

1st Annual Cleveland Independence Day Firecracker Pageant Information, Rules and Regulations

Pageant Date: Monday, July 2, 2018

Deadline to Enter: June 27, 2018

Old Cleveland Elementary School Auditorium * Cleveland, VA

Check-In begins at 5:30pm and Pageant will begin at 6:30pm. Check-In table will be located at front doors to auditorium.

Dressing Rooms: The old band room can be used to get ready, if needed.

Accidents, Theft, or Loss of Property: Town of Cleveland and its affiliates will not be responsible for any accident or injury incurred in travel to, from or at the pageant itself, nor will Town of Cleveland and its affiliates be held responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.

Conduct: Good conduct and sportsmanship is expected at all time during the pageant. Bad sportsmanship from a contestant, family member, or friend will result in disqualification of the contestant and forfeiture of prizes and awards. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated. No refunds of entry fee will be given, once the entry fee has been paid it is non-refundable.

Dress: * This is a natural pageant with no pageant experience needed. No hairpieces, flippers, fake eyelashes, glitz, big pageant hair or pageant dresses. ALL contestants in each age division will compete in their best Fourth of July themed outfit. This could be a red, blue or white dress, shorts, t-shirts, a firework outfit, anything you think is Fourth of July related. Attire is at the discretion of the contestant, but should be age appropriate and in good taste always. Contestants should not wear anything excessively short or revealing. Age appropriate makeup and hair is expected. Judges will be instructed that the cost of clothing should have no influence on placing in the pageant.

0-23 Months – Natural, pretty and age appropriate hair styles and outfits. No make-up or tanning application allowed.

2-4 Years - Natural, pretty and age appropriate hair styles and outfits. No make-up or tanning application allowed.

5-9 years – Light face powder, light mascara, blush & lip gloss allowed. Light tanning allowed, natural, pretty and age appropriate hair styles and outfits.

10 years and up – Light age appropriate make up. Natural beauty, pretty and age appropriate hairstyles and outfits. Light tanning application allowed.

Awards: There will be a Queen and two runners-up in each age division, plus a King in the baby 0-23 months age division. Queen will receive crown and sash. Baby Mr. will receive an award (to be determined). Runners up will receive an award (to be determined).

Overall Optional Awards: In addition to the regular pageant, contestants may enter the Optional categories. The cost to enter Overall Optional Awards is \$35. There will be one overall winner for each optional award. The \$35 entry fee covers the pageant and all overall optional awards. Most Photogenic will need to submit a photo for judges. Photos do not have to be professional and must be 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10, and in color. One photo per contestant, no collages. Include the name of contestant and division on the back of photo. You may turn in the photo with your registration or when checking in at pageant.

Judging: Judges will be looking for personality, stage presence, and confidence as well as other criteria. Knowing someone affiliated with the pageant will have no bearing on pageant results. In all cases, the judges' decisions will be final. In order to respect the integrity of the pageant, score sheets will not be given to the contestants or family members. The judges should not be approached by contestants, friends, or family members before, during, or after the pageant. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

Modeling Pattern: Contestants will enter from the band room side of stage to pose, then front of stage to pose, then right and left sides of stage to pose, and then exit the stage. The stage will be marked. Contestants may practice individually on stage until 6:15pm. There will not be a rehearsal.

Parents on Stage: One parent is allowed on stage to help their child in the Baby Miss & Mr. and Tiny Miss divisions only.

Admission: It is free to watch the pageant and a fun event in honor of Independence Day. This event is sponsored by Cleveland Community Tourism Group. We are excited to start a new Pageant tradition in Cleveland. We reserve the right to make any changes to the pageant date, time, awards, divisions, ect. All entry fees are non-refundable.