



2018 Troy Strawberry Festival Queen's Pageant

Dear Interested Candidate:

We are happy that you have displayed an interest in participating in the 2018 Troy Strawberry Festival Queen's Pageant, which will be held on **Friday, April 13, 2018**. The pageant is a fun, exciting experience you will never forget. You will have the opportunity to meet new friends from the Miami County area and share in the excitement of possibly being chosen as the 2018 Troy Strawberry Festival Queen, or part of the 2018 court. The Troy Strawberry Festival will be June 2 and 3, 2018.

Summary of your involvement & responsibilities in the pageant:

- Your chance to receive **\$1200, \$800 or \$600 in scholarship** funds for your future education.
- Only the first 18 applications will be accepted as contestants for the pageant. We will notify all registered contestants as soon as possible after the application deadline.
- **A required Queen's Candidate Informational Tea will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center in Troy.** We will announce a lot of exciting details and information at this time as well as taking each candidates picture so please plan on attending with a parent.
- A personal, mandatory, off-stage interview with three judges will be held on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 starting at 6:00pm.**
- An on-stage question and answer session approximately 1 minute & 30 seconds in length conducted by the Mistress of Ceremonies on the night of the pageant.
- An on-stage uncomplicated walk-in routine to introduce you to the judges and the audience and show off your personality on the night of the pageant.
- An on-stage "personally you" segment in which you perform your favorite sport, creative art, hobby, or talent for the judges and audience (examples: dance, sing, speech, sports, etc.)
 - All talents must be a solo performance. No other people or animals should be in your talent presentation and no power point presentations are allowed. If you are singing, there are no other voices allowed on the track.
 - Costumes & movements during talent performances must be appropriate for a public audience. The pageant committee reserves the right to deem a talent presentation inappropriate & ask for changes.
- The judges interview on **Wednesday, April 11** and the dress rehearsal on **Thursday, April 12** are **both mandatory**. You should be at all practices to learn the walk-in routine and to practice your talent on-stage.
- Please consult your personal calendars regarding required practice & performance dates because every practice missed is worth 2 points and will be taken off your score the night of the pageant. If you miss more than 1 practice you could be dismissed from the pageant.
- Scoring will be explained at the candidate informational tea.

Pageant Practice dates/times are:

Monday, April 9	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (THS – auditorium)
Tuesday, April 10	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (THS – auditorium)
Wednesday, April 11	Interviews start at 6:00 pm to conclusion (THS)
Thursday, April 12	Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm to conclusion (THS)
Friday, April 13	Pageant 6:00 pm to conclusion (THS)

You will be notified in advance or at the practices if there is a change in time.

Please complete the attached application and return it to the Troy Strawberry Festival Office, 405 SW Public Square, Suite 330, Troy, Ohio 45373. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Courtney Wertz, Pageant Chairperson at (937) 451-2383 or the Strawberry Festival Office at (937) 339-7714. We look forward to seeing you in the 2018 Troy Strawberry Festival Queen's Pageant!

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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CONTESTANT RULES

1. Contestant must be in High School (grades 9-12) and be **a resident of Miami County.**
2. Contestant must prepare and perform a talent of at **least two minutes but not more than three minutes.** The talent may be any of those listed on the Talent Information Sheet or another approved talent. The talent must be family oriented.
3. Contestant will be interviewed on stage the night of the pageant by the Mistress of Ceremonies and by the pageant judges prior to the contest as well as the night of the pageant.
4. Contestant must be able and willing to attend all of the rehearsals listed on the introductory letter and to participate in the activities the Troy Strawberry Festival schedules after the pageant.
5. Pageant will be limited to **18 contestants** received by the **Tuesday, March 6, 2018** deadline. Applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.
6. Judging will be determined by three select judges. Scoring is based on a personal interview, the interview on stage as well as the impromptu question from the judges and the talent performed.
7. The Queen's Pageant will be **Friday, April 13, 2018** and will be held at Troy High School promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- \$1,200 Queen
- \$800 First Runner-Up
- \$600 Second Runner-Up

These awards are for further continuous education at an accredited college, trade school

or vocational school. Checks will be made payable to **both the recipient and the school of their choice. Any winner who does not seek additional education or training within two years of graduation will forfeit their award.**

10. Candidates who are married or with children are not eligible to participate.

All applications must be received by **Tuesday, March 6, 2018** to:

Troy Strawberry Festival Queen Contest
405 SW Public Square
Suite 330
Troy, Ohio 45373

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Wertz, Pageant Chairperson at (937) 451-2383.

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TROY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL QUEEN'S PAGEANT

Contestant's Information Sheet

Please print legibly or type.

****We recommend you keep a copy of this page because it will be referenced for your interview questions. The judges will see this sheet.**

Name_____

Father's Name_____

Mother's Name_____

Street Address_____ City_____

Zip Code_____

Telephone#_____

Date of Birth_____

High School_____ Email Address_____

Grade: Freshman_____ Sophomore_____ Junior_____ Senior_____

What would you like to do when you finish high school? _____

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Besides meeting new people, what do you hope to take away from the experience of being in the pageant? _____

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What special interests do you have?

What after-school, extracurricular or volunteer groups are you involved with?

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**Talent Information
(Please Print Legibly or Type)**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Talent you intend to perform: *(check one)*

Dramatization _____ Cheerleading _____

Creative Arts Demo _____ Speech _____

Vocal Solo _____ Type of Vocal: _____

Dance _____ Type of Dance: _____

Sports Demo _____ Type of Sport: _____

Instrument Solo _____ Type of Instrument: _____

Other _____

Please describe: _____

Music/Talent Title: _____

(All music must be **pre-recorded on a CD**, if you will be singing, no other vocals can be on the track)

Equipment needed Yes _____ No _____
Please indicate what (microphone, piano, other) _____

Will you have an Accompanist? Yes _____ No _____

Will you have stage decorations (props)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe. _____

(NOTE: Stage decorations are limited to items that can be set up in approximately 1 minute).

Additional Requests and/or Information:

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Special Information

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****We recommend you keep a copy of this page because it will be referenced for your interview questions. The judges will see this sheet.**

Name _____

In 250 words or less, tell a few interesting facts about yourself. Ideas: An activity, vacations, honors received, family happenings, high point of your life, etc...

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Troy Strawberry Festival, Inc. Queen's Pageant Agreement

Contestant agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the contest provided with this application.

Contestant agrees that the time and place of the contest, and the manner and method of judging of the contest, shall be solely the responsibility of and at the discretion of the Troy Strawberry Festival's Pageant Committee, and that the decision of the judges shall be final.

Contestant agrees that if elected, she will carry out all of the duties and functions of the Queen and the Court of the Troy Strawberry Festival during her reign.

Contestant verifies that she is single, has never been married, had a divorce or annulment, or does not have any children, and that she is currently a Miami County resident in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade of high school of which she is in good standing.

The Queen and Court will be asked to represent the Troy Strawberry Festival in several parades and many promotional activities during the summer and early fall. **The first weekend in June is the Troy Strawberry festival and it is mandatory that the Queen and Court be present all weekend.** If selected as Queen or a member of the court you must be agreeable to attend all activities.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the rules of the contest and the above agreement, and that I am willing to comply with them in every way.

DATE

CONTESTANT

We, the undersigned, as parents or legal guardians of the above named contestant, recognize and understand the terms of this agreement and the rules of the contest, and do hereby agree to the terms set forth.

DATE

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

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