## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY QUEEN ENTRY AND RULES



## **Queen's Contest Rules**

- 1. Entries will be accepted until May 30, 2025. No late registrations will be accepted.
- 2. Contestant must be of high school age; this includes entering ninth grade or from the 2025 graduating class.
- 3. Contestants can be from any locality.
- 4. Previous Pekin 4<sup>th</sup> of July Queens are not eligible.
- 5. Contestants cannot be married or become a mother during the contest or reign as queen.
- 6. All contestants will be responsible for their own transportation during the parade, this can be a car/truck/float and will be referred to as a float. This is judged separately from the queen contest. No one may ride with the contestant during the parade or walk beside the float. The float is required to have a poster board sized sign on each side with the contestant's name and sponsor. You do not need to sign up for the parade. The queen is always responsible for her transportation in all parades.
- 7. Contestants will need a sponsor. Sponsors can be a business or individual. A non-refundable \$60 entry fee will be required. Checks or money orders should be made out to the Pekin Community Betterment Organization.
- **8.** Contestants are required to wear a full-length formal gown during the contest. During the parade contestants will wear a sundress, Queen t-shirt, or dress according to theme of float.
- 9. The Contestant and one adult are required to attend the first meeting on June 1st at 2:00 PM at the Pekin Park stage area. Come photo ready as photos for the 4<sup>Th</sup> of July commemorative book/newspapers will be taken.
- 10. Contestants will be required to be at the East Washington Elementary School parking lot **NO LATER** than 8:30AM the morning of the fourth.
- 11. The Pekin Community Betterment Organization reserves the right to reject or exclude any contestant for immoral or improper behavior as they see fit. And may revoke the title as queen if the PCBO is shown any behaviors that are not within acceptable standards as the PCBO sees fit.
- 12. After winning Queen, the Queen will conduct herself in a manner that upholds the most respect for herself, the community, and the role she is always representing. The queen will understand that she will always be held to a high standard of moral and proper behavior during her reign as queen regardless if it is in the public, or on any social media.
- 13. The queen will be required to volunteer with activities in the community throughout her reign. During these activities, friends may not participate without permission from the pageant coordinator.
- 14. If the Queen is invited to participate in any events outside of Pekin, or not already scheduled by the coordinator she must ask and be given permission from the pageant coordinator or the President of the PCBO.
- 15. The crown and sash will be kept by the pageant coordinator; the queen will be responsible for picking up or dropping it back off after events.
- 16. Each contestant and an adult must sign an entry form and attend the first meeting.
- 17. Contestants will meet behind the stage 45 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
- 18. All dates and times are subject to change, but contestants will be notified.

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Non-refundable entry fee of \$60 and entry form must be mailed and **received by May 30, 2025** (no entries can be dropped off)

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Any questions contact Darlene at 812-525-8418

| Contestant Name:         | AGE:  |
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| Contestant Address:      |       |
| Contestant Phone Number: |       |
| Grade in the fall:       |       |
| School in fall:          |       |
| Sponsor:                 |       |
| Parent/s Name:           |       |
| Phone Number:            |       |
| Parent/s Name:           |       |
| Phone Number:            |       |
| Contestant Signature:    | Date: |
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