



2023 Maple Leaf Festival Queen Pageant

The Maple Leaf Festival Queen Pageant is open to young women grades 9-12 that attend school in Carthage or are homeschooled Carthage residents.

The pageant will be held Sunday, October 15th at the Carthage R-9 Auditorium. (714 S Main St.)

To participate contestants should submit their application and a \$50 sponsorship to the Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday, September 27th. If participants need help finding a business to sponsor their participation, please contact the Chamber of Commerce 417-358-2373.

There will be a mandatory informational meeting at 3:00pm Sunday, October 8th for registered participants. This meeting will be held at the Carthage R-9 Auditorium. Participants will receive a packet of information at the meeting outlining additional details. Participants will also have a headshot and group photo taken for the pageant.

Important Dates & Meetings:

- **Application Deadline** | Wednesday, September 27th
- **\$50 Sponsorship Fee Due** | Wednesday, September 27th
- **Informational Meeting** | 3:00pm Sunday, October 8th (Auditorium)
- **Extra Curriculum Resume & Recommendation Letter Due** | Sunday, October 8th
- **Rehearsal** | Wednesday, October 11th
- **Pageant** | Sunday, October 15th

Pageant Categories & Details:

INTERVIEW: The afternoon of the pageant, prior to the on-stage portion, the queen candidates will participate in a 10-minute closed session interview with a judging panel. The interview will consist of questions for the judging panel to learn about the contestant. They will score their ability to confidently communicate clearly and concisely.

EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVMENT & LETTER OF RECOMENDATION: Each contestant will complete and submit a resume of their community and school involvement along with a letter of recommendation from a community member. These items will be reviewed and scored by the judging panel. Contestants should turn these items in at the informational meeting Sunday, October 8th.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: To begin the pageant contestants will participate in a choreographed opening number performance which will consist of walking the stage and simple dance movements. During the opening each contestant will introduce themselves to the judges and audience with a short personal introduction statement. They will be scored on their energy, confidence, and clear speaking skills.

FORMAL MODELING: The on-stage pageant will include a formal dress modeling section. Contestants will model the dress of their choice while the emcee reads a biography of information about them. Participants will be scored on their poise, presentation, and confidence.

ON STAGE QUESTION: Following the formal modeling each contestant will draw a question at random to answer live on stage. Contestants will know all the questions in advance but will not know which question they will draw on stage. Scoring will be based on their public speaking skills and the content of the answer.

TALENT: Each contestant will perform a talent routine of their choice. There is a 3-minute time limit for each performance. Participants will be judged on their skill within the talent, presentation, and entertainment value. Requests for talent-related equipment (piano, video, etc..) for talent performances should be made at the informational meeting.

NEEDED ATTIRE:

- Interview Outfit: Business Casual Attire
- Opening Number Outfit: Casual Fall Outfit
- Formal Dress: Style of Your Choice
- Talent Outfit/Costume

JUDGING: The pageant will be judged by 2 separate panels of judges. The judges will be outside individuals with experience in fields relating to pageants and public appearance. One panel will judge the closed interview and extra-curricular/letter of recommendation categories. The other will judge the on-stage pageant portion. Scores will be calculated and verified by a third party not associated with organizing or judging the pageant.

SCORING BREAK DOWN:

Specific scoring rubrics for each event will be distributed to contestants at the introductory meeting.

- 25% Interview
- 10% Resume/Letter of Recommendation
- 10% Personal Introduction
- 20% Formal Modeling
- 15% On Stage Question
- 20% Talent

EXPECTATIONS: The Maple Leaf Festival Queen and her court (1st & 2nd Runner Up) will be required to attend festival events throughout the week of the Maple Leaf Festival. The royalty is expected to maintain a positive representation of the community and festival.

SPONSORSHIP SUBMISSION: Contestants should submit a business card or logo of their sponsoring business. Please turn this in with application or email to ekitsmiller@carthagechamber.com. All sponsorship information should be submitted by the October 8th informational meeting.

EXTRA CIRICULAR RESUME: Contests should prepare a resume of their school and community involvement to submit at the informational meeting Sunday, October 8th. This resume should include all the contestant's school and community related activities, clubs, and accolades. The document should be typed and presented in a professional format.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Along with their resume contestants should submit their letter of recommendation at the informational meeting on Sunday, October 8th. The letter of recommendation should be written by a member of the Carthage community. It should verify the student's involvement listed in their resume, their character, and why they believe the contestant would be a good representative of the Maple Leaf Festival.

ENTRY DEADLINE 4PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Maple Leaf Festival Pageant | 417-423-0415 | mapleleafpageant@gmail.com

Carthage Chamber of Commerce | 402 S. Garrison Ave | 417-358-2372



2023 Queen Pageant Application

Please write all information as you would like it read on stage.

Contestant's Name: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Siblings Names & Ages _____

Sponsoring Business: _____

Sponsorship Contact Person: _____

Sponsor Phone: _____ Sponsor Email: _____

What will be your talent? _____

Please attach a separate typed sheet with the answers to the following questions:

1. What is your favorite Maple Leaf Festival tradition?
2. What is your favorite Maple Leaf event?
3. What 3 words would you use to best describe yourself?
4. What would it mean to you to be the Maple Leaf Festival Queen?
5. What is an interesting fact about yourself?
6. What is a problem in our community and what would you do to help resolve it?
7. What piece of advice would like to share with younger girls?
8. What are your plans after high school?

I acknowledge that I am the parent/legal guardian of the above-named child. I accept all terms stated on this application.

Parent/Guardian

Date