



Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant

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EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, September 19th, 2026 @ 2:00 PM
LOCATION: **Spring Hope Elementary School, Spring Hope, NC**
401 McLean Street • Spring Hope, NC 27882
PAGEANT DIRECTOR: Crystal Brumfield
EMAIL: PumpkinPageant@yahoo.com
PHONE: 252.532.6153
ENTRY FEE: \$85 (Includes T-shirt)

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY INFORMATION

The Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant is a natural, wholesome pageant open to girls and young women of all backgrounds residing in or near Nash County and surrounding areas of North Carolina. Our pageant celebrates community spirit, inner beauty, poise, and the joy of the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Contestants must compete in their correct age division based on age as of the day of the competition.
- Reigning title holders from other pageant systems are welcome to enter unless their system prohibits participation in outside events.
- All contestants and their parents/guardians must agree to abide by all rules set forth in this packet.

ENTRY DEADLINES & FEES

Deadline	Entry Fee	Notes
September 4th, 2026	\$85.00	Includes Entry Fee, Pageant T-Shirt and Photogenic Entry (Must Submit 8X10 Photo - Photo will also be in program)

Entry fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by the director. No refunds will be issued for no-shows, withdrawals after the deadline, or disqualification.

HOW TO ENTER

- Complete the official Application / Entry Form (see last page of this packet).
- Obtain required signatures (contestant and parent/guardian if under 18).
- Submit completed form with entry fee payment to the pageant director.
- **Payment accepted by CHECK Payable to NASH ARTS COUNCIL -**
- Confirmation will be sent to the email address on file once registration is processed.
- All contestants will receive a contestant packet by email at least one week prior to the event.

Age Divisions & Rehearsal Schedule

AGE DIVISIONS

Contestants compete in the age division corresponding to their age on the day of the competition. The director reserves the right to combine divisions with fewer than three contestants.

Division	Age Range	Title	Crown
Baby Miss Pumpkin Queen	6 mos. – 2 Years	Tiny Tot Pumpkin Princess	Crown, Sash & Trophy
Tiny Miss Pumpkin Queen	3 – 5 Years	Petite Pumpkin Princess	Crown & Sash & Trophy
Mini Miss Pumpkin Queen	6 – 8 Years	Little Pumpkin Princess	Crown & Sash & Trophy
Little Miss Pumpkin Queen	9 – 11 Years	Junior Pumpkin Princess	Crown & Sash & Trophy
Junior Miss Pumpkin Queen	12 – 13 Years	Pre-Teen Pumpkin Princess	Crown & Sash & Trophy
Teen Miss Pumpkin Queen	14 – 16 Years	Teen Pumpkin Queen	Rhinestone Crown & Sash & Trophy
Miss Pumpkin Queen	17 – 19 Years	Miss Pumpkin Queen	Grand Crown, Sash & Scholarship & Trophy

CONTESTANT MEETING & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are held on the three Saturdays leading up to the pageant. Attendance at all rehearsal sessions is strongly encouraged. Contestants who miss all rehearsals will still be permitted to compete but may be less familiar with stage flow and choreography.

INFORMATION MEETING — Friday, September 4th, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Location: *Four Boars European Kitchen - 803 E. Nash Street • Spring Hope NC 27882*

PRACTICE / OPENING NUMBER COREOGRAPHY — Sunday, September 6th, 2026 @ 1-3 PM

Location: *Spring Hope Elementary School, 401 McLean Street • Spring Hope NC 27882*

PRACTICE — Sunday, September 13th, 2026 @ 1-3 PM

Location: *Spring Hope Elementary School, 401 McLean Street • Spring Hope NC 27882*

Contestants arriving late to rehearsal are still welcome — please notify the director in advance when possible.

JUDGING CRITERIA

All competitions are judged on a 100-point scale by a panel of qualified, impartial judges with backgrounds in pageantry, education, performing arts, or community service. Judges are not affiliated with any contestant or family.

Category	Max Points	Notes
Evening Gown	30 pts	Poise, elegance, attire
Casual Wear	25 pts	Style, personality, confidence
On-Stage Question / Introduction	30 pts	Communication, poise, content
Overall Impression & Stage Presence	15 pts	Judges' holistic evaluation
Photogenic (Optional)	Separate	Does not affect overall score
Pumpkin Princess (People's Choice)	Separate	Audience dollar vote only

Judges' decisions are final. Scores and ranking are confidential. Scoresheets available upon written request after the event.



Sponsorships & Awards

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant is a community event that thrives with the generous support of local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Sponsorships help fund crowns, awards, scholarships, and the overall production of the pageant. In return, sponsors receive recognition before, during, and after the event.

Level	Investment	Benefits
 Pumpkin Queen Sponsor	\$500+	Title-level naming rights (e.g., "Miss Pumpkin Queen presented by [Your Business]"), logo on all printed materials, banner placement at venue, verbal recognition during crowning, social media spotlight, complimentary tickets (4).
 Gold Crown Sponsor	\$250	Business name in printed program, logo on event signage, social media shout-out, complimentary tickets (2).
 Orange Ribbon Sponsor	\$100	Business name in printed program and on scrolling display, thank-you mention from emcee.
 Community Friend	\$50	Business name listed in program. Perfect for individuals or small local shops.
 Division / Award Sponsor	\$75–\$150	Sponsor a specific age division crown or special award. Your name/business associated with that title throughout the event and year.

To become a sponsor, please contact the Pageant Director at PumpkinPageant@yahoo.com. Sponsorship commitments are requested at least four weeks before the event. Checks should be made payable to Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant.

AWARDS & PRIZES

The Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant is proud to offer meaningful recognition for all participants and competitive awards for titleholders. Every contestant is celebrated!

All Contestants Receive:

- Participation Medal

Division Winners & Runners-Up:

Placement	Award	
Division Queen (each division)	Title, Crown, Sash & Trophy	
1st Runner-Up	Trophy	
2nd Runner-Up	Trophy	

Miss Pumpkin Queen — Top Title:

Placement	Award	Prize
Miss Pumpkin Queen	Title, Grand Crown, Supreme Sash, Banner	\$500 Award*
1st Runner-Up	Trophy	
2nd Runner-Up	Trophy	

Special / Optional Awards:

- Photogenic Award — One Award For Entire Pageant - Trophy & \$50 CASH AWARD
- Pumpkin Princess — People's Choice (audience dollar-vote)



General Rules & Participation Guidelines

The Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant is committed to creating a positive, respectful, and fun experience for all contestants, families, and guests. All participants are expected to read and abide by the following rules. Signing the entry form constitutes agreement to all rules and policies.

CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

- Good sportsmanship is required at all times — before, during, and after the event. Unsportsmanlike behavior by contestants, parents, or guests is grounds for immediate disqualification or removal from the venue.
- Negative comments about other contestants, their families, or their appearance will not be tolerated.
- Any harassment, bullying, or intimidation — in person or on social media — may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any title or award.
- Parents and family members are representatives of their contestant. Please set a positive example for all participating children.
- Directors, judges, and staff decisions are final. Scores, rankings, and judging are not subject to challenge or appeal.

ATTIRE GUIDELINES

- All clothing must be age-appropriate. The director reserves the right to request a change of attire if an outfit is deemed inappropriate.
- Evening gowns should be elegant and tasteful. Floor-length preferred for divisions 12 and older; shorter formal gowns acceptable for younger divisions.
- Casual Wear should reflect each contestant's individual style — off-the-rack or custom. Minimal rhinestones and sequins are acceptable.
- No revealing, suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate attire at any time.
- Hair extensions are permitted. Hair should look natural, soft, and polished.
- Makeup should be age-appropriate. Contestants under age 10 are encouraged to wear minimal, natural makeup only.

PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA

- By entering the pageant, contestants and their families consent to the use of photographs and video taken during the event for promotional purposes by the Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant and the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival.
- Personal photography is welcome in audience areas. Flash photography from the audience is discouraged during competition to avoid distracting contestants.
- Please be respectful when photographing other contestants — always obtain permission before posting photos of other participants on social media.

VENUE & SAFETY RULES

- Contestants must remain in designated backstage areas unless otherwise directed by staff.
- No food or beverages allowed in the backstage area (water permitted).
- Parents/guardians of contestants ages 12 and under are permitted backstage. Contestant helpers (one per contestant) are allowed for all ages.
- The pageant organizers, venue, and the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.
- In the event of a medical emergency, please notify staff immediately.

COMPETITION RULES

- Age divisions are determined by age on the day of the competition — no exceptions.
- Contestants must be present and ready when their division is called. Contestants who miss their segment may not be permitted to compete in that segment.
- Props are not permitted during Evening Gown or Casual Wear unless approved in advance by the director.
- On-Stage Questions will be provided by the emcee from a prepared pool of age-appropriate questions. Contestants may not preview questions in advance.
- Each contestant is responsible for knowing the competition order.
- Titles and awards may be revoked if the winner is found to have misrepresented their age, identity, or eligibility.

DISCLAIMERS & LIABILITY

- The Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant, its directors, staff, and volunteers are not liable for any injury, accident, or illness occurring on the premises.
- All entry fees are non-refundable. No credits or transfers will be issued unless the event is cancelled by the director.
- The director reserves the right to modify the schedule, combine age divisions, add categories, or make any operational adjustments necessary to ensure a quality event.
- This pageant is a natural pageant
- The pageant is not affiliated with any national pageant system unless explicitly stated. Titles are local and non-transferable to other systems.
- Results are final. All judging is conducted independently and confidentially.

Questions? Contact the Pageant Director — we are happy to help!



Queen Duties & Expectations

Congratulations, Queen! With your crown comes the privilege of representing our community.

Holding a Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant title is an honor and a responsibility. Queens are ambassadors of the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival, Nash County, and the spirit of community that makes our town special. The following guidelines outline what is expected of titleholders during their reign.

REQUIRED APPEARANCES

All division queens are required to make a minimum of four (4) official appearances during their reign year. Miss Pumpkin Queen may be asked for additional appearances at the director's request.

Event	Typical Date	Details
Christmas in Spring Hope	December	Attend and participate in Spring Hope's local Christmas celebration. Represent the pageant in the community.
Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival Parade	First Weekend of October	Ride on the official Pumpkin Pageant Float through the parade route. See float contribution details below.
Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival — Main Stage	Day of Festival	Appear on the main stage during the festival for congratulatory recognition. Queens will be introduced and celebrated before the crowd.
Additional Community Appearances	As arranged	Ribbon cuttings, school events, nonprofit fundraisers, etc. Coordinate with the director.

QUEEN MAGNETS

As part of your reign, you will have the opportunity to order personalized queen magnets featuring your official name, title, and year.

- Magnet orders are placed independently through the director's approved vendor. Information provided after crowning.
- Magnets should be ordered within 30 days of crowning to ensure delivery before your first appearance.
- Magnet costs are the responsibility of the titleholder and are separate from all pageant fees.

REIGN CONDUCT & SOCIAL MEDIA

- Queens are expected to conduct themselves with grace, kindness, and professionalism both in person and online during their entire reign.
- Social media posts in an official capacity (wearing crown/sash) should reflect positively on the pageant and the Spring Hope community.
- Do not post negative, controversial, or inappropriate content while serving as a titleholder.
- Queens are encouraged to use their platform to promote community involvement, local events, and the Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival.
- Tagging the pageant's official social media accounts in appearance photos is encouraged and appreciated.

CROWN & SASH CARE

- Queens are responsible for the care and safekeeping of their crown and sash throughout their reign.
- Crowns should be stored safely when not in use.
- Crowns & Sashes are yours to keep and display with pride!

We are so proud of each and every one of our queens!

Thank you for being an ambassador for Spring Hope and the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival..



Official Entry / Application Form

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Please print clearly. Incomplete applications will not be processed. All information must be accurate.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Contestant's Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age on Day of Competition: _____ Age Division Entering: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (REQUIRED FOR CONTESTANTS UNDER 18)

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

COMPETITION DETAILS

Entry Fee: \$85.00 - Make Checks Payable to **NASH ARTS COUNCIL**

Mail To: Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival - PAGEANT

P.O. Box 36 • Spring Hope, NC 27882

Total Amount Enclosed / Submitted: \$ _____

BRIEF CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHY (FOR EMCEE INTRODUCTION 3-5 SENTENCES)

RELEASE, WAIVER & AGREEMENT

By signing below, the contestant (and parent/guardian if contestant is under 18 years of age) agrees to the following:

- I have read and agree to all rules, guidelines, and requirements set forth in the Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant participant packet.
- I understand that entry fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by the director.
- I release the Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant, its directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and the Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival from any and all liability for injuries, accidents, illness, theft, or loss of property occurring in connection with this event.
- I consent to the use of photographs, video recordings, and likeness of the contestant for promotional and media purposes related to the Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant and Spring Hope National Pumpkin Festival.
- I understand that judges' decisions are final and agree not to challenge, dispute, or interfere with judging results.
- I agree to conduct myself (and conduct my family members) with good sportsmanship, kindness, and respect for all participants, staff, and guests.
- I understand that unsportsmanlike conduct, misrepresentation of eligibility, or violation of any rule may result in disqualification and/or forfeiture of any title or award.
- If crowned as a titleholder, I agree to fulfill all required appearance duties, contribute \$40.00 toward parade float costs, and uphold the standards of my title throughout my reign.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE (Required):

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (Required if contestant is under 18):

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Please submit completed form and payment to: **Crystal Brumfield • PumpkinPageant@yahoo.com**

Thank you for entering the Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant! We can't wait to see you on stage. 🍁