



Howard City Harvest Festival Queen Pageant
Saturday, August 11, 2024 at 4pm
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. Do not type your answers.
- You may use the back sides as necessary.
- Please provide one reference (not a family member).

The Harvest Festival Queen Pageant application deadline is
Friday, July 24, 2024 at 5 pm.

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all contestants and parent/guardians on **Tuesday, August at 5 pm** at the Municipal Building (Village Council meeting room) in Howard City where we will discuss the pageant agenda, proper attire for the evening, conduct the interview process 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.** Attendees 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 will be \$2 at the door each contest will receive one free ticket.

Contestants will be introduced to the audience/judges, answer questions from the judges, and give a 3-5 minute presentation. The presentation topic will be **“Why Do You Want to Represent Howard City as the Harvest Festival Queen?”**

Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, character, speaking qualities, and attendance at the mandatory meeting. At the conclusion of the Queen portion of the pageant, the Howard City Harvest Festival Queen and First-Runner Up 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 Queen will receive **\$500.00** and the First Runner-Up will receive **\$250.00**. 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.

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.

Howard City Harvest Festival Queen Pageant

Contestant Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must be a **resident of Howard City or Pierson having a Howard City or Pierson mailing address** and Howard City or Pierson telephone number.
2. Contestants must have reached the age of **16 by May 1st of the year of the pageant and will not reach the age of 21 by May 1st of the following year.**
3. Contestants are high school graduates or must be attending one of the following which are accredited by the State of Michigan: Tri County High School, home school, or alternative program.
4. Contestants must be single and never married.
5. Contestants must not be pregnant and never have had any children.

6. Contestants must not have a criminal record or have been arrested.
7. Queen and First Runner Up will participate in the fundraisers throughout their reign. Money raised will be used to fund community service events hosted by the Queen and First Runner Up; for items needed for the Queen and Court pageant/float.
8. It is expected that the Queen and First Runner Up will be appropriately dressed for parades and other community events that they participate in. Dresses should be neat, clean and appropriate for a parade. For other community events, 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. .
9. **Queen and First Runner Up are responsible for securing a licensed driver over the age of 18 (parent, grandparent, other approved individual) who will pick up the float from the Village garage (on day of parade) and travel to the city hosting the parade. This individual will drive the float in the parade and immediately return the float to the Village garage.**
10. **Contestants, if chosen Queen or First Runner Up, must be available to participate in the Howard City Harvest Festival celebration on the second Saturday in September including all of the activities in the park, parade, as well as attending other scheduled events throughout the year. The Queen and First Runner Up will represent Howard City at various parades/events in the surrounding communities throughout the next year.**
11. If chosen Queen or First Runner Up, contestants agree to attend at least 90% of all scheduled events. The checks will be given to the Queen and First Runner Up at the end of their reign.
12. Contestants agree to cooperate with members of the Howard City Harvest Festival Committee and commit their time for public appearances when and where they are needed throughout the year.

Queen and Court 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, 2024 at 1:30 PM, Tri County High School

Harvest Festival Pageant: August 11, 2024 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. Activities at the Park
4. Firemen's Parade of Lights
5. Other duties as requested

Red Flannel Day (Cedar Springs): 1st Saturday in October

1. Queen's tea
2. Parade

Lakeview Summer Fest: 2nd Saturday in June

1. Parade

Sand Lake: 4th of July

1. Queen's tea
2. Parade

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

1. Queen's Tea
2. Parade

Lowell Days – Royalty on the Riverwalk – second Saturday in July

1. Parade

Stanton Old-Fashioned Days – second Saturday in August

1. Parade

Community Responsibilities

1. Corn Roast – 4th Saturday in August at Ensley Park in Howard City. 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 – 1st Tuesday in August at Ensley Park in Howard City.
3. Christmas Event at the Library
4. Mother's Day Tea – Saturday before Mother's Day
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.

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.

"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: harvestfestivalcourt@gmail.com

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, 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 Queen and/or Court Member if rules are broken. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject applications.

Howard City Harvest Festival Queen Pageant Code of Conduct

I, _____, hereby apply as a contestant for the 2024 Howard City Harvest Festival Queen 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 a high school graduate or currently attend one of the following which are accredited by the State of Michigan: Tri County High School, home school, or alternative program.
3. I am single and have never been married.
4. I am not pregnant and do not have any children.
5. I do not have any form of a criminal record, including but not limited to: underage drinking, and/or drug related offenses.
6. I do not smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs.
7. My grade point average is a minimum of 2.0.

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

1. I will maintain a 2.0 during the time I am a Pageant contestant and during my reign as Harvest Festival Queen or Court Member.
2. I will attend 90% of scheduled appearances/parades.
3. The method of judging the Harvest Festival Queen Pageant shall be at the sole discretion of the Harvest Festival Pageant judges.
4. 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 Queen or Court Member.
5. If I am selected as Harvest Festival Queen 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 member is given.

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.

Parent Signature

Date

2024 Harvest Festival Queen Pageant Resume

Name (as you wish it to be publicized): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

We will contact you by email.

I am the daughter of (as you wish it to be publicized):

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Brother(s) names and ages:

Sister(s) names and ages

Who will be escorting you on stage during the pageant?

Name _____

Relationship _____

Hobbies: _____

Sports, clubs, and activities you are involved in and how you are involved?

What is your favorite subject in school and why? _____

Are you employed? _____ If so, where and what are your duties? _____

What are your future educational plans? _____

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? _____

Who is the person you most admire and why? _____

Why did you decide to become a pageant contestant? _____

What do you feel are the responsibilities and duties of the Howard City Harvest Festival Queen and her Court? _____

How would you best represent Howard City if you are NOT chosen as Queen or

Court member? _____

What character qualities do you possess that are essential for a Queen or Court member? _____

Please provide one reference (not a family member):

1. Name: _____
Title: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Application deadline: Friday, July 22, 2022 at 5 pm

Email:
harvestfestivalpageant123@gmail.com

Or

Drop off at:
Howard City Village Office (office closes Friday at 11am; closed Saturday and Sunday)