

To Whom It May Concern:

On Saturday, August 27th the Tipp City Mum Festival will be crowning its 2011 Queen. We are cordially inviting representatives from any school to participate in the Mum Festival Queen's Pageant. We will accept applications postmarked on or before June 30, 2011. Unfortunately, we have to limit the actual pageant to only fifteen contestants. If it is deemed necessary, a preliminary pre-pageant competition will be held. Applicants will be notified personally upon acceptance as participant or if there is the the need for a pre-pageant competition.

Any girl who will be a junior or senior in the 2011/2012 school year is eligible to participate. The rules governing selection are enclosed. All interested applicants should read and agree to the obligations of the Tipp City Mum Festival Queen's Pageant. It will also be necessary to be available to attend a practice and personal interview with the judges on the evening of Wednesday, August 24th and attend the festival (if chosen for the court) the weekend of September 23-25.

Please distribute applications and rules to any girls who may be interested in taking part in the pageant. They should also be made aware that prize money will be awarded to the Queen, her court, Miss Congeniality and the Talent Winner. This is a great opportunity to meet girls from other schools and also receive money for future education.

Thank you for your consideration and help with this matter. Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Tennant at 937-416-9694. Feel free to leave a voice mail, if necessary.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tennant
Queen's Pageant Chairman

2 Enclosures:
Rules and Regulations
Application

2011 Tipp City Mum Festival Queen Pageant Application

Please return to: Jennifer Tennant, 5391 S. Co. Rd. 25A, Tipp City, OH 45371

No Later Than June 30, 2011

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE #: _____ CELL PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL REPRESENTED: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ # OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ GRADE POINT AVG.: _____

I WILL BE A (circle one) JUNIOR SENIOR IN THE FALL.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: _____

HOBBIES AND OTHER
INTERESTS: _____

TEAMS OR GROUPS YOU BELONG TO OR PARTICIPATE IN: _____

CAREER OR AMBITION YOU HAVE CHOSEN: _____

COLLEGE/SCHOOL YOU WISH TO ATTEND: _____

TYPE OF TALENT: _____

TITLE OF SONG, SPEECH, SKIT, ETC.: _____

FATHER: _____ CELL #: _____

MOTHER: _____ CELL # _____

**** I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE RULES AND OBLIGATIONS****

SIGNATURE: _____

All participants/entrants agree to be bound by the following photographic release:

I grant to the **Tipp City Mum Festival**, its representatives and personnel authorized by it, including Stillwater Photographic, the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with the **Tipp City Mum Festival**. I authorize the **Tipp City Mum Festival**, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print, electronically, and/or in any other medium it sees fit. I agree that the **Tipp City Mum Festival** may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. Failure to agree with these terms will result in the rejection of the Entry Form and submission of this entry shall signify your agreement.

RULES GOVERNING THE SELECTION AND OBLIGATION OF THE QUEEN OF THE TIPP CITY MUM FESTIVAL

The following is a general statement of the rules and regulations governing the selection and reigning of the queen and court of the Tipp City Mum Festival. Each contestant is required to read and understand these rules and regulations and to abide by them, and to sign a statement to that effect.

QUALIFICATIONS

Competition in the Tipp City Mum Pageant is limited to unmarried girls who are in the eleventh and twelfth grades of the school they are representing. Limit is 15 contestants. In the event that we have too many applicants, the committee will pre-judge the contestants. Type of judging to be determined by pageant committee as it is needed.

SELECTION

Selection of the queen, attendants, and talent winner is made by a panel of judges, serving without fee, secured by the Mum Pageant Committee. Girls are judged by the following criteria: personality, poise, talent, appearance, and scholastics. The decision of the judges is final.

Girls competing in the Mum Pageant must comply with all rules and requests of the Pageant Committee during rehearsals and competition. The following rules are mandatory.

1. No parent, teacher, or friend may accompany a contestant during rehearsal and/or backstage during the pageant.
2. The talent presentation may be a selection from any of the performing arts, limited to three minutes. This time limit must apply to any stage setting and/or prop preparation, etc. Contestants should bear in mind that a good talent performance does not require a lot of prop assistance. As our pageant is considered an amateur competition, we cannot accept contestants who have performed professionally in their area of talent. For this purpose, "professional" is defined as having been paid to perform for a paying audience (i.e., singing in a club or Kings Island, La Comedia, etc.) while in high school. Muse Machine and Community Theater are not considered professional endeavors.
3. Final decision as to the suitability of a talent performance because of time, appropriate material, costume, etc., is left to the discretion of the Mum Pageant Committee.
4. Each candidate is responsible for all items necessary to her competition in the pageant: school clothes and accessories; appropriate apparel and accessories for her talent presentation, formal and accessories; any necessary tapes, musical instruments, and other props, etc.
5. The public address system, sound system, and lighting will be handled professionally.
6. A professional cosmetologist will be working with the girls. Each contestant is asked to cooperate. The use of stage lighting requires make-up, which is provided. "Everyday" makeup will be worn for the judges' personal interview.
7. There will be experienced personnel working with the contestants during the wardrobe changes. Wear comfortable shoes – no clogs or shoes with platforms.

DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

The duties, requirements, and obligations of the Tipp City Mum Festival Queen and court are as follows:

1. Participate in the Mum Festival Parade and be present during Mum Festival weekend.
2. Represent the Mum Festival at other Ohio festivals and charity events during the year of reign.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are mandatory for a person selected as Queen or Court of the Tipp City Mum Festival.

1. Marriage and/or pregnancy will constitute an automatic resignation as reigning Mum Queen.
2. Any Tipp City Mum Queen or member of her court who cannot fulfill her one-year obligation because of acceptance of another festival title, ill health, moving, or other valid reason will be required to relinquish her title and return it to Tipp City Mum Festival, Inc. all properties of her title, including her crown, sash, etc.
3. All moneys received will be repaid to the Tipp City Mum Festival, Inc. by the aforementioned person.
4. Any member of the Mum Festival Court found to be involved in underage drinking, drug use or immoral behavior will be removed from the court, and any awards/monies returned to the Mum Festival.

Upon resignation of the reigning queen, the first attendant will be crowned queen. If she cannot fulfill her obligation for any reason, the title and properties will be given to the second attendant, etc.