



Melon Belles and Beaus Application

Thank you for your interest in joining the Melon Belles & Beaus! Please complete the application below. All information will remain confidential and used solely for membership purposes.

Personal Information

Full Name	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
School Name	
Grade	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Parent/Guardian Information (If Applicant Is Under 18)

Parent/Guardian Name	
Relationship to Applicant	
Parent/Guardian Phone	
Parent/Guardian Email	

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact Name	
Relationship	
Phone Number	

Membership Information

- Why are you interested in joining the Melon Belles & Beaus?

- What activities or topics interest you most?

- Do you have any skills, talents, or hobbies you'd like to share?

- Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, or special needs the group should be aware of?

Membership requirements

- (1) All applicants must include TWO (2) reference letters from teachers, clergy, employers, or other professionals who know them well. The letters must include a phone number for the individual signing the letter.
- (2) All applications must be returned NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2026. Applications with references should be printed and mailed to: Rhonda Johnson, 80 Academy Street, Varnville, SC 29944, OR emailed to hcwfbellesnbeaus@gmail.com.
- (3) Following the application deadline, each applicant will be contacted and scheduled for an in-person interview with Belle & Beau and Festival staff. Selections will be announced when all interviews are complete.
- (4) Once 2026 Belles and Beaus are selected, all will be invited for a Welcome meeting in which all rules and expectations will be discussed. A \$30 membership fee will be collected from each Belle/Beau at this meeting.

BELLE AND BEAU CODE OF CONDUCT

* I agree to be available to work all events as assigned. I will arrive on time and remain for the duration of each event until I check out with a sponsor. I will give adequate notice if I am unable to attend any event by calling one of the Johnsons (numbers below).

* I agree to adhere to all established dress codes, including no shorts more than 5 inches above the knee (NO DAISY DUKES, ladies!) no undergarments exposed, and no ripped or torn clothing. Shirt colors for each event will be noted on your event schedule; you may wear white, khaki, black, or denim shorts, capris, or pants/jeans.

* I agree to represent the festival as a courteous and professional young adult. I will greet all visitors and be happy, look happy, and act happy at all times! I will ride the assigned float in the festival parade, wave, smile, and refrain from using my cell phone.

* I will not bring friends (including boyfriends/girlfriends) to events. I agree that I am there to work, not socialize with friends.

* All Belles and Beaus are required to ride in the Hampton County Watermelon Festival Parade.

* I understand that temperatures may be extremely hot during the festival. I will keep myself hydrated. Water will be provided during events; any other drinks should be brought from home.

Thank you all!

Melon Belle/Beau Sponsors:

Rhonda Johnson (803) 842-3562

David Johnson (803) 842-5707

Lainey Johnson (903) 842-0290

If you have any questions feel free to text/call us.

Notes for Parents/Guardians:

- By signing up for consideration in becoming a Belle or Beau, your child is agreeing to be available for all scheduled events. By signing below you agree that you will ensure that they will attend all events that they are scheduled to work.
- Should an emergency arise, you will need to notify staff immediately so that we can arrange coverage for that event.
- Any Belle or Beau who misses two scheduled events (without a valid excuse) will be removed from our group.

Consent and Signature

- Consent: I give permission to participate in all Melon Belles & Beaus activities and agree to abide by group rules and guidelines.
- Media Release: I give / do not give (circle one) permission for photos or videos of the applicant to be used for Melon Belles & Beaus publications or social media.

Applicant Signature	
Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	

Thank you for applying! We will review your application and contact you soon.