

Contestant Requirements/Rules

1. Be a female, in the grades 2nd-8th or and currently residing or attending a school in Geauga County.
Be a male, in 2nd grade or currently residing or attending a school in Geauga County.
2. Contestants cannot have a criminal record or any pending criminal charges.
3. Contestants selected for the Maple festival court may not hold any other current pageant title and will not be allowed to compete for any other titles during the reign. You may only win Queen for each division once.
4. All court members will be required to purchase a set of name magnets at the cost of \$30.00 through the Maple festival that will be used IF you choose to travel to other festivals, it is highly suggested but not required.
5. During the festival weekend, the Maple festival court will become dedicated to the festival on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
6. Keep all Facebook and other social media information, communication, and pictures in good taste. As well as posts from parents. All such information may be reviewed by judges or the committee at any point in time. If contestants are questioning the appropriateness of something – Don't post it!
7. The royal court will take part in publicity, ride in Saturday and Sunday parades, and generally take part in such activities as the committee shall designate.
8. If the top title holder is unable to fulfill her responsibilities at other festivals, the court members will take her place.
9. The royal court members must be accompanied by a chaperone, preferably his/her parents/guardians, or an adult member of his/her family or the Queen/Miss and the court if they agree to it during the festival
10. Reasons for dismissal: Conduct deemed improper and detrimental to the Geauga County Maple Festival or contestant
11. The contestant/parent whose name is signed below gives permission to Geauga County Maple Festival and their licensees to use their child's photograph for publicity purposes in connection with the pageant without further compensation to contestant or family.
12. Cell phone usage should be kept to a minimum.
13. When attending other festivals, the royal court must have a chaperone accompany them. The chaperone would preferably be a parent, guardian, or other adult family member. The Juniors of the court are limited to chaperons when attending other festivals.
14. Lastly, all contestants are to have as much fun possible during the festival.

Guidelines for the Pageant

1. No one but the contestants may attend the judges interview, parents can drop their child off at the Western Reserve office at 12 PM. A large group text will be formed to notify parents when they may pick up this will be arranged by Nella Cordone.
2. For interviews, contestants should dress nicely.
3. Judges decisions are final, score sheets will not be given out after the pageant.
4. Contestants and contestants parents/ guardian or other family members must understand that there will be absolutely no tolerance from anyone making inappropriate comments or gestures to or about another contestant during the rehearsal/ pageant.
5. The day of the pageant contestants should wear their formal dress to the theater. For example, the little and young contestants should wear an easter style dress. Junior contestants should wear a formal dress such a like a long prom dress. Bring you maple attire with you to change into if you choose to do that portion.
6. Parents/ guardian can attend the rehearsal and sit and watch until it is over.
7. Those who need an escort specifically the young and junior contestants please have your escorts with you the day of rehearsal.
8. Winners/attendants & a parent MUST attend a brief meeting after the pageant. There will be mandatory photos taken by GTV after everyone has been crowned.
9. All competing contestants will be asked to make a basket or find a business to donate a basket to our Chinese Auction for our pageant you may work together on making a basket.
10. Contestants and parents will be asked to help promote the pageant by sharing the ads on social media or by verbally inviting people to attend the pageant. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 for the night of the pageant.