

Pumpkinfest Pageant Application and Participant Agreement

Contestant: _____

Address and School District: _____

Contact Number: _____

Each application will be accepted or denied by the Pumpkinfest Committee. Your name will not be mentioned, only the details of your application. Once a decision has been made, you will be contacted directly by Alyssa Reigel to notify you of your acceptance or denial. If your application is denied, you will receive an additional document in the mail detailing the committee's decision.

School Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Hobbies: _____

Future Plans: _____

Requirements to Participate:

- Must be a Junior
- Must be currently residing in the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District
 - Regular Student, Home School Student, or Cyber Student will be considered as long as they are within the school district.

Expectations of Participants:

- Participants must have appropriate content only on all social media sites.
 - If crowned Queen, all social media content must be appropriate for the duration of their reign. (1 Year) Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Crown and remaining prizes will be forfeited to next in line.
- The pageant director will be added to all social media accounts for one year.
 - Participant can choose to “delete” or “unfollow” pageant director at the end of the year duration.
- All participants are expected to attend all Pageant Practices, Dress Rehearsals, and Pageant:
 - A tentative list of practices/obligations is attached to this packet. Once contestants are selected, each girl will receive a finalized packet of practices, information to fill out for the judges, etc.
- Attire - You are a role model to others and a representative of our community.
 - Interview-Business Attire
 - Pageant-Formal Attire
 - No see through or sheer material
 - No slits above the knee (If you are in a pinch, we can pin your dress as needed.)
 - Avoid black and dark colors because you will blend in with the curtain on stage
 - Festival- “Sunday Best”. For example, if it is warm a “school appropriate” sun dress and sandals are okay. If cold, nice jeans (NO HOLES), a sweater and dress coat are acceptable.
 - Must be appropriately dressed ALL three days
 - Heels and wedges are not recommended
 - No flip flops
 - No shorts (jean or otherwise)
- All participants are required to attend Pumpkinfest all three days to assist with awards and activities which include but may not be limited to:
 - Thursday-The Pumpkinfest Queen Pageant and Crowning
 - Friday- Enjoy the festival and visiting with the community. Say hello to the little ones and

elderly just the same. Introduce yourselves to the vendors, volunteers, and member of the community. Mingle with the public.

- Saturday
 - Baked Goods Contest-Community Center
 - Kids Tractor Pulls-In front of Somerset Trust
 - Carve a Pumpkin-Confluence Creative Arts Center
 - Take a Hayride
 - Largest Pumpkins Contest
 - Tough Man Truck Pulls
 - At some point, please go to the information booth to find out what time they need you for the 5K race and where they want you. Also, ask when and where they need you for the car show trophies.
- Sunday
 - 5K Race (You may participate, but please bring your festival clothes and sash to change after.)
 - Pie Eating Contest (You may participate)
 - Bed Races (or Duck Races if Bed Races are cancelled) (you may participate, that would be fun to have a bed manned by pageant princesses and queen! If you need five, pull in last year's queen!)
 - Car Show
 - Parade - Please wear gowns and sash. We will meet at the Immersion Research parking lot.
- When in doubt, contact the pageant director and/or visit the information booth while at the festival.
- A schedule with dates, times, and locations will be handed out to the Queen and Princesses the week of the pageant during practices.
- Participants are expected to display comradery and to support the crowned Queen graciously.
- Participants are expected to secure their own vehicles to participate in the Pumpkinfest Parade.
- The use of alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and drugs, as well as profanity in the public eye, is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.
- Prizes will be distributed to the Queen in three increments.
 - Upon completion of duties at the closing of Pumpkinfest. We will meet at a designated area after the parade. (October 2025)
 - After completing all of the following appearances:
 - Must attend the Maple Pageant and get a picture with the new Maple Queen
 - Must attend Jubilee Pageant and get a picture with the new Jubilee Queen
 - Must participate in the Maple Parade
 - Must Participate in the Farmers and Thresherman's Jubilee Parade
 - After MCing the next year's Pumpkinfest Pageant, giving the farewell speech, and passing the crown on to next year's Pumpkinfest Queen. (October 2026)

Judging- A copy of the scoresheet will be provided to all contestants for reference.

1. Interview-Participants will be privately interviewed by the panel of judges.
2. Pageant
 - a. Introduction-Each contestant will begin by introducing themselves to the audience and judges.
 - i. The introduction must be 20-30 seconds long.
 - ii. It must include a quote that relates to you and the community
 - iii. A copy of the reigning Queen's introduction is attached to this packet for example.
 - b. Promenade-participants will display poise and grace while walking across the stage.
 - c. Onstage Question-participants will display confidence and knowledge of the local area by answering an onstage question.
3. The contestant with the largest amount of money donated through public voting will be awarded a separate prize. This does not affect the outcome of the pageant in any way.
(All proceeds go to the Confluence Fire Department and Pumpkinfest Committee)

Any unbecoming conduct may cause forfeiture of the title and all gifts. By signing this form, you agree that you WILL always conduct yourself in a respectful manner. It is also understood that if the participant does not meet the required attendance of activities, all prizes will be forfeited. This packet must be signed and returned in full to be considered for the 2025 Pumpkinfest Queen's Contest.

Participant Signature: _____

Parents:

_____ is permitted to participate in the annual Confluence
Pumpkinfest Queen Contest.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

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**Our goal is to enhance professionalism, self-confidence,
marketability, and community pride in our participants.**

**Pageant Director: Alyssa Reigel
Business Manager: Kathleen Smith**

Photo Release –

I, _____, the Parent or Legal Guardian of _____ (Contestant) give my full permission to the Pumpkinfest Committee to use the photographs/videos taken during the pageant and festival for any legal use, including but not limited to publicity, copy right purposes, illustration, advertising, and webpage and social media content. The Pumpkinfest Committee and adjoining photographer own all rights to the photos and videos professionally taken during the pageant and festival. Contestants may submit photographs to pageant director for consideration to appear on the social media pages. By participating in this contest, I understand that my child/contestant will be photographed during the duration of the festival and if crowned Queen my child/contestant will appear in photographs throughout the year during her reign as Queen. I understand that the pictures used and posted will be at the discretion of the pageant director and Pumpkinfest Committee. Furthermore, I understand that no royalties, fees, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date:

Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name:

Printed Child/Contestant's Name:

Queen Rianna Culp's Introduction from 2024 –

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I am contestant number three, Rianna Culp. Being part of Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District and the Confluence community has truly shaped me into who I am today. Coming

from such a small area, it has taught me that through “community” we can achieve great things. Helen Keller once explained, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” I believe that this really shows during Pumpkinfest, because the whole community comes together to bring joy and tourism to our town. I am so proud to be a part of this community. Thank you.

Notes regarding the Introduction”

- Prior to the week of practices and dress rehearsal, the contestants will need to submit their introduction to the pageant director for edits, review, and to make sure no two girls have the same quote.
 - Quotes will be used on a first come first serve basis.
- As we practice our introductions, the first night contestants can use their phone or note cards. By the second practice it is expected they can repeat it from memory as note cards will not be permitted the night of the pageant.
- Edits can be made throughout the duration of practices. As we time each contestant in practice, if someone is consistently going over the 30 second mark, we will fix and edit the introduction as needed.

Tentative Practice Schedule –

- 9.29.25 Practice (5:00 PM to 7:00 PM) – All contestants must bring the shoes they plan on wearing in the pageant to all practices. All contestants are required to have their “Introduction” completed prior to the first practice. Please contact pageant director Alyssa Reigel if you need help.
- 9.30.25 Practice (5:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
- 10.1.25 Dress Rehearsal (5:00 PM to 7:00 PM) – All contestants are required to bring dresses to this

practice. We will run through the entire pageant one to two times so contestants understand on stage expectations. During this practice, Taneal Woodmancy with Woodmancy Media will be present to practice pictures with the lighting, etc.

- 10.2.25 Event – Girls will be dismissed from school early to have their hair and nails done at Drop Dead Aesthetic. Pageant director contacts Turkeyfoot’s principal directly prior to the week of the pageant to get students excused. Drop Dead Aesthetic donates their time and resource to the contestants of the Pumpkinfest Pageant.

*All contestants will be expected to miss any sports practices during these times. If the pageant director needs to sign any permission slips or excuses, this can be arranged.

*Sports games during this time will be discussed/addressed on an as needed basis.

* All practices and the pageant are mandatory upon acceptance.