



2023 Queen Pageant



Application Packet

Congratulations and thank you for your interest in becoming the next Ohio Rural Heritage Queen. You have already taken the first step by entering the pageant.

Contestants must be between the ages of 15 and 20 years old.

Important Dates:

- **Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023** – Application must be received by pageant organizer.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6:30 PM** - There will be a MANDATORY rehearsal on the main stage (located on the riverfront in Ripley, Ohio) to familiarize candidates with the stage and finalize any lineups, positions etc.
- **Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7 PM** - The pageant will take place on the main stage on the riverfront in Ripley, Ohio.
- **Friday, Aug. 25 at 6 PM** - All candidates are encouraged to ride in the parade. The Queen will be required to ride in the parade.

All pageant applicants will be judged on three criteria:

- ★ 1 - A one page typed, single spaced essay based on your hometown heritage / history submitted with your application.
- ★ 2 - Formal evening gown competition. All gowns must be long and tastefully appropriate.
- ★ 3 – Response to a question asked and answered while candidate is on stage. This question will be based on information provided within each candidate's application so please keep this in mind when completing your application.

Queen and First Runner-Up Requirements

The winner of the pageant will receive the title of “Ohio Rural Heritage Queen”. The chosen queen will be required to participate in the remainder of the festival activities. She will also be required to attend two fundraising events throughout the year held locally to raise money for the Ohio Rural Heritage Association. The Queen will also be required to participate in at least three local parades as well as the Brown County fair parade.

A first runner up will also be selected and should the original queen not be able to fulfill her duties the first runner up will take her place. There will be a crown, sash and monetary award given to the chosen Queen as well as a sash and monetary award for her runner up. The selected Queen must exhibit conduct throughout the year appropriate of someone representing the Ohio Rural Heritage Festival. If at anytime it is determined that the conduct is questionable, the first runner up will take the place of the current Queen.

Please complete the application on the next two pages and return it along with your essay and two photos no larger than a 4” x 6”. Your packet must be received by the pageant organizer on or before August 12th, 2023.

You may mail your packet to:

Ohio Rural Heritage Festival
Attn: Candice Stivers-Williams
PO Box 91
Ripley, Ohio 45167

Or, drop off your packet in person at:

Suite C Beauty Bar
111 C Main Street
Ripley, Ohio

Any questions can be directed to Candice Stivers-Williams, at 937-515-4038.

Thank you and good luck!



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Application Form

Please print all information in ink

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

High School Attended/Attending _____

College Attended/Attending _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Extra-curricular School Activities (please list all) _____

Community/Church Involvement _____

Are you currently employed? _____ If yes where? _____

List Hobbies and Interests _____

What are your future educational or career goals?

Interesting facts about you: _____

Why would you like to be an Ohio Rural Heritage Queen? _____
