appearances. **Winners will be required to attend the 2017 Miss Altamont Fair Pageant to crown successor** and present awards. Winners will be required to have a photo taken immediately after pageant. Transportation to the fair and any event scheduled during the year is the responsibility of the winners and/or family members. (Winners, 1st and 2nd alternates and one parent; 5-14 ages require one adult chaperone, any more must pay admission. *Each contestant or parent if under age must sign a contract with the pageant agreeing to abide by rules set by the Miss Altamont Fair Pageant.* If, in the opinion of Pageant Officials, the winner is unable to meet the Winner's Responsibilities as noted above, **the title may be forfeited and awarded to the Alternate.**

Selection Process

This is a "natural" and amateur NON-beauty pageant, a community service position. No professionals. **LIGHT MAKE UP ONLY!** The judges will be looking for applicants who have natural beauty inside and a willingness to represent the Altamont Fair and our communities during the year. All contestants will be judged on their own performances and not against other contestants. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, ability to follow directions, on-stage presence and appearance and the ability to communicate with the public.

Pageant Rule -Day of Pageant

Each contestant must meet the minimum eligibility requirements. All photos taken during the Pageant by Fair or Pageant Officials may be used for publicity and become the property of the Altamont Fair. ONE FEMALE HELPER may accompany each contestant backstage and in the dressing room on the day of the pageant. All contestants must arrive 30 minutes prior to start of division competition.

Responsibilities of the Judges

Judges may not be influenced by the Fair, pageant coordinators or representatives of the contestants in any way. Judges may not have personal contact outside the pageant with any contestant. Judges are required to be fair and impartial at all times. The judges' decisions are **FINAL**.

Responsibilities of the Contestants

The completed application, questionnaire, sponsor sheet and sponsorship fees **must be submitted** to the Altamont Fair Office **no later than 2pm on Monday August 8th, 2016** or postmarked August 3rd to be eligible.

Each contestant is responsible for her own actions and behavior. It is important that the spirit of good sportsmanship be maintained throughout the entire Miss Altamont Fair Pageant. A mandatory stage rehearsal for all Altamont Fair contestants will be held at the Northrup Stage immediately following the personal interviews. Please bring a change of clothing for rehearsal and shoes/heels that will be worn during competition. Do not bring competition wardrobe for rehearsal.

Responsibilities of winners/Contestants

Other appearances during the Fair (August 16th-22nd 2016) will be required and will be announced. Winners and alternates in each division may be asked to make appearances on behalf of the Fair during the year (2016-2017). We need the winners to be sure to wear clothing appropriate no short shorts, short dresses or skirts, (knee length or longer while representing the Fair.) **All contestants (non-winners) are invited to participate in all activities throughout the year and fair week, however only winners and runners up will have free admission.**

Pageant Program

Program books will be available for no charge at the competition. Family, friends and local organizations are invited to purchase space in the program book for advertisements or good luck wishes. Ad sales must be completed and submitted to the Fair office by August 1st. A sponsor sheet has been included with application. A questioner is also included and this and the sponsor sheet need to be in the office by August 8th 2016. The black and white, 8½ x 5¼ program book will accommodate ads for the following rates:

AD SIZE	COST
Full-page	\$75.00
Half-page	\$50.00
Quarter-page/Business card size	\$30.00

Application & Entry Fee

All contestants are required to complete the attached application, and submit it along with a non-refundable sponsorship fee of \$27. **Your Initial Sponsor will be the person paying for the entry fee;** all additional sponsors are to be put on the Additional Sponsor Sheet provided with application; **all additional sponsorships must be \$30.00.**

All applications and entry fees must be received in the Altamont Fair Office **by 2pm Monday August 8th 2016.** **Any application submitted without the sponsorship fee will be returned to the applicant. Please make checks payable to Altamont Fair; memo-Miss Altamont Fair Pageant.** Please be sure your address and phone numbers are printed clearly on the application and allow one week for processing. Every application will receive phone confirmation.

Bring your completed application and entry fee of \$27.00 to the Fair office at the fairgrounds or mail to with your \$27.00 entry fee:

Altamont Fair
Miss Altamont Fair Pageant
PO Box 506
Altamont, NY 12009

Pageant Staff

Mary Fronk & Kimberly DonVito	Co- Team Leaders
Larry & Shirley Fronk	Committee Members Emeritus
Carol Donato	Hostess and Committee Member
Laura Fasani	Secretary
Frank Krumal	Judge Coordinator
Susi Krumal	Sub. Judge and Committee Member
Steven Fronk	Video
Star& Steven Jr. Fronk	Committee Member
Andrea Leszczynski	Event Coordinator/Committee Member
Tammy Bolduc	Event coordinator/Committee Member

Questions may be directed to: Mary Fronk (518) 728-4120
Kim DonVito kimdonvito@aol.com or (518) 320-0958

Check Fair website for more info:
www.altamontfair.com

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
CONTESTANTS!!!!**

2016 MISS ALTAMONT FAIR PAGEANT

OFFICIAL APPLICATION COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH \$27.00 ENTRY FEE BY AUGUST 8, 2016

DIVISION (Please select one): _____ Miss Altamont Fair (ages 18-25)
_____ Junior Miss Altamont Fair (ages 14-17) _____ Young Miss Altamont Fair (ages 8-10)
_____ Tween Miss Altamont Fair (ages 11-13) _____ Little Miss Altamont Fair (ages 5-7)

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **Email:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

COUNTY: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** ____/____/____ **AGE:** _____

SCHOOL / EMPLOYER: _____

GRADE LEVEL / CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

INITIAL SPONSOR: _____

(Parent, self or business)

3 References are needed for the Jr. Miss and Miss divisions. Please use the form accompanying this application and copy it for the other two references. These must be submitted with the application.

I understand that I am required to attend the Miss Altamont Fair Pageant Rehearsal on Saturday, August 13th, 2016. If I fail to do so, I understand that I am not eligible to compete in the Miss Altamont Fair Pageant to be held on August 16th, 2016. No refunds will be granted.

I understand that the Altamont Fair will be allowed to use all photographs, names and likenesses from the Pageant for advertising and promotion and that the contestants will receive no compensation for the same from the Altamont Fair.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the 2016 Miss Altamont Fair Pageant and I agree to abide by said rules. I further understand that Fair and Pageant Officials are not liable for personal injury incurred while traveling to or from the Pageant or for any loss or damage to personal property incurred during the Pageant or official appearances after the competition.

Finally, I promise to remain sportsmanlike at all times during and after the competition.

SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT OR PARENT (if under 18): _____

DATE: ____/____/____

Contestants Name: _____

Contestant introduction sheet

Please complete and it must be returned with application

Please complete the following information. It will be used a guideline to introduce you on-stage during the pageant.

Category – LM – YM – TM - JM – MISS circle one

Name _____

AGE _____ Town _____ Sponsor _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Three words that describe yourself

Hobbies/Activities(list three) _____

Future Goals (list three) _____

What do you like about the Altamont Fair? _____

What are your reasons for entering the Altamont Fair Pageant? _____

What is it about you that would make you a good- Little/Young/Tween/Junior or Miss Altamont Fair Queen? (Please use ten words or less.) _____

AD SIZE	COST
Full-page	\$75.00
Half-page	\$50.00
Quarter-page/Business card size	\$30.00

Miss Altamont Fair Pageant, Altamont Fair Box 506, Altamont, NY 12009, 861-6671

This is a letter to use for tax purposes. The Altamont Fair is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization and is registered as a charity with the Charities Bureau. We are the only Tri – County Fair in the state which represents the residents of Albany, Schenectady and Greene Counties.

Our Fair dates this year are August 16th through August 22nd 2016. If you have any questions please call us at 728-4120 Or 357-9832

All applications and entry fees of \$27.00 must be received in the Altamont Fair Office by 2pm on Monday, August 8, 2016. Any application submitted without the sponsorship fee will be returned to the applicant. All other sponsorships are \$30.00, no exceptions.

Please make checks payable to Altamont Fair; memo- Miss Altamont Fair Pageant, and applicants name, thank you.

Check # Type of Donation AMOUNT

	Monetary	
	Gift Cards	
	Gift Certificates	
	Tickets	
	Dinners	
	Merchandise	
	Other	

Miss Altamont Fair Pageant
P.O. Box 506
Altamont, NY 12009

Letter of Reference

Contestant Name: _____

Division: Jr. Miss Miss (circle one please)

The Miss Altamont Fair Pageant looks for the natural beauty in the person, as well as the ability to speak in public and enhance personal and professional skills and to be a positive representative of the Altamont Fair.

1. Would you recommend this applicant? Yes _____ No _____.

2. Is this applicant of good moral character? _____

3. Do you feel this above applicant has the qualities necessary to be a representative of the Altamont Fair? _____

4. How long have you known this individual? _____

5. Have you any other comments about this contestant? _____

(please print/then sign)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____