

PEANUT FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CORONATION
RULES & GUIDELINES

CONTESTANTS

1. Contestant must be a qualifying senior in the Grapeland School District at the beginning of the current school year. Private school (home school) students who wish to be contestants must present a transcript verifying their classification as a senior.
2. Each contestant will be judged on the following categories: street wear, interview, talent, and evening wear.
3. Each contestant must have a sponsor. Sponsors may be either a local or civic organization or business. No school sponsored contestants. In the event of needing to find an outside sponsor, the contestant must have the approval of the Chamber board of directors.
4. Contestants must be of good moral character.
5. Contestants must be living with their parents or legal guardian and cannot be married, have been married, or have children.
6. Contestants must possess a talent and the ability to present this talent.
7. In the case of duplication of talent, the first person to contact the coronation chairperson shall have the right to present that talent.
8. Contestants must be financially responsible for all outfits and props.
9. Festival activities scheduled for the contestant will be chaperoned by an adult.
10. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
PEANUT QUEEN: \$1000.00
1st RUNNER UP: \$750.00
2ND RUNNER UP: \$500.00
Scholarship money will be given to the winners upon receipt of enrollment into college or vocational school. Scholarship money must be claimed within a year of winning the award. (Oct. 10-Oct.11)

PAGEANT RULES

1. Contestants must be prepared to practice.
2. Contestants must meet every practice unless she has a valid excuse. (college class, illness, sports event)
3. Contestants must work on her talent outside regular practice. Arrangements must be made ahead of time with the coronation chairperson for practicing on the stage other than regular practice. Your parents or guardian must be present with you at extra practice. Extra practices must last no longer than one hour. No class cutting for extra practice.
4. There will be no one allowed to regular practice other than those appointed by the chairperson. Mothers only will be allowed to come to practice the last two practices before the competition.
5. No one is allowed backstage before the pageant begins unless authorized by the chairperson.
6. Length of talent must be limited from 3 to 5 minutes. Contestants cannot be accompanied by another person unless such person is a musical instrument accompanist.
7. Judges for the pageant are selected by a committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce.
8. Questions for the onstage interview are composed by a committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce.
9. Talent Award is given to the contestant who scores the highest in the Talent competition. Most photogenic is selected by the judges.
10. Sponsors are not allowed backstage during the contest.
11. Sponsors must be responsible for providing a float for the contestant unless a shared responsibility has been agreed upon by the sponsor and the contestant.
12. Each contestant will be personally interviewed by the judges before the pageant.
13. The Queen will reign over the festival and other chamber functions. In the event she cannot fulfill her duties, the 1st runner-up will assume the responsibilities.