

Barnesville Pumpkin Festival Pageant

Held Annually The Last Full Weekend In September

Dear Contestant,

Thank you for inquiring about this opportunity that you won't want to miss. The Barnesville Pumpkin Festival will be producing their annual Pageant, which will be held at the Barnesville High School Auditorium at 4:00pm on Sunday September 17, 2017.

The Barnesville Pumpkin Festival has become a tradition for families and friends from all over. What started out as a small festival has grown into one of the largest events in Ohio. Three lucky young ladies will get the opportunity to reign over this amazing event as the Queen, Princess and Mini Miss. They will also be awarded with beautiful prizes such as crowns, sashes, flowers and trophies as well as other exciting prizes including cash!

Age groups consist of Mini Miss (6-9y.o.) Princess (10-13y.o.) and Queen (14-18y.o.). Each contestant will compete in three areas of competition: Private Interview (50% of total score), a choice of a Talent presentation or Modeling a fun outfit (25% of total score) and Evening Wear (25% of total score). The interview will be panel style where each contestant will sit down with the panel of judges for the designated amount of time. Talent has a 2 ½ minute time limit and a CD must be turned in with the paperwork. All contestants will need to prepare a short speech about themselves (name, age, school, activities, etc.) that they will say on stage before their talent/modeling. Each contestant will need to choose a gown that fits their personality and is age appropriate to model during the Formal Wear competition. There will be a total of four X's that the contestants must use for modeling: One in the center in the back, one center front, and one at the front of the stage on each side. We ask that all hair, makeup and wardrobe be kept age appropriate.

Doors open at 10:00am and interviews, pictures, and rehearsal will begin at 11:00am. A detailed schedule will be posted on pageant day. We ask that all contestants come prepared as they will only have a limited amount rehearsal time. The on-stage portion of the competition will start at 4:00pm. Doors open to the public at 3:00pm and it is \$5.00 general admission with no saved seating.

Please complete the attached forms and mail with your \$75.00 entry fee in the form of a MONEY ORDER by September 1, 2017. We are members of the Ohio Festivals and Events Association, therefore the winners will be obligated to comply with the attached set of rules.

If you have any questions, please contact the Queen's Pageant Directors Autumn and Lisa Kessler by email at BarnesvillePumpkinPageant@yahoo.com or contact Autumn Kessler at (740)827-4664 or Lisa at (740)761-0162. Please mail all paperwork, talent CDs and entry fees to

P.O. Box 395

Bethesda, Ohio 43719

Barnesville Pumpkin Festival Pageant

(Print Legibly and Use Ink)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parents: _____

Siblings: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Pets: _____

Fav. Food: _____ Fav. Movie: _____

Fav. Actor: _____ Fav. Singer: _____

Hobbies: _____

Clubs/Organizations: _____

Future Plans: _____

Sponsor: _____

Age Group: (circle One)

Mini Miss (6-9)

Princess (10-13)

Queen (14-18)

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Contestant Registration Form

Print Legibly and Use Ink

Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Circle One Please:

Category: Mini Miss Princess Queen

T-Shirt Size:

 Child Small Child Medium Child Large
Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Enclose \$75.00 **MONEY ORDER**. Please make payable to **Barnesville Pumpkin Festival**. No Personal Checks or Cash Please. We will accept business checks.

Barnesville Pumpkin Festival Pageant Rules

The following is a list of rules that each contestant must follow:

- The contestant must be a role model who cares about her title
- She must be an ambassador and public relations representative for the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival
- She must be considered both talented and intelligent
- She must take personal pride in her community and manner in which she conducts herself
- She must never have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony
- She must never have been pregnant or is pregnant
- She must conduct herself in a ladylike manner at all times (which includes no smoking, drinking, drug use, foul language, etc.)
- Any discrepancies will be left up to the Pageant Directors and Barnesville Pumpkin Festival Committee
- The Queen must attend 10 Ohio Festival and Events Association regulated events and provide proof in the form of a button or charm.
- The Princess must attend 7 Ohio Festival and Events Association regulated events and provide proof in the form of a button or charm.
- The Mini Miss must attend 5 Ohio Festival and Events Association regulated events and provide proof in the form of a button or charm.
- All royalty must make their presence known at the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival throughout the week
- The Royalty and Courts must attend the Queen's Luncheon, participate in the parade,
- The royalty must attend opening ceremonies and attend as many other events during the festival as possible.
- Anyone who breaks contract will have consequences that include, but are not limited to, inability to participate in the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival Pageant again, relinquishing their title and all prizes and honors connected with the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival.

If you agree to the terms described above please sign below.

Participant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pumpkin Festival Responsibilities

- Wednesday, September 20, 2017: At least one winner (Queen, Princess, or Mini Miss) must be present at the Giant Pumpkin Weigh Inns. Please wear crown and sash with cute, yet comfortable clothing and foot wear. Your photograph may be taken and published and your help may be needed.
- Thursday, September 21, 2017: The Queen Princess and Mini Miss must be present at the Opening Ceremonies and Ribbon Cutting which will take place at the King Pumpkin. Please wear your gown, crown, sash and bring your flowers.
- Saturday, September 23, 2017: Queen's Luncheon at Barnesville High School at 11:00am. All Queen, Princess and Mini Miss winners and Runner-Ups must be present in their gowns. Winners please wear your crown, sash, and bring your flowers. All family members are invited to attend at a cost of \$15 per person. All winners and runner-ups will be free. Please have a list of people attending and payment ready at the pageant should your contestant be a winner or runner up.
- Saturday, September 23, 2017: Immediately following the luncheon is the Giant Pumpkin Parade at 2pm. A float will be provided for the winners and runner-ups to ride on. Everyone must stay in their gowns for the parade. Winners must carry their flowers. After the parade everyone will go to the King Pumpkin as a group. Upon the conclusion of the parade, everyone will introduce themselves and their titles. At this time parents need to meet their child at the King Pumpkin and check in with Autumn or Lisa BEFORE leaving with their child.
- The Queen Princess and Mini Miss are encouraged to be present at the festival as often as possible! (Wednesday through Sunday). Please always wear your crown and sash and be dressed for photos!