

# **2025 Pre-Teen Miss Herbstfest Queen Pageant: Rules and Responsibilities**

**Applications are due FRIDAY, September 5th 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 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/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)

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, 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 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 2025 titles are Queen, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, and Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic.

8. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Market Street Park. HEADSHOTS will be taken for the 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 newspaper or the Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic judging.

**10. The Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25th  
and will end Sunday September 28th.**

11. Only the Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up, and Pre-Teen 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 11:00 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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**2025 Pre-Teen 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)