



## **2023 MISS APPLE FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT** **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- Contestant must be female and a permanent resident of Jackson County or be a student or graduate of a Jackson County high school at the time of application.
- Contestant shall not be younger than 17 (seventeen) or older than 20 (twenty) years of age at the time of the pageant. Contestants younger than 18 (eighteen) years of age must have the written consent of a parent/guardian.
- Contestant/Reigning Miss Apple Festival must be single, never married, never divorced, not had a marriage annulled, never pregnant, nor given birth to a child, and must be of good moral character.
- Contestant may not hold another pageant title that was won during the same year she is competing for Miss Apple Festival. Reigning Miss Apple Festival may not compete in another pageant nor hold another pageant title at the time of the pageant or during her reign as queen.
- Contestant agrees to have photographs taken at the discretion of the Murphysboro Apple Festival and/or the Queen's Committee. It is understood that these photographs may be used in any manner related to the Murphysboro Apple Festival.
- The contestant chosen as the 2023 Miss Apple Festival agrees to be available to reign over the 2024 Murphysboro Apple Festival and make all personal appearances during her reign arranged by the Murphysboro Apple Festival Committee and/or the Queen's Committee.
- If for any reason the winning contestant becomes incapable of performing her duties or is deemed ineligible according to the rules and regulations outlined here in the opinion of the Murphysboro Apple Festival, she will relinquish her title and remaining scholarship money. The runner-up will then be named Miss Apple Festival, provided she is qualified. In the event the runner-up is not qualified to serve as Miss Apple Festival, the Murphysboro Apple Festival reserves the right to use the immediate past Miss Apple Festival to fulfill the duties of Queen.
- Winning contestants must provide proof of enrollment or registration at a college or university to the Murphysboro Apple Festival to receive scholarship money. Scholarship money awarded to Miss Apple Festival will be paid upon completion of her reign.
- Contestants will be judged in these areas of competition: swimsuit, evening gown, private interview, and on-stage speaking.
- Contestants must have a sponsor, limited to one (1), with a sponsorship fee of \$100.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- The Murphysboro Apple Festival reserves the right to amend these rules at any time.

**Please keep this copy of the rules & regulations for your reference**

*For questions or additional information,  
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