





# 2020 Illinois Horse Fair Ambassador Program



## Hobbies & Interests:

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## School Organizations, Community Involvement etc.:

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\*If more space is needed for any category, please use an additional sheet of paper with labeled categories\*

Please submit a 1-2 page paragraph-style essay that answers the above prompt. Be sure that it is either APA or MLA formatted and has a title page with your full name, age, address, and email. Please mail in the essay on a separate sheet of 8.5 x 11” paper (Normal printer paper size). Essay to be sent along with pageant application. Essays will not be accepted during Horse Fair Weekend.

**Essay Prompt:** In your opinion, *“How do horses make your life whole and how have they made you Equine Strong?”*

**Entry:** The Ambassador Pageant will begin on Friday, **March 6th and conclude Sunday, March 8th** at the State Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Illinois Horse Fair. Entry into the Ambassador Pageant is \$100. This goes towards the production of the pageant, prizes and crown fees. Contestants are encouraged to get a sponsor to cover this fee. It can be anyone from a local business, your local horse club, or simply family & friends. Be sure to include the sponsor on the first page of the application.

### Pageant Overview:

Judging Criteria (May be subject to change as judges see fit. Notice of a change will be given):

- **Horsemanship (35%):** The contestants will be asked to perform a basic skills pattern that they have choreographed. The skills need to include Walk, Trot/Gait, Canter, Halt and back up 3 steps. Time limit will be no more than 5 Minutes. (Please note: Judging will not reflect horse skill level.)
- **Personal Interview (30%):** Each contestant will answer a series of questions from a panel of judges based on current events, horse-related topics, and from the application submitted.
- **Speech (25%):** Contestants will be asked to prepare a 3-minute speech on the topic provided (Will be provided in information packet) and will be recited to an audience individually for judging. Contestants will also be asked a variety of impromptu question about the horse industry.
- **Overall Appearance (10%):** This score reflects the contestant’s overall attitude, appearance and presence while attending the Illinois Horse Fair



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**Check-In/Stabling information:** **Move In** will be Thursday 9am to 9pm. **Move Out** will be Sunday 5pm.

Moving in/out only during scheduled hours, or by Appointment with a \$15 Convenience Fee.

To make an appointment, please contact [ihf@horsemencouncil.org](mailto:ihf@horsemencouncil.org) and please state that you are with the pageant.

Contestants will be stalled in Barn 14. They will have access to a shared tack stall in their aisle. A shared tack stall will be split amongst 4 contestants. Please keep this in mind when packing and preparing for your horse. Please fill out the form on the next page. If you would like a private tack stall those are available at an addition \$45 per tack stall.

### What Documentation Do I Need to Supply?

The following documents must to be presented to receive your stall assignment (Will receive upon Move In/Check-In). Stalls cannot be occupied without checking in at the Horse Check In kiosk

- Current Negative Coggins required (12 months) on all horses.
- Health Certificate required on out-of-state horses.
- Signed liability release forms for all equine Owners/Riders/Handlers. 2020 Illinois Horse Fair Liability Release will be required to be signed by **anyone** who will be riding and/or handling the contestant’s horse while at Illinois Horse Fair 2020. This form is included in this packet.

### To send in your application, please follow one of these two options.

1. Mail complete package (application, stabling application, essay, and payment made payable to “IHF”) to:  

Illinois Horse Fair, PO Box 13374, Springfield, IL 62791.
2. Email application to [ihf@horsemencouncil.org](mailto:ihf@horsemencouncil.org) to secure your place in the competition. You must also mail your payment to the address in option 1 prior to February 15th.

A full information packet will be emailed out to the email addresses specified on this entry form explaining all phases of competition and additional pageant details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the director at any time. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Questions may be directed to:

2019 Miss Illinois Horse Fair Queen Kelsey Hallin (630)363-1110, private message through Facebooks welcome also.

AGREEMENT: I hereby authorize Horsemen’s Council of Illinois/Illinois Horse Fair and the Miss Illinois Horse Fair Queen Pageant to use this information for purposes of the IHF Queen pageant. The authorized signature on this contract signifies that I have read and understand the rules and regulations and understand that all judge decisions are final.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Owner Name		Rider Name	
Owner Address		Rider Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	
Owner Phone		Rider Phone	
Owner Email		Rider Email	

Discipline you plan to ride your "Horsemanship" pattern in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**  
 Name:  
 Phone Number:  
 Relationship to owner/Rider

Breed:		Age:		Mare:		Gelding:	
	Name of horse:						
	Stable With: <b>QUEEN PAGEANT</b>						
<b>All horses must have a stall. A tack stall will be split between 4 contestants.</b>				<b>Each contestant will receive a 3-Day pass along with stalling reservation.</b>			

	# of 3-day Passes	# of Stalls	Cost of Each:	Please indicate :
Pageant Entry Fee	1		\$100	
Stall Fee	1	w/shared tack stall	\$90	
Private Tack Stall			\$45	
Pine Shavings Bedding per bag <b>(Bedding not included w/stall)</b>	<b>X</b>	_____bags	\$9.65	
HCI Basic membership (optional)			\$25	
Additional Fairgrounds passes can be purchased online				
<b>Sub-Total Stalls, Bedding, and Membership</b>				<b>\$</b>
Paying By Credit Card, Add 5% Processing Fee			5%	
<b>TOTAL STALLS, BEDDING,</b>				<b>\$</b>



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## Payment Options:

I wish to pay in full by Check/Money Order\*:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to pay in full by Credit/Debit

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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3- Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (Card information may also be confidentially provided by calling 217.689.4224 ext. 1)

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## Check List

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed form, with all information filled in!

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Liability Release Form (for rider & anyone helping)

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment made payable to "IHF" or "Illinois Horse Fair"

\*\* You are welcome to send in a copy of your Coggins Papers to help speed up the check in process! \*\*



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## Illinois Horse Fair Vendor/Exhibitor Rules and Regulations

*By completing the Exhibitor Contract for Space Rental you agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the participation in the Illinois Horse Fair.*

### Definitions:

**COMMERCIAL:** Shall apply to all parties providing a product, service or stallion for commercial benefit.

**NON-PROFIT:** Shall apply to all IRS designated non-profit organizations promoting particular equine activities.

**BREED ASSOCIATION/REGISTRY:** Shall apply to all recognized Associations/Registries responsible for registry of a specific breed. Proof of authorization shall be provided. **FOR SALE:** Shall apply to all parties purchasing stall space for the purpose of selling a horse.

**ADMISSION:** The Illinois Horse Fair (IHF) management reserves the right to refuse admission to any person(s) in the interest of safety and welfare of said persons, the general public, exhibitors or animals.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The IHF reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any product for display. Commercial exhibitors/vendors (Exhibitors) must list their participating company as "Exhibitor" for the record. All exhibits must conform within the bound of good taste. IHF management may refuse any exhibit, item or displays.

Exhibitor Show Hours:  
**Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

All set up and tear down schedules are assigned by IHF management and will be strictly enforced.

Exhibitors must not dismantle displays, assemble packing materials or tear down on Sunday prior to close of Fair.

No vehicles are allowed within the secured area (or any so identified areas) during IHF hours.

Exhibitor parking is in designated areas only and will be enforced. Violators shall be subject to immediate towing.

**PAYMENTS:** All charges for exhibit space must be paid in full in US funds on or before January 15 (all late fees must be paid for registrations or payments submitted after that date). **Failure to pay in full by February 14 can result in loss of booth space to wait listed vendors.**

IHF management, sponsors, their agents or representatives for this event do not and cannot guarantee any financial benefit or gain to exhibitors or exhibiting organization, nor guarantee attendance for same.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** If any event or circumstance not caused by IHF prevents an Exhibitor from setting up or staffing an exhibit for any or all of the show period, the contractual responsibility between Exhibitor and IHF shall be considered to be satisfied with no refund due Exhibitor.

**PUBLICITY:** In consideration for participation, the undersigned hereby grants IHF and the Horsemen's Council of Illinois (HCI) the right to use their name and/or likeness and that of its employees and agents involved in the Fair, using video and/or audio and/or photographs in any association with HCI or IHF.

**INSURANCE:** Exhibitors are required to carry fire and liability insurance covering trade shows and fairs which insures their goods and exhibits against damage and loss or personal injury. All insurance certificates must include the following statement – "The Horsemen's Council of Illinois and/or The Illinois Horse Fair and/or The Illinois Department of Agriculture, their officers, employees, agents and directors are additionally insured."

(RULES & REGULATIONS CONT'D)

**INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:** Exhibitor agrees that if a claim or lawsuit is made against IHF, HCI and/or the Illinois Department of Agriculture, their owners, shareholders, agents and or employees for any damage brought by or allegedly attributable to,

Exhibitor arising from Exhibitor's presence on the premises or Exhibitor's contract for space rental, Exhibitor will pay all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Illinois Horse Fair and the Horsemen's Council of Illinois.

**LIABILITY:** Exhibitor shall hold HCI and IHF and it's management, and the Illinois State Fairgrounds and it's management blameless for any injury or damage that may occur to an exhibitor, its employees, agents or property, or for loss as a result of theft, fire, accident or any other causes. Exhibitor shall take precautionary measures of their own, such as securing small or easy portable articles of value and the removal of them to a place of safe keeping after exhibit hours. Any damage to facility property through carelessness or other act of Exhibitor or their employees, agents or invitees must be paid by Exhibitor causing damage.

**COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** Exhibitor agrees to obey all State laws, local ordinances and regulations governing the use of the Illinois State Fairgrounds, to abide by the rules of the State Fire Marshall and State Police, and other public officials whose duties may regulate exhibits. Illinois sales tax will be applicable to the event. For additional information, please visit the following site: [www.revenue.state.il.us/individuals/salesandrelated/fairs](http://www.revenue.state.il.us/individuals/salesandrelated/fairs) (This DOES NOT apply to IRS designated non-profit organizations.)

**EXHIBIT SPACE ASSIGNMENT:** IHF management will assign exhibit space. Exhibitors will agree to accept the location assigned and agree to reassignment if directed by IHF management for the best interest of the show. Sub-leasing of space and/or assignment or transfer of any right, interest or obligation of Exhibitor related to IHF or Exhibitor's exhibit or participation is prohibited and if attempted by any Exhibitor will result in contract becoming null and void unless prior approval has been obtained from management.

**BOOTH CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT:** IHF will provide an identification sign and number for each booth space. Each booth will have 8ft back drapes and 3ft side drapes. The back and side drapes may not be removed or moved without IHF approval. No sign, apparatus or construction may extend more than 8ft above the floor. The exhibit may extend 4 ft from the back of the booth space at the 8 ft height, but beyond that point the height must not exceed 3 ft. The exhibitor may drape unsightly structures at their own expense. IHF and HCI strongly recommend only professionally made signs and floor coverings for your exhibit space. Exhibitor shall have a 50 ft grounded extension cord. Live animal sales are prohibited in exhibit space.

**EXHIBITS AND APPLIANCES:** Exhibits must be contained within the booth space and not obstruct or interfere with neighboring exhibits. No signs, posters etc. may be displayed outside the exhibitor's assigned space. Sound levels on A/V equipment must not exceed normal conversation levels. No damage of any nature may be done to any part of the Illinois State Fairgrounds. An identification sign will be provided for each vendor. A table and 2 chairs will be provided for each booth space.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** All decorations must be made of flameproof materials. All packaging containers and materials must be removed from the floor. No propane tanks may be used inside. Strobe lights are prohibited.

**VENDOR/EXHIBIT CLEANING:** Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their exhibits clean and free from accumulated rubbish and unsafe conditions.

**PETS:** No animals (except service animals) will be allowed in exhibition buildings, seminar areas, Coliseum or Livestock Center. Dogs on the grounds in any other areas must be leashed at all times.

**CONCESSIONAIRE:** Food vendors shall be subject to a fee, due directly to the State of Illinois. Please call 217-689-4224, ext 1 for the most up to date information.



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## RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Guest/Attendee (collectively "Participant"), on his/her own behalf and as the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the following terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement"):

1. **Assumption of Risk and Waiver:** Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in equine activities and merely being near a horse, mule, or pony (collectively "equine"), including: (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;(for example, jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (ii) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals, or other things (for example, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (iii) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other equines or objects; (v) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability. Participant understands the resulting injuries, death, and property damage that may result from the accepted risks of engaging in equine activities or just being near an equine, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Agreement are just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (as defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant therefore agrees, on his/her own behalf and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, that he/she understands the risks and dangers inherent in equine activities and agree to assume them on his/her own behalf and on behalf of minor Participant, to at all times to be responsible for his/her personal safety, remain financially responsible for his/her medical expenses, and waives his/her right to any claims arising from his/her participation in or observation of any equine activities, being near an equine, or mere presence on the property of The Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Horse Fair, and Horsemen's Council of Illinois (collectively "Facility").

2. **Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnification:** Participant agrees to release and hold the Facility, Horsemen's Council of Illinois, Illinois Horse Fair, and their respective owners, managers, officers, directors, members, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, attorneys, assistants, representatives, assigns, volunteers, employees, independent contractors, trainers, and others acting on their behalf (collectively "Released Parties"), harmless for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss incurred by Participant unless caused by Released Parties' gross negligence or wanton and willful misconduct. Participant agrees to indemnify Released Parties against injuries and damages sustained or suffered by any third party, whether caused by Participant directly or indirectly, and which includes reimbursement of Released Parties' attorneys' fees.

3. **Governing Law and Time Limitation:** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the federal or state court in Sangamon County, Illinois. The parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court for such purpose. Participant agrees that any and all claims and/or causes of action, for injury, death, property damage, or other claims or losses by Participant, on his/her own behalf and/or on behalf of a minor Participant, against the Released Parties, must be brought within one (1) year of the date they accrue.

4. **Attorney's Fees:** Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Agreement and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving, or in any way relating to, Participant.

5. **Participant Certification:** Participant certifies that he/she has read this entire Agreement and understands, agrees, and intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, spouse, heirs, agents, representatives, relatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

**WARNING: UNDER THE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES**

Horse Fair Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Participant signing on own behalf

Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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