



MISS APPLE BLOSSOM SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

NIPSCO Entertainment Tent - Depot Plaza, Nappanee

[Application Deadline is Friday, August 12, 2011](#)

Welcome to the 2011 Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant! This year marks the 36th year of the Nappanee Apple Festival and we, as a committee, are excited that you have chosen to be a part of the celebration. Several activities have been planned to make this year's pageant educational, fun, exciting and full of memories. Make sure you send your application and required materials in as soon as possible. The application deadline is Friday, August 12, 2011. The entry fee of \$50.00 is to be paid by your sponsor and is also due at the time of your application. Make checks payable to the Nappanee Apple Festival. We are excited to meet all of you!!

SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestant must reside in the Wa-Nee school district and intends to continue to maintain residence within the Wa-Nee school district for at least one full year.
2. Contestant must be born a female whose age shall not be less than sixteen (16) and not more than twenty-one (21) years on September 1, 2011. Contestant must provide either a copy of her birth certificate or driver's license as proof of age.
3. Contestant must be enrolled in high school, an accredited home school program, a high school graduate or enrolled in college or advanced education by September 1st of the pageant year in which she will compete.
4. Grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale is required. A proof of grade point must be provided with a copy of a recent report card or transcript.
5. Contestant must be sponsored by a business, firm, or organization. The sponsor agrees to pay the \$50.00 entry fee and to make sure all of the rules and regulations are understood at the time of entering the pageant.
6. Contestant must not be married or pregnant nor have been married (or had a marriage annulled) or pregnant. If Miss Apple Blossom 2011 becomes pregnant or convicted of a crime anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts and cash prizes.
7. Contestant must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
8. Only contestants and committee members will be allowed at Preliminaries.

9. No one except committee members will be allowed backstage with contestants before and during the pageant.
10. Contestant agrees that any visible body piercing should not be worn while representing the Nappanee Apple Festival in any capacity (i.e., parades, festival activities, attending other pageants, and other activities I may attend as a representative of the Nappanee Apple Festival). However, jewelry appearing in the ear will be permitted.
11. **Contestant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes and shall possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and the ability to speak in public. The Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Committee reserves the right to approve all contestants and to determine without questions, their eligibility to participate in the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant. If I am chosen as Miss Apple Blossom 2011, I understand that my behavior and actions at all times (not just when wearing the crown/sash) during my reign will affect my ability to continue in the role of Miss Apple Blossom. The Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Committee reserves the right to revoke the title if behavior and/or actions are deemed inappropriate. If the title is revoked from the Miss Apple Blossom 2011, the crown and sash will be awarded to the 1st place runner-up.**
12. If selected, I agree that I may not (from the date of selection) advertise, endorse or in any way infer support for any commercial product or make personal appearances as a representative of Miss Apple Blossom without written consent of the Nappanee Apple Festival Committee Director and/or the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Coordinator.
13. Contestant must agree that if selected Miss Apple Blossom, or a member of the Court, contestant will participate in **ALL** Miss Apple Blossom activities (as listed below) and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Committee.
Participation in these events is not meant to be a hardship, rather an opportunity to represent the Nappanee Apple Festival.
 - Required for All Participants:
 - All participants in the 2011 pageant are required to be in the 2011 Apple Festival Parade (Saturday morning) and weekend festivities (schedule will be provided).
 - Required for 2011 Queen:
 - Be willing to compete in the Indiana State Festivals Association (ISFA) Contest to be held during November, 2011. If the Queen does not qualify for the State Pageant, the next qualified court member will compete.
 - To compete in the ISFA State Scholarship Pageant, the Apple Blossom Queen must meet all requirements as set by the IFSA pageant rules and regulations.
 - ISFA rules require that contestants be at least 17 years of age.
 - Apple Blossom Queen must be accompanied to the ISFA Conference by an Apple Festival Core Committee member and a female chaperone (mother, grandmother or pageant chairperson).
 - Christmas at Main & Market Street Parade in Nappanee (December 2011)
 - 4th of July Parade in Nappanee (July 2012)
 - Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade in Goshen (July 2012)
 - Miss Apple Blossom Pageant in Nappanee (September 2012)
 - Required for 2011 Court:
 - Christmas at Main & Market Street Parade in Nappanee (December 2011)
 - 4th of July Parade in Nappanee (July 2012)
 - Elkhart County 4-H Fair Parade in Goshen (July 2012)

14. Scholarship awards will be as follows:

- **Miss Apple Blossom Queen - \$1,000.00**
- **1st Runner-up - \$750.00**
- **2nd Runner-up - \$500.00**

Payment will be made by check to the winner's college choice or as otherwise determined by the Nappanee Apple Festival Core Committee.

The calendar of required events for the Apple Blossom Queen candidates is as follows:

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| Sunday, August 28 | Workshop | Location TBD – 2:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, September 10 | Preliminaries | Location TBD – 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, September 14 | Rehearsal | Depot Plaza – 3:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 15 | Queen Pageant | Depot Plaza – 7:00 p.m. |

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be based on the following:

Division I: Interview: 50 points total

- Introduction – 10 points
- Eye Contact – 10 points
- Ease of answer – 10 points
- Grammar – 20 points

Division II: Biographical Information: 25 points total

- Activities – 10 points
- Grade point average – 15 points

Division III: Essay: 45 points total

- Confidence – 15 points
- Eye contact with audience – 10 points
- Ease of presentation – 10 points
- Content of essay – 10 points

Division IV: Stage Presence: 80 points total

- Poise and confidence – 30 points
- Body language – 20 points
- Smile and grace – 30 points

Points and score sheets are for judges assessment only. Final selection is the judge's decision. The Nappanee Apple Festival Pageant Chairperson reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and conditions at any time as may deemed expedient.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Contestant Name: _____

High School/College/Community Activities:

Hobbies:

Most recent movie you would recommend: _____

Favorite Food(s): _____

Favorite Author/Book: _____

Describe your most memorable experience:

Professionally, where do you see yourself in 10 years:

My ambition in life is:

Greatest Achievements:

What do you hope to gain from this pageant?:

What three words best describes you:

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Include a typed, 300 word essay on why you like the Nappanee Apple Festival
2. Type on plain white 8 ½ x 11 paper
3. Do NOT fold or staple (keep as neat as possible for duplicating purposes)
4. Deadline is **Friday, August 12, 2011**

I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth above and I meet the requirements and will comply with the regulations stated. If these requirements and regulations are not met then it is understood that disqualification and/or forfeiture of any Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Committee title will take place. I hereby release to the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant Committee the applicant's records as a student at the school attended by her. I do hereby release, unconditionally and forever, any claim against the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Committee, its directors, members or sponsors and agree to hold them harmless as to any claim arising out of any participation in the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant or its activities.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(If under 18 years of age)

All entries must be in the hands of the pageant chairperson by **August 12, 2011**. Mail to:

Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant
Nappanee Apple Festival
958 E. John Street
Nappanee, IN 46550

**For pageant questions or clarifications, please contact
Pam Shaw, Pageant Chairperson, at 574-773-2219
or pam@nappaneeapplefestival.org**

Checklist of required materials to be included with application:

- Completed application (including personal information, sponsor information, personal questions, essay and signed release)
- Application fee of \$50 (to be paid by sponsor; checks payable to Nappanee Apple Festival)
- 3"x5" head and shoulder color photo (non-returnable) (please put name on back of photo)
- Copy of driver's license or birth certificate
- Copy of most recent school transcript (including grade point average)
- Enclose items in manila envelope

***Thank you for entering the Miss Apple Blossom Scholarship Pageant!!
We know you will enjoy your experience and new friendships gained. We look forward to meeting
you at the workshop as we kick off the 2011 Nappanee Apple Festival!***

For Office Use Only
Date Received: _____
Received By: _____
Application Received: YES NO

Sponsorship Fee Received: YES NO
Cash () Check # _____ Date Billed: _____