

Strawberry Festival Beauty Pageant Rules

1. **No bad sportsmanship or profanity is allowed by contestants or parents during any event associated with the pageant, i.e. meeting, practices, pageant, parades, etc. INSTANT DISQUALIFICATION CAN OCCUR!!**
2. All contestants must reside in the West Craven School District. They must be single, have no children, and between 4 and 22 years of age. Any winner who gets pregnant during their year reign will be asked to relinquish their crown to the first runner up.
3. There is a \$65 registration fee due by Friday, March 18, 2011. Please mail registration form and fee to: Strawberry Festival Beauty Pageant, c/o Vanceboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary, PO Box 649, Vanceboro, NC 28586. All checks should be made out to the Vanceboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary.
4. All contestants must appear in age appropriate attire, hair and make-up. All contestants are required to have three outfits: Business dress for judge's interview, formal wear, and leisure / sports wear for pageant modeling. (Tiny, Little, and Junior Miss are to wear Sunday best for business dress. Bridesmaid, flower girl, or pageant dresses are required for formal wear.) Leisure / sports wear is nice, casual, but not everyday wear. One person is allowed to accompany and assist each contestant backstage. **Immodest attire will cause the contestant to be disqualified.**
5. Participation in rehearsals is mandatory for all contestants. Rehearsal will be at the Vanceboro Rescue Squad Building on Hwy 43, Vanceboro. Dress is casual. **Contestants will not be allowed to compete in pageant if they do not attend rehearsals.**
6. "Tiny Miss", "Little Miss", and "Junior Miss" contestants must come to the pageant prepared with a 1-1½ minute talent program. "Teen Miss" and "Queen" contestants must come prepared with a 2-2½ minute talent program. Contestants are given 5 minutes to get on stage and start their talent program. Music and / or instruments must be provided by the contestant. **All music must be appropriate and contain no profanity.**
7. All participants are encouraged to sell sponsorship ads for the pageant program booklet. Each contestant will have her own page with her picture and information on it. A trophy will be awarded to the contestant that raises the highest amount of advertisement money. A contestant can be sponsored by family, friends, businesses, churches, etc. All sponsorships will be listed in the program on their contestant's page.
8. One contestant in each category will be chosen as winner. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd runner ups will also be chosen in each category. The winner of each category will receive a crown / tiara and sash. The runner ups will receive a sash.
9. **Contestant families should not approach or talk to the judges during pageant.**
10. Judging will be conducted in two phases. All contestants will meet with the judges for an interview before the pageant. Interview scores will be added to the scores from the pageant to decide the top contestants in each category. Contestants are judged on poise, personality, interview participation, and overall appearance. If there are more than 5 contestants in a category, the 5 top scoring contestants will be announced. They will perform their talent and answer a question from the judges. If there are 5 or less, all will perform their talent and answer a question by the judges. The winner and runner ups in each category will be announced after judges have finalized their scores. If a tie breaker is needed, the scores from judge's interview will be used. **The judges' decisions are final.**
11. Winners of the Strawberry Festival "Tiny Miss", "Little Miss", "Junior Miss", "Teen Miss" and "Queen" titles will be expected to carry out the following duties:
 - Ride in the Festival Parade and be introduced / perform on stage at the Festival.
 - Participate in community events and Auxiliary fundraisers throughout the year
 - Represent The Strawberry Festival at other parades through out the year. (i.e. Christmas parades).
 - Participate in 2011 Strawberry Festival Pageant to help crown her successor.
12. The winners of the Strawberry Festival "Tiny Miss", "Little Miss", "Junior Miss", "Teen Miss", and "Queen" titles are not eligible to compete for the same title during the following year's pageant. However, they can compete if they move into a new category. A contestant is eligible to move into the next category if she meets the age requirement by June 30th.