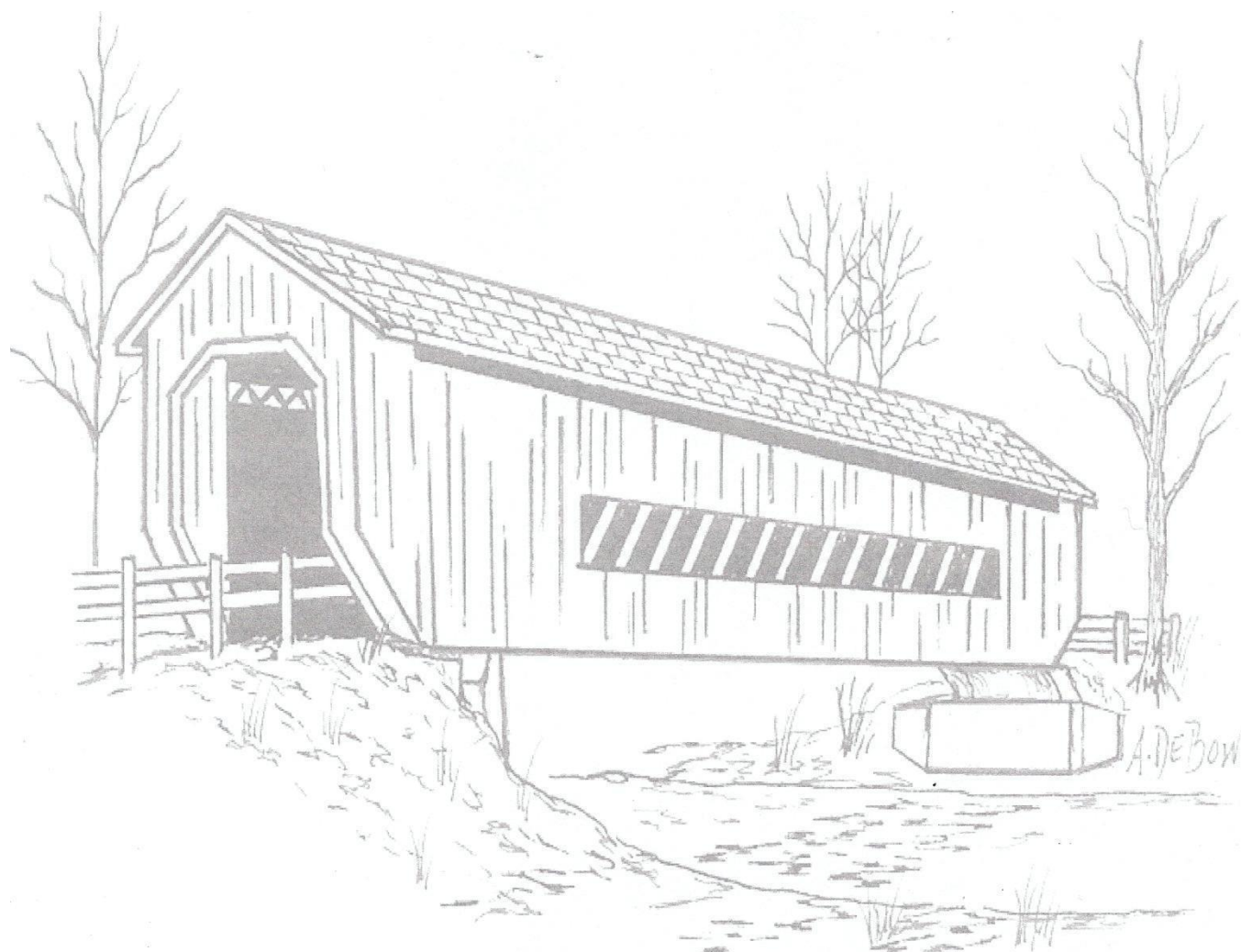


Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival

Queens Pageant 2017 Festival Spokesperson Competition



25 West Jefferson Street PO Box 154 Jefferson, Ohio 44047 440-576-3969

2017 Royalty Contestant Requirements

1. Contestants must be a resident of Ashtabula County.
2. Contestants must be in the 9th – 11th grade (prior to the pageant), must be unmarried and remain during her reign as the Covered Bridge Festival Queen. Contestants and/or queen may not be pregnant or have a child.
3. The pageant will be open to limited number of girls so applications will be need to be received to the director ASAP.
4. Each contestant must have a sponsor, which is a business enterprise who conducts business in the county of Ashtabula. The Sponsor pays a fee of \$50.00 (non-refundable) and is mentioned by the contestant during the pageant. Please have the checks payable to the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. Check must be from the sponsor and accompany the application.
5. Contestants selected as the Covered Bridge Queen or Court may not hold another Ohio Festival and Events Association (OFEA) title or any other festival in Ohio. You may only win a Queen title once. Royalty members may compete for Prom and Homecoming Queen.
6. You will be required purchase a set of name magnets at the cost of \$60.00 through the Covered Bridge Festival that will be used during your travels. Payment must be turned in at the parents meeting after the crowning.
7. During the Covered Bridge Festival weekend, the Queen and her court become solely dedicated to the festival for participation in the parade on Saturday and Sunday's activities and may make appearances at some of the bridges. **THIS MEANS DURING THE FESTIVAL WEEKEND, THE QUEEN AND COURT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK, ATTEND SPORTS, NO ACTIVIES ETC. OR HOMECOMING.**
8. If you win, you and your **parents/guardians** must attend the orientation meeting on Tuesday after the crowning (October 10th, 2017)
9. The selection of the queen is based on personality, poise, and appearance.
10. Khaki full length pants and black or brown shoes are required for the first half of the pageant, no Capri pants or tennis shoes or flip flops. A shirt will be provided.
11. A formal gown is required, nothing above the knee, the gown may not show bosom or no slits and again no flip flops. Remember, wholesomeness, points will be deducted for attire not meeting requirements!!!
12. No **tattoos or body piercing** will be allowed during the pageant rehearsals, pageant or any appearances.
13. Please make sure you and your parent/guardian read all the rules. Make sure your application and signature page are completely filled out. Mail or handed deliver application. Do not ask for it to be picked up.
14. **Return to the address located on the cover sheet.**
15. Application deadline is September 27th 2017. If mailing it must be post marked no later than September 25, 2017.
16. Must be a natural born female.

Queen & Court Duties

- Name and photograph will be displayed in public proceeding during and after the festival.
- Will appear in person at public gatherings, festivals, fair, television, radio and for photographs as designated by the Covered Bridge Festival.
- Will NOT appear in person as Covered Bridge Festival Queen or Court member unless accompanied by a member of the Covered Bridge Festival Committee. Chaperone or her parent's with the Covered Bridge Festival's approval.
- Will respect the judgment and abide by the rules of the chaperone.
- Will NOT hold responsible any member or members of the Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival committee for liability in case of an accident, injury, or loss, etc. during as the Covered Bridge Festival Queen and/or Court.
- Any breach of conduct, either observed by, or reported to the committee by a reliable source, will be subject to immediate dismissal from the court.
- Will reign at the Covered Bridge Festival in crown, sash, and appropriate dress designated by the Festival committee.
- Must plan to attend at least 12 OFEA during your reign and specified festivals. Your family MUST obtain the vehicle you will use in parades. You will be expected to attend at least 6 local community events. Attend Spring and Fall Covered Bridge Annual Meetings.
- The Queen and Court must also plan on attending next year's Covered Bridge Pageant for her farewell and crown the new Queen as well as her farewell luncheon and festival.
- Academics are a top Priority. Royalty must maintain a "B" average in school in order to travel. Inadequate grades will result in to being able to travel until improvement is made.

Guidelines for Pageant

- No one but the contestant may attend the judges Interview or enter ANY part of the pageant area.
- If the queen is unable to fulfill her commitments for the year, she must relinquish her throne and title to the first attendant. If the first attendant is unable to fulfill commitments, she must step aside in favor of the second attendant.
- All Judges are from outside Ashtabula County and the decisions of the judges are final. The pageant committee does not judge contestants in any way nor do they have access to the judges tally sheets.
- Cell Phone use is STRICTLY PROHIBITED during the day of the interviews and the pageant. Contestants will be immediately disqualified from participating in the event and dismissed from the pageant. If a contestant needs to be contacted in the event of an emergency, numbers are on the rehearsal schedule sheet.
- Pageant night is open to the public. Pageant will begin at 5:00 pm. Adults/Parents \$5.00 Children 12 and under \$3.00. Everyone but the contestant must purchase a ticket.

Cover Letter

This should be the first page of your application packet.

Please submit with all appropriate materials.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade _____

Please take the time to make your profile neat. The interview is big part of your score. Include a nice 4 x 6 head shot of yourself.

NO COMPUTER PRINTED COPIES. PHOTOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

Personal Bio

Sponsor : Name of Business: _____ Locale: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Name: _____

Mailing address: _____ City _____

Hometown: _____ ZipCode: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

GPA: _____ Email: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Number of Siblings: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Personal Description

List any clubs/organizations you have participated in church/school.

List any Community service projects you have performed.

Why have you chosen to participate in this contest?

Hobbies and Interests:

Ambitions for the future & goals in life: (Please use paragraph form
And back of another sheet of paper if needed).

Emergency

CONTESTANT SAFETY

This is a private form kept by the director of pageant for emergency purposes only and will not be shared with anyone. It will have absolutely no bearing on the Pageant Judging.

Is there anything you would like the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee to know about your daughter in which they must take measures to administer any medication or procedure (i.e. food allergy, diabetes, etc.) in case of a non-emergency event? If so, please list below.

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Alternate Contact _____ Phone _____

Parents or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

T – Shirt

Each Contestant will receive a T – Shirt for the Pageant.

Please circle the size you need and turn in with your application.

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Adult S M L XL XXL

REMINDERS

Please do not send cash. (will not be accepted). Make checks payable to: Ashtabula County Covered Bridge

Festival. Mail or drop off application to:

Darla Painter
889 E. Beech Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
or PO Box 154
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Signatures

SPONSOR: Please check all that apply, sign and return to contest

- I have agreed to sponsor this contestant for the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Pageant.
- I understand that the \$50.00 entry fee is non-refundable.
- I am aware that my check is to be made out to: Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME (PRINTED): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CONTESTANT: Please check all that apply sign & return

- I have read and understand the Contestant's requirements page.
- I have read and understand the Guidelines page.
- I have read and understand the Queen's Duties.
- I have read and understand the Rehearsal Schedule.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

I have read and understand all the Requirements, Guidelines, Queen's Duties and Rehearsal Schedule.

NAME (PRINTED) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Rehearsals

ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE AT THE JEFFERSON AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MONDAY Oct. 2 nd	6:30 – 9:00. Questions and Answers the first 30 min. Parents and Contestants ONLY.
TUESDAY Oct. 3 rd	7:00 – 9:00 Contestants Only
WEDNESDAY Oct. 4 th	7:00 - 9:00 Contestants Only
THURSDAY Oct. 5 th	7:00 - 9:00 Contestants Only Dress Rehearsal

We will thru the entire pageant Thursday night.

DO NOT BE LATE FOR REHEARSALS!!!

REHEARSALS: Please dress in comfortable clothes. The same dress codes for school applies during pageant rehearsals. You may want to wear your dress shoes during rehearsal to help you get used to them walking on stage.

INTERVIEWS:

Preliminary Judging Saturday October 7th (Time will be determined by Monday Oct. 2nd) at the Jefferson Area High School. All Judges are from out of town. None of the Committee members have access to the judges and do not judge the contestants in any way. Business attire should be worn as this will be your first impression with the judges. You will be given a time for your interview on Monday Oct. 2nd at rehearsal. You should plan to arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Please do not be late for your interview. You will be voting on Miss Congeniality (someone you feel was extra friendly and helpful) at this time. Winner will be announced at the pageant. Come into the Auditorium to check in, vote, and get your T-Shirt. Remember, **Cell phones** are strictly prohibited by Contestants in the building on Saturday.

NO PARENTS, FRIENDS OR BOYFRIENDS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND REHEARSALS OR PRELIMINARY JUDGING. PARENT'S ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO WAIT IN THE CAFETERIA AREA. NO ONE IS PERMITTED IN THE DRESSING ROOM OR HALL WAY TO THE DRESSING ROOM THE NIGHT OF THE PAGEANT. IF SOMETHING IS NEEDED PRIOR TO THE PAGEANT, A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL HELP OR ESCORT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO THE DRESSING ROOM.

PAGEANT NIGHT, OCTOBER 7, 2017

Reminder to parents that the pageant will cost \$5.00 Adults, Children under 12 are \$3.00.