

Dogwood Festival Queen Contest Entry Form
Saturday April 21st at 5:00 p.m.

The following information may be used by the pageant emcee and in the newspaper.
It will also be given to the judges.

First & Middle Name only: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

School Activities/Clubs:

Plans after high school:

Hobbies, Activities, talents outside of school:

What made you want to enter the contest:

Describe yourself in 3 words:

Favorite Quote:

If you could meet one person and talk with them, who would you choose?

If you could do one thing to improve your community would it would be?

What would be special to you about being crowned Queen of the 50th Dogwood Festival?

I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Dogwood Festival Queen Contest set forth by the contest committee and agree that the decision of the judges is final.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Names: _____

(Please include first and last names. If parent(s) are divorced or deceased, please indicate how you prefer them to be listed.)

Interview

1. This event will be judged the morning before the pageant with the judges at the Orleans Elementary School. Each contestant will speak with the judges separately for five to seven minutes.
2. a. Each contestant should be 10 minutes early to their scheduled interview time. If a contestant is late for their interview the judges will
3. see them after all the contestants have been interviewed IF time allows it and judges agree to interview that contestant.
4. Proper attire should consist of a skirted business suit or dress with panty hose and pumps or heels. Pants will not be permitted and if worn will result in reduction of points.
5. This event will be judged on your personality, ability to converse, and poise.

The contestants will be scored on a scale from 0-50 during the interview judging.

Interview Wear

1. This will be the first event judged in the pageant. Each contestant will walk on stage in their interview wear for their introduction.
2. Proper attire should consist of dresses, skirts, capris or slacks. Skirts should be fingertip-length or
3. longer. Tops such as tube, crop, and midriff-bearing are not permitted and if worn will result in a
4. reduction of points.
5. This event will be judged on posture, poise, and overall impression.
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The contestant will be scored on a scale from 0-15 during the interview wear judging.

Evening Gown

1. This will be the second event judged in the pageant.
2. Proper attire should consist of a formal evening gown. Contestants should use good judgement
3. when choosing a gown. Gowns that are midriff-bearing or with a skirt that is split two or more inches above the knee and/or a low-cut bodice will not be permitted and if worn will result in a reduction of points.
4. This event will be judged on posture, poise and overall impression.

The contestants will be scored on a scale from 0-15 during the interview judging.

On- Stage Question

1. This will be the third event judged in the pageant.
2. While on stage for evening gown, each contestant will be asked to answer a question. The

3. question will be chosen by the Judges and will be different for every contestant. It will not be disclosed to the contestants until on stage.

The contestants will be scored on a scale from 0-20 during the interview judging.

Sponsorship

1. Each contestant is required to have a minimum of five \$20.00 sponsors. You may have any business or persons you wish to sponsor you. You will be responsible for collecting and turning in your own money. Please have any change turned into dollars. All checks should be made payable to the Orleans Chamber of Commerce. Place all money and your tracking form in an envelope labeled with your name and contestant number.
 2. The title of Miss Fundraiser and prize for the category will be awarded to the person who brings in the most money.
 3. All \$20.00 or more sponsors will be announced on the night of the coronation; however this will only be applicable to the sponsors who are turned in by 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13.
 4. This portion of the pageant will in no way determine who is chosen as the Orleans Dogwood Queen. However, it will award an extra 5 points to the winner of Miss Fundraiser (Jr. Miss & Queen contestant combined) to go toward that contestants final score from the judges.
- You **must** be a student and live within the Orleans School District. Those who are home schooled are eligible to participate provided that they reside within the school district. Mid-term graduates and exchange student may also participate.
 - Jr. Miss Contestants must be in grades 7-8. Queen candidates must be in grades 9-12.
 - Candidates must have five \$20.00 sponsors. Checks must be made out to the Orleans Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for forms and entry fee is Saturday, April 1st and can be mailed to: Ashley Knight at 1925 VFW Road, Mitchell, IN 47446.
 - A candidate **cannot** have a child/children, or be expecting at the time of the contest.
 - Those who are married, have been married or are divorced, are not eligible.
 - Formal gowns for all contestants must be at least knee or longer.
 - **No parents will be allowed at practice.** Practices will only consist of contestants, chairpersons, emcee, spotlight director, and on stage coach.
 - **The Queen, and her court are required to participate in the Festival Parade. Transportation will be up to the contest to get for themselves to ride in the parade unless a float is provided for them.**
 - The Queen and her court **are** required to participate in all Festival events. The Queen will serve as the hostess of the festival. A complete schedule of events will be provided.
 - If there are **ANY** problems concerning Queens and their courts behavior or actions, prior to or during the contest, you will be asked to withdraw the title. If there are **ANY** problems concerning you behavior during the festival week, you may be relieved of your crown and all duties. **ALL** contestants are expected to act accordingly when representing the Dogwood Festival, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Orleans.

- Candidates and parents are not permitted to confront a judge after the court has been announced. If this happens, the candidate or parent will be asked to leave. They will not be welcomed back next year. The decision of the judges is **FINAL**.
- If you have any questions concerning these rules, please contact the contest co-chairpersons: Ashley Knight; Event Chair, 812.653.0255.
- **I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Dogwood Festival Queen Contest set forth by the contest committee and agree that the decision of the judges is final.**