

STRASBURG MISS MAYFEST PAGEANT

REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday, March 26, 2023 ~ Lord Fairfax Community College – Corron Center
173 Skirmisher Lane, Middletown, Virginia 22645



Cost: \$55 - \$5 discount for each additional contestant from the same family, after initial payment

Make Checks Payable to: Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce

Mail to: Wendy Williams, 170 Helsley Heights, Strasburg, Virginia 22657

Check One: (Age on day of pageant)

Wee Babies (Age 6-23 Months)

Petite Miss (Age 8-9 Years)

Baby Miss (Age 2 Years)

Pre-Teen Miss (Age 10-12 Years)

Mini Miss (Age 3 Years)

Junior Miss (Age 13-15 Years)

Tiny Miss (Ages 4-5 Years)

Miss (Age 16-19 Years)

Little Miss (Age 6-7 Years)

Contestant Name: _____

Parents Names/Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Age as of 03/26/2023: _____

Telephone: _____ Birthday: _____ (Month, Day, and Year)

Favorite TV Show: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Future Ambition: _____

Interesting Facts about contestant: _____

I hereby release the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce and Strasburg Business Alliance, Lord Fairfax Community College – Corron Center, Directors, Volunteers, and all of those involved with the pageant, of all injuries, illness, or theft that may occur because of my child's participation in this event. My signature further recognizes that I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations of this pageant.

Signature of Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____



2023 Miss Mayfest Pageant

Pageant Rules & Regulations

Please read before completing the Pageant Application:

1. Pageant Date: Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 1:00pm.
2. Location: Lord Fairfax Community College Corron Community Development Center – 173 Skirmisher Lane, Middletown, Virginia 22645
3. Entry fee is \$55 per contestant. A \$5 discount per additional entrant will be given for contestants from the same family, (first contestant pays full price). **Make checks payable to: Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce.** There will be a \$35 charge for all returned checks.
4. Deadline for registration is **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5 p.m.** Please print clearly and use only ink.

Return completed applications to **Wendy Williams, 170 Helsley Heights, Strasburg, VA 22657.** Check our Facebook Page and Pageant Event Page for any changes or updates.

5. **Entry forms will not be accepted at the door.** Participants do not have to be resident of Strasburg.
6. Contestants must be female who has always been female, single, never married, without children, and never having been pregnant.
7. Contestant must possess strong moral character, have never been convicted of a crime, have any pending criminal charges, or have committed an act or engaged in an activity which is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, indecent, or in bad taste. These regulations also apply to improper images/actions on all social media outlets.
8. All contestants must enter the division corresponding with their age as of pageant day. All winners are required to sit out one (1) year; they will be eligible to compete again in the 2024 pageant.
9. Contestant line-up will be determined by the order applications are received (first in, last out).
10. The First Runner-Up in each age division will be asked to assume all duties if the winner is unable or unwilling to fulfill her duties.
 - a. In the event a 2023 titleholder is suspended or expelled from school for behavioral/action-related matters during her reign, she will be required to

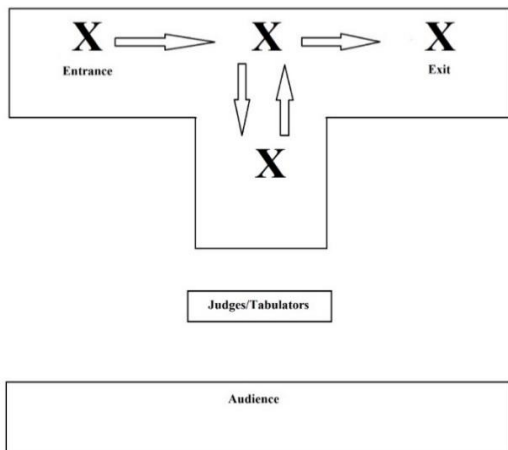
forfeit her title (including crown, sash, and personalized gifts) immediately.

11. For contestants under 18, the child's parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the application. The e-mail address provided should be for parent or legal guardian of any contestant under the age of 16.
12. Each winner will be REQUIRED to sign a Titleholder Agreement (attached for your review) outlining all of the requirements. These are some community service and date requirements:

Tiny – Miss Division Winners will be asked to complete 20 hours of Community Service by making appearances, participating in parades, etc. Winners are required to participate in our Mayfest Parade on Saturday, May 13, 2023. They are also required to participate in our Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2023, and at other Strasburg Business Alliance and Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce Events. Winners will wear Mayfest Crowns and Sashes to events, no other titles will be permitted. Please make sure your child will be available on these dates before entering the pageant. Should you have any questions regarding these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact our Pageant Director. Contact information is located below on Page 4.

13. Registration fee includes ***one photo*** for the photogenic competition. You may enter as many pictures as you'd like for \$10 for each additional photo.
14. The photogenic pictures should be no larger than 8 x 10 and no smaller than 5 x 7 with no frames. All pictures for the photogenic competition should also be age appropriate. **Photogenic pictures are required to be brought to the pageant and turned in by 12pm.** Any photo received after this time will not be judged. Photogenic winner in each age division will receive a plaque.
15. There will be an Overall People's Choice Award. Parents, family, and friends vote for their favorite contestant with money ~ \$1 equals 1 vote. The contestant receiving the most money/votes overall will be the People's Choice winner and will receive a crown and sash.
16. The winner in each age division will receive a crown, sash, trophy and flowers. Each Queen will also receive a Crown and Sash Photo (\$100 value) as part of their Prize Package, **Courtesy of Kimberly Needles Photography.** (See further information about photos with Kimberly Needles below #25). First and second runners-up will receive a trophy.
17. All contestants will model a gown and should be age appropriate.
 - a. Wee Babies through Little Miss - Gown/dress of choice. May wear "Sunday Best/Flower Girl" or pageant attire (no "heavy glitz"); dress may be short or long and have rhinestones/ruffles. Judging will focus on personality and overall impression.
 - b. Petite and Pre-Teen - Gown/dress of choice. Judging will focus on appearance, gown, personality, overall impression. No strapless gowns.
 - c. Junior Miss - Gown/dress of choice. Judging will focus on appearance, gown, personality, overall impression. Gown may be strapless and/or have a slit (should not come far above knee).

- d. Miss - Gown/dress of choice. Judging will focus on appearance, gown, personality, overall impression.
18. Pre-Teen through Miss contestants will answer an on-stage question that will be judged. These questions will be age-appropriate and have no political connections.
 19. Admission to the pageant is \$7 per person (one chaperon will be admitted free with each contestant) and children 2 and under admitted free.
 20. Parents must assist with Wee Baby division contestants on stage. Parents may assist contestants in the Baby Miss division, if they choose.
 21. Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated. The Director's reserve the right to disqualify a contestant if behavior by the contestant, parents, or guests is deemed inappropriate. Entry fees are non-refundable!
 22. Contestants will enter on the left side facing stage; and walk to the middle of stage (full turn with pose); walk to middle front stage (face judges, full turn of choice with pose); walk back to middle of back-stage (half turn to judges); then walk to right side of stage (turn to judges) then exit the stage on the right. **THIS IS A SUGGESTION – please have contestant use the entire stage as much as possible.** Points will NOT be taken off for not following a certain pattern.



23. For those interested in having their hair and makeup done **Tammy Samuels/Jessica Painter - (540) 742-2901 and Taylor Childs - (540) 624-3730** will be available. Call early for an appointment as spots will fill quickly.
24. Kimberly Needles, Owner of Kimberly Needles Photography - **All Photography and images are the property of Kimberly Needles Photography. They are protected by United States and International Copyright Laws and are not to be downloaded or reproduced in any way without the written permission of Kimberly Needles Photography.**

Kimberly will be at the Pageant at 9:00 am. Pageant Day Packages will be posted at a later date.

All winners are required to remain present throughout the pageant for the Group Photo.

All rules, regulations, awards, schedules, and information pertaining to the pageant are subject to change at the discretion of the Director and Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce, if necessary.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact our Pageant Director, Wendy Williams, at (703) 853-8729.

Each year the pageant collects donations for a deserving non-profit/charity organization. This year we will be accepting donations for **Sweet Souls Animal Rescue**, which is a non-profit Animal Rescue here in Shenandoah County. Please see attached list of items below. The contestant that donates the most items will receive a special crown. Donations should be brought the day of the pageant, on March 26, 2023. (Please do not separate items from original packaging)

Sweet Souls Animal Rescue

Some of our most needed items are:

- Monetary donations payable to Sweet Souls Animal Rescue (\$1 = 1 item)
- Cat/Dog Food (dry & canned)
- Kitten/Puppy Food (dry & canned)
- Kitty Litter

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



STRASBURG MISS MAYFEST QUEEN TITLEHOLDER AGREEMENT

Congratulations! You are one of the ten lucky girls to be crowned as a 2023 Mayfest Queen! The following are guidelines you are expected to follow over the next year. All guidelines are to be adhered to; however, instances can arise where guidelines can be adjusted to fit the situation.

Mayfest Weekend

During Mayfest weekend, you are **required** to:

- Ride in the Parade on Saturday of Mayfest Weekend (4:00PM; meet at line-up by 3:30PM)
 - Attire for Wee Baby – Junior Miss: **white** sundress with sandals (no flip-flops/casual sandals)
 - Miss queen: interview-style dress or jumpsuit of choice with sandals or dress shoes (no flip-flops/casual sandals)
 - All dresses must be in good taste and appropriate length. Crown and sash required.
- Make at least one full-walk of the grounds each day.
- Attend as many events throughout the weekend as possible.
- Be available for photo and speaking opportunities within reason.

Strasburg Christmas Parade

- Ride in the Parade the first Saturday of December (4:30PM; meet at line-up by 4:00PM)
 - Attire for Wee Baby – Junior Miss: Dark Dress Pants/Slacks with Peacoat, Scarf, Gloves (no tennis shoes) – We want you to be warm!
 - Miss queen: interview-style dress or jumpsuit of choice with sandals or dress shoes (no flip-flops/casual sandals)
 - All outfits must be in good taste and appropriate length. Crown and sash required.

Appearances

The following appearance guidelines should be followed during Mayfest weekend and year of reign:

- Wear crown/sash at all times (except for when it could be ruined)
- Dress appropriately and for respective events. Nothing short or revealing or you will be sent home to change.
 - No holes or tears in jeans; no expose undergarments; no “heels with shorts”.
- Always maintain lady-like conduct and act in good character (includes those around you)

Volunteer Work

All queens are strongly encouraged to perform volunteer work during their reign. Please place just as much volunteer work emphasis on this queen title as you would another title (i.e. a national level title). If an opportunity arises, please share with the rest of the group in case anyone is interested. Share pictures with the directors so we may promote your good work!

Social Media Accounts

It is important to remember that what is deemed appropriate for your social media accounts applies to your family's accounts as well, as they are a representation of you. We fully understand that you are not able to control what others post. However, you do have the ability to control your interactions with such posts, such as reacting with a "Like." Your interaction with such posts is public and a reflection.

Bottom line: we have a ZERO-strike policy. Directors will review accounts periodically. If the Directors identify anything in poor taste, of negative character, or if another individual brings factors to their attention, your title will be pulled immediately, and you will return the crown/sash/t-shirts/unused gifts. Please note that this also applies to anything your friends/family may tag you in. **We will not tolerate bashing the town or entities within the town that you represent!**

The pageant committee reserves the right to post pictures of appearances/events, within reason. If you do not want your picture posted, please alert the Directors immediately.

General Conduct/Character

As a Mayfest queen, you agree to carry yourself in a positive manner throughout the next year, not engage in activity that would be considered immoral or indecent and follow these guidelines when the crown is both on and off.

As noted in the 2023 Rules and Regulations, found in the Contestant Packet, and signed/agreed upon by the contestant/parent/guardian (this is only an outline of key points):

- Contestant must possess strong moral character, have never been convicted of a crime, have any pending criminal charges, or have committed an act or engaged in an activity which is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, indecent, or in bad taste. These regulations also apply to improper images/actions on all social media outlets.
- In the event a 2023 titleholder is suspended or expelled from school for behavioral/action-related matters during her reign, she will be required to forfeit her title (including crown, sash, personalized tote bag), unused gifts immediately. By signing this agreement, the contestant and parents/legal guardian(s) must report any school suspensions/expulsions to the directors (word travels).
- All contestants and family/guests must always conduct themselves in a proper manner throughout the pageant. Any display of uncooperative or unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant and removal of the individuals from the property. Incidents will also be directed to the Mayfest Committee and Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce with the potential of the individual(s) being banned from the pageant program as a contestant; this applies to incidents before/during/after the pageant, if related to the pageant/titleholders.

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Official Signatures and Compliance

I, _____, will uphold the title of _____ Mayfest Queen 2023 to the best of my ability. As a Mayfest queen, I will abide by all criteria set forth in this titleholder agreement throughout the next year. I understand that I can communicate concerns and special circumstances to the directors if I cannot meet a select guideline/requirement. By signing this agreement, I understand that failure to abide by the guidelines may result in the loss of title and passing on to the 1st RU.

Titleholder Name – Printed

Titleholder Signature

Parent Signature (if under the age of 18)

Director Signature