

Miss Wells County Pageant

July 17, 2017

Applications Due June 13, 2017

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017 Miss Wells County Pageant! The Miss Wells County Pageant is open to all single women in Wells County, ages 18-22. The local contest resembles the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant to which the Miss Wells County Pageant is a preliminary.

There are five areas of competition:

1. The interview represents the business side of a woman's life – interacting with other people in the working world, knowing how to present herself when applying for a job, and how to carry on an interesting discussion. Women need this experience in modern society.
2. The professional wear competition reflects the image of today's active women in a professional and social role.
3. The formal wear competition explores the more romantic side of life. Expression of the true personality is necessary even in formal situations.
4. The speech competition highlights the woman's ability to speak to a crowd. Public speaking is increasingly important in a career and community groups.
5. The onstage question competition expresses the woman's intelligence and the ability to think on her feet.

The Miss Wells County Pageant is organized by the Miss Wells County Committee. The event is financially supported by several businesses and sponsors throughout Wells County. A complete list will be announced at the pageant.

Each contestant will receive a gift and learn valuable skills including social, public speaking, interview, and confidence. The winner and runners up will also receive generous sponsored gifts.

The committee encourages all women no matter the experience level to apply. The object is to have fun as well as guide them to be the best women they can be. The committee members have the experience and passion to make sure every woman is ready and confident when pageant day comes.

Miss Wells County Committee

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CONTEST DATE: JULY 17, 2017 APPLICATIONS DUE: JUNE 13, 2017

WORKSHOPS: Workshops are held to help prepare you for the event. The workshops will be held at the 4-H Community Building in Bluffton at 6:30 PM on June 13, June 27, and July 7.

NEW THIS YEAR: Preliminary judging will be held on July 8th. Time and place will be decided on a later date.

RULES:

The following rules have been developed by the Miss Wells County Committee and the Indiana State Fair Pageant Committee:

1. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age by June 1, 2018 and cannot have had her 22nd birthday as of June 1, 2018.
2. Contestants must be unmarried and must never have been married. Contestants cannot have had a child. If the winner becomes married or pregnant during her reign, she will relinquish her title.
3. While representing Wells County, the winner and her court must act and dress appropriately or they will be required to relinquish their titles. Examples of inappropriate actions include: consumption of alcohol, drug use, smoking, lewd remarks, inappropriate use of social media, etc. Examples of inappropriate dress include: low cut shirts, short shorts, see-through clothing, and clothing with derogatory writing on it, etc. There will be **NO** cell phone use or texting activity while carrying out duties.
4. A contestant must reside in Wells County. She may be attending college elsewhere but permanent address must be in Wells County.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in her community (church group, community clubs, 4-H, etc.)
6. A previous Miss Wells County or any contestant that has competed in a State Fair Queen Pageant cannot enter the contest.
7. A current Miss Wells County Teen winner must wait one year before competing in Miss Wells County if eligible.
8. Each contestant must be sponsored by a merchant, club, or organization who will contribute \$100 to defray the expenses of the contestant. (This covers the cost of a meal, gift, photo, flowers, plaques, crown, and judges.) Also,

the contestant must furnish her own transportation (car and driver) for the 4-H parade.

9. Miss Wells County will be required to represent Wells County as a contestant in the State Fair Queen Pageant and must also abide by all State Fair Queen Pageant rules. The State Fair Pageant will be held on January 5-7, 2018.
10. The county contestants will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse. Points and score sheets are for judges' assessment only. Final selection is judges' choice. The judging is divided into five categories:

DIVISION I:	Interview Ability to converse Personality Poise	45%
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DIVISION II:	Professional Wear Posture and Poise Fit and Style Overall Impression	20%
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DIVISION III:	Formal Wear Posture and Poise Fit and Style Overall Impression	20%
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DIVISION IV:	Speech Ability to speak Content Poise	10%
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DIVISION V:	On-Stage Question Posture and Poise Content of Answer Overall Impression	5%
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11. Division requirements:

DIVISION I: Interview

A professional dress or suit is worn for interview. Pant suits and separates may be worn. Each contestant will have a maximum of three minutes before the judges. She will answer impromptu questions asked by the judges.

DIVISION II: Professional Wear

A professional dress or suit is worn for the pageant. Pant suits and separates may be worn. Suit does not have to be of same fabric. The suit or dress worn by the contestant in interview may also be worn for professional wear. Props are not allowed.

DIVISION III: Formal Wear

A long evening gown is worn for the pageant. Gowns with the skirt split above the knee and/or low-cut bodice are strongly discouraged and discounted by the judges.

DIVISION IV: Speech

A professional dress or suit is worn for the speech. Pant suits and separates may be worn. The suit or dress worn by the contestant in interview may also be worn for the speech. Contestant will perform a one-minute prepared speech of their choice.

DIVISION V: On-Stage Question

The attire for opening number will be worn for on-stage question. Contestant will answer an impromptu question on stage.

12. The Miss Wells County Pageant is financially supported by several donors who sponsor the following awards:

Miss Wells County

Scholarship – Plaque – Miss Wells County Crown – Sash

First Runner Up

Scholarship – Plaque – Sash

Second Runner Up

Scholarship – Plaque – Sash

Third Runner Up

To Be Determined

Miss Congeniality

Plaque

People's Choice Award

Plaque

13. Questions about the pageant may be directed to committee directors Joye Fuess (260) 413-9039 and Sara Alford (260) 227-1703.

WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 13, JUNE 27, AND JULY 7 @ 6:30 PM AT 4-H COMMUNITY BUILDING!

PRELIMINARY JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 8!

MISS WELLS COUNTY APPLICATION

Please complete this application and turn in with your sponsor check to Joye Fuess: joyefuess97@gmail.com or Sara Alford: saraalford@live.com. For an online version of application please email saraalford@live.com. Judges DO see this application! Use a maximum of one extra page for answers.

PLEASE TYPE

FULL NAME _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

SPONSOR _____

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES (Clubs, School, Church, Community, etc.)

HOBBIES OR FAVORITE PASTTIME _____

AMBITIONS OR FUTURE PLANS _____
