

QUEEN PAGEANT RULES

The purpose of the Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival Queen pageant is to promote our community and to allow local young women the opportunity to participate in a fun scholarship pageant and festival event.

Participants must meet the following recommendations, rules and guidelines:

1. Participants must be female and age shall not be less than 17 nor more than 21 years on 7/1/2023. Entrant must attach either a copy of her birth certificate or driver's license as proof of age to the application.
2. Participant must currently reside in Morgan County and must present proof of residency.
3. Participant must be single, never married, have no children and must not be pregnant at the time of the pageant or during her reign, if crowned queen.
4. The use of drugs or alcohol during the pageant or festival by any participant will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the pageant.
5. **All participants must attend an orientation meeting with the pageant directors.** (Location and date to be determined)
6. The queen and her court must participate in various activities related to the Fall Foliage Festival, included being in the Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival parade on Oct. 15, 2023.
7. The winner of the pageant will act as the festival queen Oct. 12-15, 2023. The pageant directors will bestow the queen duties, which may include the introduction of festival entertainers.
8. The winning first place entrant will be named the 2023 Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival Queen and will be awarded a scholarship. Release of the scholarship payment, the winning entrant must show proof of enrollment to a technical school, college or university.
9. In the event of a tie, the highest score from the interview portion will be used. If another tiebreaker is needed, a judge/director's group decision will choose the queen.
10. The pageant directors and committee expect each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the workshops, rehearsals, and any festival related activities.
11. In the event the winning entrant is not able to fulfill her duties as the 2023 Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival Queen, the contestant named First Runner Up will assume the title of the 2023 Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival Queen.

12. A \$40 non-refundable entry fee is applicable for each participant and must be submitted with the participant's application.
13. Miss Fundraiser (OPTIONAL) - the top fundraiser will be named as Miss Fundraiser, and be a member of the court.
14. The audience will vote on Fan Favorite the day of the competition at \$1.00 per vote.
15. All participants must submit a completed application, 4 - 4x6 headshots (no bigger), a copy of birth certificate or driver's license, and the non-refundable entry fee of \$40 by the deadline of July 1, 2023.

***See application for address to submit applications.**

***Late applications will not be accepted**