

Department V 2010 Miss Altamont Fair Pageant

The Altamont Fair invites you to enter the 2010 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 showcase their inner and natural beauty and speaking ability in a public environment so they may enhance their personal and professional skills in order to achieve their educational and professional goals, and become a positive representative of the Altamont Fair.

Residency Requirements

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

Categories/Age Requirements

Miss Altamont Fair	16-21 years old
Junior Miss Altamont Fair	12-15 years old
Young Miss Altamont Fair	8-11 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 July 31, 2010. 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 within each category. Proper "Business Casual" apparel should be worn (i.e. - a suit, pantsuit, or a dress). **Please no jeans, bare midriffs, tank tops, miniskirts, flip-flops or shorts etc.**

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

Casual Playful Wear - Little and Young Miss 20%

Proper attire for the competition includes sun dresses, short-sets and/or slacks **(no bare midriffs or swimsuits, no flip-flops).**

Party Dress - Little and Young Miss 20%

Proper attire for the competition should be formal party dresses.

Business Casual Wear - Jr. Miss and Miss 20%

Proper attire for the competition is "Business casual" (i.e. suit, knee-length skirt, pantsuit, dress). **Please no jeans, bare midriffs, tank tops, miniskirts, flip-flops or shorts etc.**

Eveningwear – Junior Miss and Miss 20%

Proper attire for the competition includes formal evening gowns or prom dresses. The dresses may be tea length or floor length.

Awards

All finalists will receive a certificate of participation and one free admission pass into the fair

The winner of each division will receive a rhinestone tiara, sash, trophy, bouquet of flowers. An 8" by 10" portrait will be taken of each winner and alternates in each group right after the pageant (**free**). It is the responsibility of the winners and alternates to meet directly after the winners have been announced; portrait taken and donated by Carol Donato Photography.

First and second alternates from each division will receive a sash and a trophy.

Other prizes may be available at the awards ceremony. Awards are subject to change. All winners and alternatives will be admitted to the 2010 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 contestants in the Miss division. This award is voted on by the contestants themselves. It reflects the respect and admiration of the contestant's peers, who voted for her as the most congenial, charismatic and inspirational participant. The winner will receive an 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 sponsorship will be advertised in the Pageant Program Booklet; each paid sponsor will receive a copy of the Pageant Program Booklet. The winner will receive a certificate and flowers.

Responsibilities of winners

Appearances during the week of the Altamont Fair will be announced and required. Crowns and sashes are to be worn for all public appearances. Clothing apparel should be appropriate while representing the Altamont Fair. **(I.e. no short dresses, skirts or shorts, no bare midriffs or swimsuits, no flip-flops, no jeans).**

Current winners and alternates will be granted free admission for the week of the fair. Please be sure to be wearing your crowns and sashes when you approach the admission gate. Transportation to the fairgrounds will be the responsibility of the winners and/or family members.

All winners and alternates in each division will be asked to make appearances on behalf of the Altamont Fair during the year. There will be between **12-15** events during the year and the title holders **must be able to attend 8 out of 15 events** to fulfill their reign.

Each winner will be asked to write a personal thank you note to the sponsor of any prize or gift certificate she receives within 30 days of the pageant. A personal visit to each business sponsor is encouraged but not required.

All winners will be required to attend the 2011 Miss Altamont Fair Pageant to crown successor and present awards.

Selection Process

This is a “natural” beauty pageant. **LIGHT MAKE UP ONLY!** The judges will be looking for applicants who have natural beauty inside and out and a willingness to represent the Altamont Fair 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 Rules

Each contestant must meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

One female helper may accompany each contestant backstage and in the dressing room.

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.

All photos taken during the Pageant by Fair or Pageant Officials may be used for publicity and become the property of the Altamont Fair.

Responsibilities of the Contestants

The completed application, questioner, sponsor sheet and sponsorship fees must be **in The Altamont Fair Office no later than 3pm, Saturday, July 31, 2010. No other applications will be accepted after this date for any reason**

Interview Date & Times – Interviews will be held on Saturday , August 14th, 2010 in the Chapel Building located on the Altamont Fairgrounds. Division times as follows:

10 AM. – Little Miss & Young Miss
11 AM - Junior Miss
12 PM – Miss

A mandatory stage rehearsal for all Pageant contestants will be held at the Northrup Stage on following the interviews. Please bring a change of clothing for rehearsal and shoes/heels that will be worn during competition. Your competition wardrobe is not required for rehearsal. Miss Congeniality votes will be taken at this time. Some food and drink will be provided.

It is important that the spirit of good sportsmanship be maintained throughout the entire Miss Altamont Fair Pageant. **Each contestant is responsible for the actions of her Parents / family / guests.**

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.

Pageant Program

Program books will be available Free of 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 Altamont Fair office by July 31st. A sponsor sheet has been included with application. The black and white, 8½ x 5¼ program book will accommodate ads for the following rates:

AD SIZE	COST
Full-page	\$75
Half-page	\$50
Quarter-page/Business card size	\$25

Application & Entry Fee

All contestants are required to complete the attached application and questionnaire; and submit it along with a non-refundable sponsorship fee of \$25.

Please make checks payable to Altamont Fair, in the memo line please state “Altamont Fair Pageant & Contestant’s Name”.

Mail to:

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

All applications and entry fees must be received in the **Altamont Fair Office by 3pm on Saturday, July 31, 2010**. A letter of confirmation will be sent upon receipt of a completed application.

Any application submitted without the sponsorship fee will be returned to the applicant.

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 the application.

Please be sure your address and phone numbers and e-mail address are printed clearly on the application and allow one week for processing.

Pageant Staff & Committee Members

Mary Fronk	Team Leader and Committee Member
Cindy Flower	Assistant Team Leader and Committee Member
Laura Fasani	Secretary and Committee Member
Carol Donato	Hostess and Committee Member
Shirley & Larry Fronk	Committee Members Emeritus
Chris McClaine	Altamont Fair Board Liaison
Frank Krumal	Judge coordinator and Committee Member

For more information visit the Altamont Fair Website:

www.AltamontFair.com

Dear Contestants,

On behalf of the Altamont Fair pageant staff & committee members, we wish all of you GOOD LUCK and thank you for your interest.

2010 MISS ALTAMONT FAIR PAGEANT
OFFICIAL APPLICATION
COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH \$25.00 ENTRY FEE
BY JULY 31, 2010

DIVISION (Please select one):

_____ Little Miss Altamont Fair (ages 5-7) _____ Young Miss Altamont Fair (ages 8-11)

_____ Junior Miss Altamont Fair (ages 12-15) _____ Miss Altamont Fair (ages 16-21)

(Please print clearly)

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

ADDRESS: _____

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

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

SCHOOL / EMPLOYER: _____

GRADE LEVEL / CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

INITIAL SPONSOR: _____
(Parent, self or business)

I understand that I am required to attend the Miss Altamont Fair Pageant Interviews and Rehearsal on Saturday, August 14, 2010 starting at 10am. 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 17, 2010. 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 2010 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: ____/____/____

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant Introduction Sheet

Please fill out and return with your application.

Please complete the following information. The information you complete on this page will be used as a guideline to introduce you during the pageant.

Category: ___ Little Miss___ Young Miss___ Junior Miss___ Miss (Circle one)

Name _____ AGE _____

Town _____ Sponsor _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Three words to describe you _____, _____, _____

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/Junior or Miss Altamont Fair Queen? (Please use ten words or less.)
