

2023 Pre-Teen Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant: Rules and Responsibilities

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

1. Each Pre-Teen Miss contestant must be between the ages of **11 and 15** by Sunday, September 17, 2023.
2. A contestant must attend school in the Southwest Dubois County School District. 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/guardian.
4. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised the Herbstfest Queen Pageant reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
5. Each Herbstfest Pre-Teen 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

Dress: 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 Pre-Teen Miss Queen Pageant:

Interview and Personal Wear

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

- ❖ Each contestant will have one, two and a half 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 shoes**, heels or flats. If you chose to wear heels, make sure they are easy to walk in. Remember, you are being judged on how you walk. Practice in your shoes. Judges also **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: Short Formal Dress

- ❖ These dresses **DO NOT** touch the floor. I would recommend something one might wear to a Christmas Dance or even a simple black dress. The dress must be at least knee length. **DO NOT PURCHASE A PROM GOWN FOR THIS! Dresses above the knee and/or low-cut bodice and/or cut/design WILL be discounted.**
- ❖ Keep in mind that the spotlights are very bright; be aware if your dress 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 also answer one question on stage. These questions will be given to each contestant before the pageant. Questions will be drawn out on stage, either by the contestant or by the emcee, depending on the stage set-up. 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 wear. After you are changed, they **MUST** go back to their seats.

7. The 2023 titles are Queen, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, and Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic.

8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, August 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Market Street Park. HEADSHOTS will be taken for the program, newspapers, and to determine Pre-Teen 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 Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic judging.

10. The Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up, and Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic need to attend the Huntingburg Herbstfest as often as possible but please stay with someone. The Pre-Teen Miss Court members are not required to attend every event.

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

11. Only the Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up, and Pre-Teen 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 11:00 a.m.** 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 Pre-Teen 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)