

## **2023 Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant: Rules and Responsibilities**

**Applications are due FRIDAY, August 25th by 8pm at the address listed below**

1. Each Miss contestant must be between the ages of **16 and 20** by Sunday, September 17, 2023.
2. A contestant must be living in the Southwest Dubois County School District, either a graduate or a current student. The contestant must have no prior arrests or convictions.
3. Transportation for contestants to and from Herbstfest Queen Pageant events and to the Herbstfest is the responsibility of each contestant.
4. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Herbstfest Committee/Queen Pageant can review all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
5. Each Herbstfest Queen contestant will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse. This judging is divided into five divisions:

**Div. I - Interview: 50 points total**

Ability to converse: 20 points  
Poise/Posture: 10 points  
Personality: 10 points  
Attire: 10 points

**Div. II- Personal Wear: 25 points total**

Introduction: 15 points  
Poise/Posture: 10 points

**Div. III – Formal Wear: 30 points total**

Gown: 10 points  
Poise/Posture: 10 points  
Stage Question 10 points

**Div. IV- Attendance: 15 points total**

Practice: 5 points  
On time for interview: 5 points  
On time for pageant: 5 points

**Points will be deducted if absent**

(School functions, band/sports, are considered excused absences BUT must be discussed)

**120 POINTS TOTAL (per judge)**

The following attire is **REQUIRED** for the Queen Pageant:

### **Interview and Personal Wear**

#### **Attire: Sunday Dress, Skirt Outfit, Dress Pants and Sweater, etc.**

- ❖ Each contestant will have one, three-minute interview with the two judges, answering impromptu questions asked by each judge.
- ❖ Judges prefer an age-appropriate **COLORED** dress or skirt outfit, with shoulders covered by either sleeves or a light sweater. Dresses and skirts must be knee length. When you sit down, it should cover you **appropriately**.
- ❖ Judges prefer **closed toe heels** that are easy to walk in. Remember, you are being judged on how you walk. Practice in your shoes. Judges **highly** recommend panty hose. Bring an extra pair or two!!

**You will also be wearing the same outfit during the Personal Wear section of the onstage part of the pageant.**

**\*\*PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE BUILDING DURING INTERVIEWS\*\***

### **Formal Wear**

#### **Attire: Formal Gown**

- ❖ The gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or the contestant's foot). **Gowns with the skirt split above the knee and/or low-cut bodice WILL be discounted.** Two-piece dresses are allowed but with midriff showing 2 inches or less. Dresses need to be tasteful and appropriate.
- ❖ Keep in mind that the spotlights are bright; wear a long slip, particularly if your gown is either sheer or light in color.
- ❖ Gloves and hats are **not** allowed. Jewelry is optional and should be kept minimal. No facial jewelry is allowed. All tattoos need to be covered. Any type of shoe is allowed for formal wear, though I recommend a pair that is easy to walk and turn in.
- ❖ Each contestant will answer one question on stage. These questions will be given to each contestant before the pageant. Questions will be drawn out on stage. The judges will be expecting well thought out answers for this question but not too rehearsed.

6. Each contestant is allowed to have ONLY ONE (1) FEMALE backstage when changing into their evening gown. After you are changed, they MUST go back to their seats.

7. The 2023 titles are Queen, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, and Miss Photogenic. Double sashing is allowed.

8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, August 27th at 6:00p.m. at Market Street Park. HEADSHOTS will be taken for the program, newspapers, and to determine Miss Photogenic.** Contestants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and receive information. **Parents/Guardians/Sponsors are more than welcome and encouraged to attend.**

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. The picture is from the waist up. Contestants can wear any type of top as long as it covers appropriately (no cleavage). Judges also prefer shoulders to be covered. If you do not get your picture taken, it will NOT be in the program, the newspaper, or the Photogenic judging.

9. **The Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up, and Miss Photogenic will be required to attend the Huntingburg Herbstfest and are required to be present at all events and activities to which they are assigned.** I would recommend trying to **take off work now** just in case you receive a title.

(If you are a band member and have a contest that weekend or if you are an athlete with a meet/match that day, please come talk to me and we will figure out what events you are able to attend.)

**The Herbstfest will begin Thursday September 21st  
and will end Sunday September 24th.**

10. Only the Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up, and Miss Photogenic will ride in the Herbstfest Parade on Sunday, September 24th. Those who want to throw candy must purchase their own.

11. **\*\*There will be a MANDATORY dress rehearsal on Saturday, September 16th at the Market Street Park at 11:00am.** This is where the contestants will learn important information needed for Pageant Day. If you have a school event and cannot make practice, please talk to me and we will find a time.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to **call, text, or email me.**  
There is also a Herbstfest Queen Pageants Facebook page. You can message me through there and can also send me pictures of outfits if you have any questions.

**Good Luck to all and I am excited for the upcoming Huntingburg Herbstfest!**

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**2023 Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant**  
**REFRIGERATOR FRIENDLY IMPORTANT DATES INFO**  
(This is yours to keep)

Friday, August 25th: **APPLICATIONS** are due WITH payment

Sunday, August 27th: MANDATORY meeting and pictures at Market Street Park at 6:00pm

Saturday, September 16th: **REHEARSAL** at Market Street Park at 11am

Sunday, September 17th: **INTERVIEWS** (times TBA) at Old Town Hall

Sunday, September 17th: **PAGEANT** at Market Street Park at 6:30pm

Thursday, September 21st- Saturday, September 24th at *Huntingburg City Park-*  
**HERBSTFEST**

Sunday, September 24th –**HERBSTFEST PARADE**  
(time and meeting place will be given at a later date)