

2025 Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant: Rules and Responsibilities

Applications are due FRIDAY, September 5th by 8pm at the address listed below

1. Each Miss contestant must be between the ages of **16 and 20** by Sunday, September 21, 2025.
2. A contestant must be a female, unmarried, without child, not pregnant, and 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)

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 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 business jacket. 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 2025 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, September 7th at 6:00p.m. at Market Street Park. HEADSHOTS will be taken for the 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 newspaper or the Photogenic judging.

9. The Queen, 1st and 2nd 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 25th
and will end Sunday September 28th.**

10. Only the Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up, and Miss Photogenic will ride in the Herbstfest Parade on Sunday, September 28th. Those who want to throw candy must purchase their own.

11. ****There will be a MANDATORY dress rehearsal on Saturday, September 20th 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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2025 Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant
REFRIGERATOR FRIENDLY IMPORTANT DATES INFO
(This is yours to keep)

Friday, September 5th: **APPLICATIONS** are due WITH payment

Sunday, September 7th: **MANDATORY** meeting and pictures at Market Street Park at 6:00pm

Saturday, September 20th: **REHEARSAL** at Market Street Park at 11am

Sunday, September 21st: **INTERVIEWS** (times TBA) at Old Town Hall

Sunday, September 21st: **PAGEANT** at Market Street Park at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 25th- Saturday, September 27th at *Huntingburg City Park*-
HERBSTFEST

Sunday, September 28th –**HERBSTFEST PARADE**
(time and meeting place will be given at a later date)