

*Old King Coal  
Princess Flame  
Official Rules and Regulations*

1. Contestant must be a U.S. Citizen and resident of Illinois.
2. Contestant must have been born a woman.
3. Contestant must never have been convicted of a felony offense.
4. Contestant must be single, never have been married or had a marriage annulled, and never have been pregnant.
5. Any and all provocative or distasteful photos or text must be removed from any online source before entering the pageant.
6. A contestant must be a minimum of 17 years of age by the pageant date and not have reached her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by the pageant date.
7. Contestant agrees to have her photograph taken at the discretion of the Pageant Director. It is understood that this photograph may be used in any manner in connection with publicity for Old King Coal Festival and Princess Flame Pageant.
8. Contestants are required to attend the rehearsal the morning of the pageant.
9. **Contestants are required to participate in the opening number, which will not be judged. Contestants are asked to wear a cocktail dress.**
10. Contestants agree to be interviewed by the judges, to appear in swimwear (choice of one- or two-piece) and formal gown onstage, and answer an onstage question.
11. Contestant agrees that the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging the contest shall be solely within the discretion of the pageant officials and that the decision of the judges is final.
12. If chosen as Princess Flame, any and all directions will only be given by the pageant director (in absence of the pageant director, an Old King Coal Committee member will act as pageant director).
13. If chosen as Princess Flame, contestant agrees to represent the Princess Flame pageant and the Old King Coal Festival at the Old King Coal Festival. The Princess agrees to attend the opening night of the festival (typically Thursday night of the festival), nightly opening ceremonies, Coal Miners Memorial, a luncheon, and the parade on the Saturday of the festival.
14. The Princess agrees to attend an interview with a local news station the Thursday morning of the Festival or at a time determined by news station and festival organizers.
15. The first and second runners up agree to attend the Coal Miners Memorial, a luncheon, and the parade on the Saturday of the festival (failure to do so would result in not being awarded scholarship winnings. Being excused lies within the discretion of the pageant director).
16. If selected as Princess Flame, contestant is required to send thank you cards to all sponsors.
17. Princess Flame will be expected to make personal appearances during her reigning year as arranged for by the Pageant Director. Any appearances made as Princess Flame, the Princess agrees to have a Chaperone accompany her to the event. This can be the director, Old King Coal committee member, parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle, or sibling over the age of 18. You must always be dressed as a Princess (appropriate dress and heels where applicable, no jeans.).

18. She is required to attend the following parades: The Old King Coal Festival Parade, DuQuoin State Fair, and a Christmas Parade held in West Frankfort. She may attend other parades with approval from the pageant director. The Princess is responsible for securing her own transportation for parades. All personal appearances as Princess Flame must be approved in advance by the pageant director.
19. For all parades, contestants will furnish a driver of at least 21 years of age, with a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance to drive a vehicle. If the driver or contestants cause any damage to rented or loaned vehicles while representing Old King Coal and Princess Flame Committees, contestants shall hold harmless said Committees from and any and all liability to said vehicle or any damage caused to another individual or vehicle.
20. If Princess Flame is unable to fulfill her duties, she will automatically relinquish the title and winnings to the next eligible runner up. In the event a runner-up is not qualified to serve as Princess Flame, the Pageant Committee reserves the right to use the immediate past Princess Flame to fulfill the duties of Princess Flame.
21. The Princess will receive half of her scholarship money at the beginning of her reign, and will receive half of her scholarship money upon her retirement. This is to ensure participation and accurate representation of the pageant and the festival.
22. Contestant entry received on or before the deadline will be guaranteed their picture is in the official Princess Flame program. Entries received after the deadline are not guaranteed.
23. The Pageant Committee reserves the right to make changes in the pageant rules and regulations.

**I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and regulations printed herewith, and that I am complying with them in every way and the personal data provided to the pageant director is true and correct.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pageant Entrant

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (if contestant is under 18)

**\*Please keep a copy of these rules and regulations for your reference.**