

2010 Geauga County Maple Festival Queen Pageant Information

Nominations and applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Geauga County Maple Festival Queen Pageant. The pageant is open to girls who are High School Juniors or Seniors and currently reside in Geauga County. The **nominations** and **applications** must be returned to:

Melanie Blanchard
4940 Geraldine Ave.
Richmond Hts., OH 44143
440-785-5939

Nominations may be submitted by a friend, family member, teacher, member of the clergy, etc. **All entries must be received by Tuesday, March 9, 2010.** The preliminary judging, which consists of personal interviews with the judges, will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Pilgrim Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 202 South Hambden St. (located next to the Fire Station on the Square). The judges will select 15 finalists based on poise, community involvement, scholastic achievement, personality and knowledge of the Geauga County Maple Festival.

The interviews will be scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. at which time the 15 finalists will be announced. Parents and family members are welcome to attend, however, it is a long time to wait, so we would recommend they come closer to 4:30 p.m. There will be a short meeting with the finalists immediately following to answer any questions.

The final judging will take place on Thursday, April 15, 2009 at 7 p.m., at the Geauga Theater on Chardon Square. The 2010 Maple Festival Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up will be selected on the basis of poise, personality, and originality of the 3-5 minute "skit". Each finalist will choose 1 of the 2 following choices for her skit:

1. "Who I Ultimately Expect to Be"- A skit describing where she expects to go in life.
2. A Commercial Promoting Geauga County – Anything and everything that makes Geauga County great, not just the Maple Festival.

The Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up will comprise the Queen's court and take part in events throughout Maple Festival weekend and ride in the parade on Saturday and Sunday.

The decision of the judges is final. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us.

Please note that it is your responsibility to be at the preliminaries at the scheduled time, or your application will be nullified.

Sincerely,
Melanie Blanchard (440-785-5939)
Queen Pageant Chairman

****Q & A Open House Sunday, March 7, 2010, 4-6 p.m., at the Maple Festival Office, at 109 South St., Chardon (south of the Square). ****

GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL QUEEN RULES

1. Contestants must be female, a High School junior or senior, and currently reside in Geauga County.
2. Must never have been married and remain unmarried throughout her reign as Queen or member of the Court.
3. May not have children or become pregnant during her reign.
4. Must have a good working knowledge of the Maple Festival and be prepared to represent the Maple Festival at a minimum of six other OFEA festivals and events throughout the year.
5. The Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up will take part in publicity, ride in the Festival parades, and generally take part in such activities as the committee shall designate.
6. The Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up will visit two different Geauga County high schools each to promote the Geauga County Maple Festival Queen Pageant.
7. The contestants selected as Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners-up may not enter any other beauty contests or pageants during her reign without permission of the Geauga County Maple Festival Queen Pageant committee.
8. 1st and 2nd Runners-up, respectively, will be eligible to replace the Queen in the event she is unable to fulfill her obligations.
9. When traveling to other festivals the Queen or Runners-up must be accompanied by a chaperon, preferably her parents, guardians, or an adult member of her family. Chaperons other than the above mentioned, must be approved by the chairman. Boyfriends are not considered proper chaperons.
10. A \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to the Queen. The 1st Runner-up will receive \$150 in cash and the 2nd Runner-up will receive \$50 in cash upon successful completion of her reign, provided that she has fulfilled all of her duties as Maple Festival Queen or a member of the court.
11. The travel expenses for the Queen (\$30 per festival attended) will be paid for by the Queen's committee. If the 1st or 2nd Runner-up attends a festival as the Queen, she will receive the \$30.
12. It is the responsibility of the Queen to notify the 1st and 2nd Runners-up of the festivals they are invited to, and whether the Queen will attend. If the Queen does not attend, the 1st Runner-up may attend as the Queen for that festival. If neither the Queen nor the 1st Runner-up can attend, then the 2nd Runner-up may attend as the Queen for that festival.
13. Reasons for dismissal: Pregnancy, use of drugs or alcohol, any felony or misdemeanor charges brought against you during your reign, any violation of the above rules, or anything that would cause embarrassment to the Geauga County Maple Festival Board.

Nomination Form

I, _____, would like to nominate _____ as a candidate for the 2010 Geauga County Maple Festival Queen. I believe she would make the best choice for the Maple Festival Queen because:

I will do my best to support her throughout the competition.

Signed _____

Date _____

I, _____, accept the nomination of _____ to enter the competition for the 2010 Geauga County Maple Festival Queen and agree to abide by the attached rules. Enclosed is my application form.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Geauga County Maple Festival Queen Contest Application

Name _____ School _____

Address _____ Graduating Year _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

Telephone _____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

List school activities and organizations:

List activities outside of school (church organizations, 4-H, etc.):

Write a brief paragraph explaining your future plans:

Write a brief paragraph explaining why you are entering this contest:

I HAVE READ THE CONTEST RULES AND UNDERSTAND THE OBLIGATIONS, SHOULD I BE SELECTED QUEEN OR RUNNER-UP.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE READ THE CONTEST RULES AND UNDERSTAND THE OBLIGATIONS, SHOULD I BE SELECTED QUEEN OR RUNNER-UP

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

****PLEASE ATTACH A RECENT PHOTO TO APPLICATION.** THIS PHOTO BECOMES PROPERTY OF THE GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL AND IS NOT RETURNABLE. APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT PHOTO.

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