



**2024 Harvest Festival Princess Pageant Application**  
**Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 4 pm**  
**Tri County High School**

The Harvest Festival Pageant Committee would like to thank you for your interest in the upcoming pageant. Please take the time to look over the qualifications and application. We encourage you to contact us with any questions.

**Instructions:**

- Please complete the application using black or blue ink or by typing your answers.
- You may use the back sides as necessary.

**The Harvest Festival Princess application deadline is Friday, July 24, 2024 by 5 pm.**

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all contestants and parent/guardians on **Tuesday, August 6 at 5:00 pm** at the Municipal Building (Village Office) in Howard City where we will discuss the pageant agenda, and proper attire for the evening, and answer any questions that you may have. You will also have your picture taken for the pageant program and social media. It is not necessary to wear a dress for this picture as long as attire is appropriate. **(This meeting is part of the scoring for the pageant. It is worth 20 points.)**

Pageant rehearsal and interview will occur on **Saturday, August 10 at Tri County High School, at 1:30 PM.**

The pageant will be held on **Sunday, August 11 at 4 pm** at **Tri County High School**, in Howard City. Contestants must arrive promptly at **2:30 pm** for dress rehearsal. You should wear your makeup and shoes. You can put your dress on after arrival at the school.

Doors open at **3:30 pm** to family, friends, and community members. Tickets are \$2 a piece to help raise money for the Harvest Festival. Each girl will get one complimentary ticket.

Contestants will compete in the following areas of competition.

- Personal interview
- Self-Expression Wear
- On-stage question
- Formal Wear

Contestants and escorts will be introduced to the audience/judges and answer questions from the judges. Please be prepared to answer the following question for the Judges, **“Why Do You Want to Represent Howard City as the Princess of Harvest Festival?”**

Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, character, speaking qualities, and attendance at the mandatory meeting. At the conclusion of their portion of the program, the Howard City Princess will be named. We would like all contestants to stay for about 15 minutes after the pageant so pictures can be taken.

The Howard City Harvest Festival Princess will receive **\$100** upon completion of her reign. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Danyelle Horton at 616-448-6303 or Rachel Green at 616-481-1234. Thank you for your interest in representing Howard City and we look forward to working with you.

Contestants must be 5 years of age at the time of the pageant but not older than 10 years of age by December 1, 2021.

With the application, all contestants must submit a drawing of their own design on 8 ½ x 11-inch paper and a short paragraph about why she would like to be the Harvest Festival Princess.

### **Harvest Festival Parades/Events**

Mandatory Meeting: **Tuesday, August 6 at 5:00 pm** at the Municipal Building (Village Office) in Howard City

Harvest Festival Pageant Interview/Rehearsal: **August 10 at 1:30 PM**, Tri-County High School

Harvest Festival Pageant: **August 11 at 4 pm**, Tri-County High School

Trufant Jubilee Parade: First Saturday in September (Labor Day Weekend)

1. Queen's tea
2. Parade

Belding Labor Day Parade: First Monday in September (Labor Day Weekend)

1. Parade

Harvest Festival: 2nd Saturday in September

1. Queen's tea

2. Harvest Festival Parade
3. Firemen's Parade of Lights
4. Other duties as requested

Red Flannel Day (Cedar Springs): 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October

1. Queen's tea
2. Parade

Howard City Christmas Festivities

1. Parade

Lakeview Summer Fest 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June

1. Parade

Sand Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July

1. Queen's tea
2. Parade

Traverse City – Cherry Royale Parade – first Saturday in July (not mandatory)

1. Queen's Tea
2. Parade

Stanton Old-Fashioned Days- second Saturday in August

1. Parade

## **Community Responsibilities**

1. Corn Roast – Sashes and Howard City Festival T-shirts should be worn with casual pants, appropriate-length shorts or jeans without distressing are also appropriate.
2. National Night Out
3. Christmas Event at the Library
4. Mother's Day Tea
5. Music in the Park
6. Monthly community service events to give back to Howard City
7. Fundraising events and appearances when applicable.

All community events are coordinated by/with Danyelle Horton and Rachel Green.

For parades, the Queen and Court wear Festival dress, sash, and tiara. For other community events, you are to dress appropriately in Harvest Festival T-shirt or

occasionally a nice blouse/shirt, event-appropriate shoes, nice pants (jeans acceptable as long as they are not distressed), sash, and tiara.

The Queen and Court shall determine, plan, and execute a minimum of two community service events. One event will be the Christmastime event at the library and the other is open to ideas from the Queen and Court.

**Please discuss the time commitment (parades and community events noted in Contestant Rules and Regulations) with family, employers, and any others who may have expectations of your time throughout the year. Scheduled appearances are mandatory.**

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." --Henry Ford

### **Harvest Festival Contacts:**

**Danyelle Horton**

**616-448-6303**

**Rachel Green**

**616-481-1234**

Or email: [harvestfestivalpageant123@gmail.com](mailto:harvestfestivalpageant123@gmail.com)

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR HOWARD CITY FESTIVAL QUEEN AND COURT MEMBERS**

*Queen and Court Members* – will always act as a team while making appearances; will not allow the relationship with each other, or lack of it, to take away from the main focus of being a spokesperson for Howard City.

*Families of Queen and Court Members* – will be asked to help with rides to various communities for parades/personal appearances and pulling of the float.

*Considered Not Appropriate* – not showing up to an appearance once it has been planned, showing up late, using profanity, drinking, smoking, inappropriate social media postings, or exhibiting other improper behavior while being Queen or Court Member for Howard City.

*Treat Position as You Would a Job* – acting as adults, not disgracing Howard City; will be most visible as a leader of Howard City youth.

*Title is About* – how special you can be at representing Howard City; is not a beauty or talent contest; judged upon character, personality, loyalty, and love for Howard City.

*Often Will be Actively Involved* – announcing, selling tickets, judging, etc. Howard City Harvest Festival Committee reserves the right to dismiss and replace the Queen and/or Court Member if rules are broken. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject applications.

## **Howard City Harvest Princess Pageant Contestant Rules / Regulations / Code of Conduct**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply as a contestant for the 2024 Howard City Harvest Festival Jr Miss Pageant. I attest that I am a resident of Howard City.

**I also attest the following to be true:**

1. I have a Howard City or Pierson mailing address and/or telephone number.
2. I am currently attending one of the following which are accredited by the State of Michigan: Tri-County High School, home school, or alternative program.

**By signing this code of conduct, I understand and agree:**

1. I will attend 90% of scheduled appearances/parades.
2. The method of judging the Harvest Festival Jr Miss Pageant shall be at the sole discretion of the Harvest Festival Pageant judges.
3. In the event that I fail to abide by all of the rules and regulations governing the contest, I will forfeit my position as a Pageant contestant, Harvest Festival Jr Miss, or Court Member.
4. If I am selected as Harvest Festival Jr Miss or Court Member, I promise, to the best of my ability, that my time and cooperation will be to the Harvest Festival Committee. I agree to future public appearances when and where needed unless prior consent from Harvest Festival Committee members is given.

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**Pageant Contestant Signature**

**Date**

I, as parent/guardian of the above named, understand and agree that the above statements are true. I also understand and agree that I will help my child be accountable to uphold her responsibilities set forth in this code of conduct agreement.

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**Parent Signature**

**Date**

Thank you for your interest in representing Howard City and we look forward to working with you.

**2024 Harvest Festival Princess Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on date of pageant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests or Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who will be escorting you on stage during the pageant?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite School Subject \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel is something special, funny and/or something you would like the judges to know about you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Application deadline: Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**Submitting Applications can be done via:**

**Email: harvestfestivalpageant123@gmail.com OR**

**Drop off at:**

**Howard City Village Office (office is closed Friday after 11 am,  
Saturday, and Sunday)**