

Newberry Watermelon Festival

Queen Beauty Pageant

Oak View Middle School Auditorium

Friday, May 17th, 2024, at 6:30 pm



- Contestants must have reached at least their 19th Birthday by November 2024 and not be older than 22 years old as of April 1, 2024
- Contestants shall be never married, never pregnant, and without children.
- Newberry Watermelon Queen must participate in **at least** six (6) events to be coordinated through the Queen Coordinator. Any event she is asked to participate in, the Queen Coordinator must be notified before an appearance may be made as Newberry Watermelon Queen.
- Upon her satisfactorily completing her reign, the Newberry Watermelon Queen will receive \$500 cash.
- Contestants understand and agree that in the event she is unable to complete her reign as Newberry Watermelon Queen, **she will return crown, banner, and all prizes and the first runner-up will complete the reign as queen.**
- The Newberry Watermelon Queen must be reliable, responsible, dependable, neat and prompt always. She must also be knowledgeable in the watermelon industry.
- Dress code for the Newberry Watermelon Queen to include skirts, shorts, tops, blouses, dresses, and eveningwear of a conservative manner. The Queen Coordinator must approve pants or slacks. **No jeans, leather, short-shorts, or miniskirts are to be worn at any appearance.**

Please include ONE recent 5x7 photographs (color or black & white) for Miss Photogenic.

Sponsor Fee: \$185 Please send sponsor fee to \$watermelonpageant on Cashapp. (Please add name and age to payment) email your application and photo to

newberrywatermelonpageant@gmail.com or mail into Morgan Hughes and Lisa Green, Pageant Coordinator PO Box 1724 Newberry, Florida 32669.



2024 Newberry Watermelon Festival Queen Beauty Pageant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Hair Color: Eye Color: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Name of School: Major: _____

Special Honors: _____

Hobbies: _____

Future plans: _____

Name of Employer: _____

You're Title: _____

If chosen as Newberry Watermelon Festival Queen, briefly describe how you would perform your duties:

Do you hold any titles or are you presently involved with or competing in any other contest that would conflict if chosen as Newberry Watermelon Queen?

Yes No _____ If yes, what title? _____

Queen Contestant Dinner Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at 6:30pm Place to be announced

_____ Check if guest will be attending _____ Number of Sponsor(s) attending

Sponsor's Name:

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I, the undersigned contestant, listed below, specifically assume any risk and release the NEWBERRY WATERMELON FESTIVAL, NEWBERRY OAK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, CITY OF NEWBERRY and destiny church property from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, liability, or damages, and I agree to indemnify and hold the NEWBERRY WATERMELON FESTIVAL, NEWBERRY OAK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, CITY OF NEWBERRY and destiny church property harmless from any and all costs of any kind whatsoever (including attorney's fees and court costs), causes of action, claims, demands, liability, or damages relating in any way to the NEWBERRY WATERMELON Festival's, functions and/or events, whether caused by, or allegedly caused by any acts, intentional, negligent, contributory, or otherwise by the NEWBERRY WATERMELON Festival's agents, officers, directors, or employees.

I have read the complete application, including the rules, queen responsibilities and judging criteria. I agree to abide by all the rules set forth by the Newberry Watermelon Festival, Inc. and the Queen Coordinator. I understand the judges' decision is final. I further certify that I meet the criteria to compete in the Newberry Watermelon Queen Pageant.

Signature of Contestant Date

If contestant is under 18years old, signature of parent/guardian must be obtained. Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature: _____

Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED by: May 8th, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact:

Morgan Hughes 352-727-9287 or Lisa Green 352-354-5385 Pageant Coordinator
newberrywatermelonpageant@gmail.com

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Queen Contestant Schedule

Thursday, May 16th, 2024, 6:30pm QUEEN CONTESTANT DINNER AND INTERVIEWS for contestant, sponsor(s), and one guest ONLY. Coordinator will give you information on place for luncheon at orientation.

- Each contestant will have a personal interview with the judges. Remember, BE YOURSELF.

Friday, May 17th, 2024, 6:30 pm PAGEANT at the Newberry Oak View Middle School Auditorium

- **SPORTSWEAR COMPETITION** – dressy casual (skirts, dress, or pantsuits) **NO jeans, leather, stretch Lycra wear, tank tops, or other like garments! Points will be deducted.**
- **SPEECH COMPETITION** – business attire (may be a Sunday dress or business suit). Present a personal speech on a topic of your choice, not to exceed two minutes. **No props!**
- **EVENINGWEAR COMPETITION** – eveningwear attire
- **IMPROMPTU QUESTION** – question asked by Emcee

Saturday, May 18th 2024, 9:00am PARADE Line up at the Fruit Stand (Be in line no later than 9:30am).

Attire: Casual Wear

You will be responsible for your car. Signs must be attached on each side with your NAME, QUEEN CONTESTANT, and SPONSOR'S NAME. Parade numbers will be given out at orientation.

- **TBA INTRODUCTION OF CONTESTANTS** (promptly after Parade) at the Newberry Watermelon Festival Attire: Parade attire
- You will use the microphone to say your contestant number, name, sponsor, and city of residence.
- **TBA RETURN TO FESTIVAL** for Seed-spitting and Hog Calling contest and to promote and invite festival- goers to stay for the Crowning of the 2024 Queen Pageant later that day.
Attire: Auction Outfit – Watermelon Theme, Red, pink and/or Green

- **TBA AUCTION** at the Newberry Watermelon Festival
Contestants assist by displaying watermelon items throughout audience.
- **TBA Introduction of Queen Contestants**
CROWNING OF THE 2024 NEWBERRY WATERMELON FESTIVAL QUEEN
- (Times may vary – a more accurate schedule will be given closer to the pageant date)

Attn: Morgan Hughes or Lisa Green Pageant Coordinator
PO Box 1724
Newberry, Florida 32669

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The following is a list of the competitions and the percentage score for each:

- Speech (Friday) 25%
- Sportswear (Friday) 10%
- Eveningwear (Friday) 10%
- Beauty (Friday) 10%
- Personal Interview 25% (Thursday)
- Overall Impression 10% (Thursday & Friday)
- Auction (Saturday) 5%
- Question (Friday) 5%