



Riley Festival Pageant

WELCOME

Dear Contestant,

The committee is excited to meet you and wish to be the first to welcome you to the Riley Festival Pageant. You are joining a group of strong, intelligent, and brave young ladies who have vied for this title since the 70's. You likely have a lot of questions, most of which will be answered on the following pages and on the application.

First and foremost - this will be fun. The most common feedback we receive after the pageant is how surprised contestants are that they made life-long friends, and how much fun they had despite the fact that it is a competition. Additionally - the pageant helps you build your network! Committee members and chairpersons often stay in touch and make connections when needed.

Next - the pageant. Don't panic just yet, we'll guide you every step of the way and provide resources to prepare you for the whole process. If you use the resources provided, practice, and prepare you'll be confident when it's time to shine.

Last, remember what this is about - your chance to represent the home you love, and the town that celebrates its most famous resident each year in October. You'll get the chance to talk about that hometown pride (and show your knowledge of Mr. Riley) during the interview. So get a head start and read up on the notorious JWR, you'll be glad you did. We suggest starting with this year's theme poem "The Bumblebee".

To get things moving - start by reviewing the next few pages of information. It is critical that you can comply with the eligibility requirements and expectation of attendance during the Festival. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us. We'll talk you through anything and hope you'll participate!

Good luck!

Jennifer and Katrina

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ELIGIBILITY & EXPECTATIONS

Eligibility:

- Must be at least 16 years of age by the date of the pageant and can not have had her 20th birthday as of September 1st.
- Must be unmarried, never have been married, cannot have a child, be pregnant, or be suspended or expelled from school at the time of the Riley Festival Queen Pageant and during the Festival.
- Must be a resident of Hancock County, Indiana or attend a Hancock County High School for at least one full school year.

Expectations:

- Contestants are required to be present at 4 events; Workshop, Rehearsal, Preliminary Judging and the Pageant. A Parent/Guardian may be requested to attend a brief informational portion of the workshop.
- Contestants will be responsible for their own clothing, which includes interview attire, a formal gown, personal choice outfit, and items for an opening number (typically jeans + sneakers).
- Guidance regarding appropriate dress, make-up, interview format, stage presence, and more will all be provided at the workshop or before using digital media such as email, video, and calls.
- Preliminary judging is closed to the public. Parents/guardians will not be permitted on site until the actual pageant in the evening. Committee members will be available to assist contestants.
- The contestants will be judged on interview, poise, personality and application forms. Forms need to be typed or printed completely and neatly and submitted via email or through the website.

After the Pageant

- The Queen and her court **must** be available to participate in key events of the Riley Festival including: Opening Night Ceremony, Children's Parade of Flowers, James Whitcomb Riley Breakfast, Riley Festival Parade, and the Christmas Parade (when applicable).
- The Queen and her court will be requested to attend all activities during the Riley Festival and events associated with their reign.
- The Queen must be willing to compete in the Indiana State Festivals Association Contest which will be held Nov. 13th, 2021 at Greenfield Central High School. If the Queen does not qualify for the State Pageant, the next qualified court member (Princess first) will compete.
- To compete in the IN State Festival Association Scholarship Pageant, the Riley Festival Queen must meet all requirements as set by the Indiana State Festival Association pageant rules and regulations.
- The Riley Festival Queen must be accompanied by a Riley Festival Board Member and a female chaperone (typically a mother, grandmother, or the chairperson) to the Indiana State Festival Association Conference.



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DATES & PRIZES

Important Dates

Application Deadline: Friday, August 27

Workshop: Sunday, September 5th - Noon to 5:00pm

Rehearsal: Thursday, September 9th - 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Preliminaries & Pageant: Sunday, September 12th - 10:00am to 8:00pm

Specific times may be altered depending on the number of contestants and potential restrictions of group sizes. We will do our best to adhere to the schedule above. We reserve the right to perform some functions virtually if necessary. It is certainly our hope and goal to provide all events in person.

Family & Friends may attend the pageant; which is scheduled to begin at 6:00pm.

Prizes:

- Monetary prizes are issued in the following amounts:
 - Queen - \$1,000
 - Princess - \$500
 - Court Members (3) - \$250
 - Miss Congeniality (voted on by the contestants) - \$150
- Area Businesses support the pageant in many ways in often provide additional prizes.
- Winners will also receive a sash and flowers.
- The Queen and Princess receive a Tiara in a size commensurate with the title.

Other Prizes:

- Hitachi Astemo, LTD (formerly Keihin) is a long time sponsor and supporter of this pageant. Without their generosity this pageant wouldn't be possible. A representative from Astemo will attend the pageant and choose a Personal Choice Winner to be awarded a small monetary prize during the pageant.





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APPLICATION

Name:

First: _____ Middle _____ Last: _____

Preferred Name / Nickname (if applicable)" _____

Full Address: _____

Mobile # _____ Email: _____

We will communicate via email and text messaging. Please provide an email address that you check regularly.

School Attending: _____ Year/Grade (2021-2022) _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

*Please list exactly as you'd like it to be printed in the program and in the newspaper.

Contestant AND parent or guardian must sign indicating they have read and understand the rules and agree to abide by them. Your signature is your acknowledgement that you meet the eligibility requirements and can attend all the events both before the pageant and after the pageant if applicable.

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if contestant is under 18): _____





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CONTESTANT QUESTIONNAIRE

The following information will be provided to the judges, and may be used by the pageant emcees.

List any clubs or organizations in which you have recently participated in (high school/college). Include # of years for each.

List any honors and achievements earned recently (high school / college).

List any non-school local or community service projects you have performed or participated in within the last 4 years.

List any hobbies, talents, or special interests.



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In paragraph form, please answer the following questions.

What are your plans for the future?

Why have you chosen to participate in the Riley Festival Queen Pageant?

If someone gave you \$500 to use for a community project or special charity of your choice, how would you use the funds and why?

Applications should be emailed to info@rileyfestival.com. Please also copy/send to kgreeneww@gmail.com.

If printed, please mail to the office at
312 E. Main Street, Greenfield IN 46140
