



Miss Liberty Pageant

Contest to be held Monday June 21, 2010 @ 8:00pm, at the Columbia VFW Post 9340

(Located at 25742 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Columbia Station, Ohio 44028)

Interviews - (11-13) & (14-18)-Held starting @ 5:00pm, at the Columbia VFW Post 9340

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Rules & Regulations:

- Open to all Lorain County Residents
- Interviews: (11-13 year olds) & (14-18 year olds) Will be held starting 5:00pm, at the Columbia VFW Post 9340 (Located at 25496 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Columbia Station, Ohio 44028)

Competitions:

Miss Liberty Sweetheart - (5-7 YEAR OLDS)

- Festival Wear
- On stage question from application

Little Miss Liberty - (8-10 YEAR OLDS)

- Festival Wear
- Essay on "Volunteering" (Minimum 25 words-must be submitted with application)
- On stage question

Miss Liberty Princess - (11-13 YEAR OLDS)

- Festival Wear
- Interview (Done before pageant-Starting @ 5:00pm at Columbia VFW Post 9340)
- Essay on "Your favorite place in Lorain County" (Minimum 100 words-must be submitted with application)
- Question on Stage

Miss Liberty QUEEN - (14-18 YEAR OLDS)

- Formal Wear
- Question on Stage
- Interview (Done before pageant-Starting @ 5:00pm at Columbia VFW Post 9340)
- Speech about Lorain County. Presented on stage-2 minute max. Topic must be submitted with application.

Early Bird Deadline: June 1, 2010

Late Deadline after June 1 until June 14, 2010 - \$5.00 additional late fee required.

No entries will be taken after June 14, 2010. It is your responsibility to verify that the application has been received by the Director by deadline. If you do not receive a notice from the Pageant Director please contact her at 440-236-8693.

Fees: Application Fee - \$10.00

Late Fee - Add \$5.00

2009 Winners:

Miss Liberty Queen - Rebecca Rose

Little Miss Liberty- Ashley Goebel

1st Attendant- Alexis Pojman

Miss Liberty Princess-Miranda Kasayka

Miss Liberty Sweetheart-Hanna Susak

1st Attendant- Karlie Smick

Questions: Contact Vi Seidel at 440-236-8693 or email info@misslibertypageant.com Visit www.misslibertypageant.com for additional information & complete list of festival events.

General Rules:

1. All contestants must be ages 5-18 years of age as of June 21, 2010. Age is determined as of June 21, 2010.
2. All contestants must reside in Lorain County for the past six (6) months. If necessary, families will be required to show proof of residency or school final report card.
3. All contestants must submit a \$10.00 entry fee with application and a picture by June 01, 2010. Entries received between June 2 and June 14, 2010 is required to pay late entry fee. Late entries will only be accepted until June 14, 2010 and contestant must then submit a \$15.00 entry fee with application and picture.

NO ENTRIES OR PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 14, 2010!

4. Make checks or money orders payable to The Miss Liberty Pageant. Do not send cash. There will be a \$30.00 charge for returned checks. Mail entries and fee to The Miss Liberty Pageant, PO Box 1004, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS THE PAGEANT IS COMPLETELY CANCELLED. We are not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
5. Rehearsal for Miss Liberty Pageant will be on Thursday June 17, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Columbia VFW Post 9340.
6. ALL Division winners and 1st Attendants will receive CROWN, TROPHY & BANNER!
7. ALL winners of Miss Liberty Queen, Princess and Little Miss will receive \$100.00 Savings bond, 1st Attendant will receive \$50.00 Savings bond. Sweetheart will receive a \$50 savings bond and 1st attendant will receive a \$25 savings bond. Winners are required to provide their social security number to receive their savings bond upon completion of their reign, and fulfillment of Policy and Procedure requirements. They are required to be at the crowning of the 2011 Miss Liberty Pageant.
8. ALL divisions will have a Photogenic Award. Contestants must submit one (1) picture no larger than 5"x7". Photogenic winner will be chosen from the picture submitted with application only. Pictures submitted at a later date will not be entered. Photos will NOT be returned and become property of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Liberty Pageant.
9. Miss Liberty Princess & Miss Liberty queen will have a Community Service Award. (Girl Scouts, 4-H, Key Club, Historical Society, Columbia Homecoming Volunteer, Library Volunteer, Hospital Volunteer, and etc).
10. The winner of each age group is ineligible to compete the following year. She will return to crown her successor. A contestant may hold a title only once per age group.
11. The Miss Liberty Pageant and the Pageant Director reserves the right to merge age groups, if necessary.
12. Parents are NOT allowed to participate with contestant in any way while they are on stage.
13. Interviews will be done in festival wear so you will not need to change in between.
14. Interviews will be held at the Columbia VFW Post 9340, 25742 Royalton Rd., Columbia Station, Ohio 44028.
15. Interviews will be every 10 minutes starting at 5:00 p.m. Contestant will be given interview time at rehearsals on Thursday. Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before your scheduled interview time.

16. Pageant will be held at the Columbia VFW Post 9340-25742 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Columbia Station, Ohio, 44028. Pageant will start at 8:00 p.m.
17. All contestants are encouraged to attend the Miss Liberty Dinner on Sunday at their expense. A parent or guardian must accompany contestant at their expense. Winners and First Attendants dinners are paid for by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

All contestants are encouraged to participate in the Grand Parade on Sunday June 27 at 4:00 p.m.; We will have a float for all contestants to ride on. Please inform Pageant Director by 6/25/10 if you are going to ride on float in parade.

18. The decision of the judges is final.
19. **Winners are to remain on stage for pictures!**

Columbia Homecoming Festival Royalty Policies & Procedures

1. All Royalty Court members and their families shall abide by the rules set fourth by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Miss Liberty Pageant, Pageant Director and Columbia Homecoming Committee.
2. The Miss Liberty Pageant and Pageant Director are responsible for any and all decisions regarding the court and court members. All communications and directions will be conducted through the Pageant Director. This includes, but is not limited to events, parades, luncheon reservations and festival invites. Any correspondence or invitations received by the court are to be forwarded to the Pageant Director.
3. Royalty members shall be accompanied by, a Miss Liberty Pageant Representative, parent or guardian at all appearances. Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety and behavior of their child at all times.
4. Royalty members and their family shall treat all people with respect that they come in contact during their representation of the community festival and the chamber. The royalty title is a privilege and honor, and court member must display appropriate behavior.
5. Royalty Court members shall dress accordingly when representing the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Miss Liberty Pageant at any and all functions. The following dress code is to be followed:
 - Sash and crown are to be worn at all times.
 - At no time shall the wording on the sashes be covered.
 - No visible tattoos or body piercing.
 - No cleavage or mid-drift exposure.
 - No mini skirts, dresses or skirts should be not be any shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
 - No jeans unless permitted to do so by the Pageant Director for special events.
 - No flip-flops or tennis shoes may be worn, unless permitted to do so by the Pageant Director for special events.
 - Final approval of wardrobe worn is solely at the discretion of the Pageant Director. If wardrobe is seen as unfit the royalty member will NOT be allowed to participate in the event until they have changed.
 - Formal Wear is to be worn to all luncheons and parades, unless Pageant Director instructs court member otherwise.

6. Royalty members are responsible for attending a minimum of (8) fairs, festivals and events throughout their reign, in addition to the following local events. (Exception: The Miss Liberty Sweetheart division is only required to attend (2) fairs, festivals and events throughout their reign. A parent or guardian must also accompany them). Note that ALL court members are required to attend all Columbia Township functions listed below:
 - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Antique Engine Show (1st weekend in June)
 - Columbia Homecoming Festival, Miss Liberty Dinner & Parade (Last weekend in June)
 - "Festival of Trees"
 - Events or Activities that are deemed necessary by the Chamber Board of Directors or Pageant Director.
 - Helping in Miss Liberty booth at the Columbia Homecoming & Engine Show.
7. The Miss Liberty Pageant will pay for the main court's luncheon when visiting other festivals. If the first attendants choose to participate in the luncheon, they will be responsible for the cost of the luncheon (unless they are replacing the Winner of their division at an event. Parents and guardians are responsible for the cost of their own luncheon.
8. Punctuality is expected at all times. This is common respect for the court and their family.
9. During the contestants reign, no inner-court member shall be a member of any other royalty court, with the exception their High School Homecoming, Prom court, County Fair or Fundraiser Pageants.
10. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce shall be financially responsible for maintaining the float or vehicle used in parades. All changes made to the float or vehicle must be finalized and authorized by the Pageant Director.
11. The crown awarded to the court members is the crown that will be worn at all parades, festivals and events. No court member is to purchase a different crown to wear in place of the awarded crown. The crown is the property of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and will be awarded to the winners and 1st Attendants at the successful completion of their reign. If a crown is lost, stolen or damaged it is the responsibility of the court member to replace it with the same crown or get it fixed. So make sure to take good care of it.
12. Any trophies or monetary donations awarded to the royalty shall immediately become the property of the Miss Liberty Pageant and be included in the Miss Liberty budget.
13. At the conclusion of Royalty Court's term, all court members, parents and guardians are responsible for the following:
 - Planning and hosting the Columbia Homecoming Festival Miss Liberty Dinner.
 - Collection of gift bag items for Miss Liberty Dinner.
 - Purchase or obtain donations of (3) door prizes for the dinner.
 - Help setup and decorate for Miss Liberty Dinner and clean up after dinner
 - Help collect items for Mothers day and homecoming raffle baskets
14. Boyfriends shall not be allowed on the float, vehicle or walk in parades with the court during their public appearances. They may however, be present at these events. Public display of affection with a boyfriend is forbidden during member's public appearances.
15. No member of the court shall use foul, hurtful or abusive language to others during their reign.
16. No member of the court shall partake in criminal behavior or activities during their reign.

The following Policies will result in immediate dismissal:

17. No member of the court shall be married, engaged or pregnant prior to or during her reign. If a court member becomes married, engaged or pregnant during their reign they will be immediately dismissed from their title and their crown and sash will become the immediate possession of the Chamber of Commerce and the Miss Liberty Pageant.
18. Any inner-court member who accumulates (2) or more unexcused absences shall immediately turn over their crown and sash and be replaced by the 1st Attendant for the remainder of their reign. The Pageant Director will be responsible for approving all absences. (These may include, church, family emergency, sickness or pre-planned family events.)

The following actions will occur if the Queen is unable to be present at a Festival or event.

1. The 1st Attendant will be given the opportunity to take the place of her division winner if she is unable to be present at an event.
2. The 1st Attendant's will attend a parade, festival or event only at the invitation and approval by the Pageant Director.
3. The Pageant Director must approve any and all changes to a 1st Attendant attending, in place of her division winner.
4. If a member of the court is unable to attend an event that has already been paid for by the Miss Liberty Pageant, that member of the court will be responsible for reimbursing The Miss Liberty Pageant.
5. Royalty members may never attend an event that has not been scheduled or approved by the Pageant Director.

If any of the previously mentioned policies or procedures is not adhered to the following actions will be taken:

*The Pageant Director holds the right to put any royalty member in any level of discipline that she deems necessary regarding the severity of a broken policy or procedure. *

1. 1st Offense: Verbal warning from Pageant Director, and Chamber notified.
2. 2nd Offense: Written warning with final notification that if another offense occurs royalty member will be dismissed.
3. 3rd and final Offense: Royalty member will be dismissed and will immediately hand over crown and sash to Pageant Director.

A copy of all written warnings will be forward to the Chamber. All 2nd and 3rd Offenses may be appealed to the Chamber Board of Directors in writing within 15 days of notification to Royalty member.

***The reign of a royalty member shall be terminated at any time if the Chamber of Commerce and the Pageant Director deems that the actions of the member or parent or guardian are unbecoming to the mission of the Chamber. ***

MISS LIBERTY PAGEANT OFFICAL APPLICATION

Please circle correct pageant age division Age 5-7 Age 8-10 Age 11-13 Age 14-18

PRINT

Contestant Name _____ **Birth date** _____ **Age** _____

Parent/Guardians Name _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Cell** _____ **EMAIL** _____

How long have you lived in Lorain County _____

Speech Topic (Miss Liberty Division only) _____

Essay Topic- (If required must be included with application) _____

Favorite thing to do _____

Favorite pet _____ **Favorite subject** _____

Charities you Support (All age divisions except 5-7) _____

Organizations/Sports _____

Teams/Private lessons _____

Community and/or Church Service/Involvement _____

Something special that you have accomplished _____

Awards/Recognitions you have received _____

Additional information can be added on another sheet.

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MISS LIBERTY COLUMBIA

RULES & REGULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

(MUST BE RETURNED WITH ENTRY FORM)

I have read and understand the above rules and regulations described in the Columbia Homecoming Royalty Policies and Procedures, and in consideration of holding a royalty court title, agree to indemnify, cover and protect the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Miss Liberty Pageant, Columbia Homecoming Committee and it's representatives against any and all lawsuits, claims, costs, damages, fees, charges, liabilities and expenses whatsoever, which he or she may sustain, an incur or become liable for, for any reason of any and all acts including accidents, carelessness or other unbecoming conduct which may occur. By signing these policies and procedures, I/we agree to abide by them.

In the event that we do not do so, we understand that the contestant or royalty member may be removed from the court.

Name of Participant (please print) _____

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18 years old) _____ **Date** _____

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission for images of my child, either submitted with this form or captured during regular and special Homecoming activities through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Miss Liberty Pageant or Columbia Homecoming Committee promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of Participant (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if participant is under 18 years old) _____ **Date:** _____

Participant (if participant is 18 years old) _____ **Date:** _____

