



# Harvest Queen Pageant

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## 2023 Fair Theme: "Rooted in Tradition"

The Harvest Queens serve as ambassadors to the Hillsborough County Fair.

They are called upon to attend special events and to participate in community events including greeting and escorting guests, speaking at civic club meetings, appearing in parades, and representing the Fair in public appearances.

The Harvest Queens are often called upon to participate in livestock awards, presentations, County Fair Board of Directors Meetings and special events held on the fairgrounds and during the fair. Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 5:30 PM at the fairgrounds, there will be a MANDATORY Headshot Meeting. Thursday evening, September 21, 2023, there will be a MANDATORY meeting and rehearsal for all candidates for Harvest Queen and Junior Harvest Queen. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and be held at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds in the exhibit hall. Any absence will result in disqualification from the pageant. Please read the following to assist in understanding the pageant:

**The MANDATORY HEADSHOT MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, September 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM**  
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

**MANDATORY PAGEANT MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM**  
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

**HAIR AND MAKE-UP SOCIAL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM**  
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

**The Pageant will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, starting with Junior Contestants ONLY @1:00P.M.**  
**Senior Division will be interviewed starting at 3 P.M. Senior Pageant starts at 5:00 P.M.**  
At the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 30, 2023**

**QUEEN DIVISION: AGES 16-19 (at time of pageant)**  
**JUNIOR QUEEN: AGES 13-15 (at time of pageant)**

- You will be allowed to get dressed in the holding room but be aware that space is limited.
- All candidates must be residents of Hillsborough County or a student enrolled in a public, private school or homeschool in Hillsborough County or a student enrolled in a junior college or university in Hillsborough County.
- Candidates for Junior Harvest Queen **will not** have an interview process. You will arrive at the Fairgrounds, October 7th dressed in your casual wear outfit. After your introduction, you will be asked a question on stage. This question will be given to you at the mandatory meeting on SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>. You will have a maximum time of two minutes to give an on-stage response. Junior Harvest Queen Contestants will grace the stage wearing an evening gown as their biography is read by the emcee.
- Candidates for HARVEST QUEEN will have a seven-minute interview with the professional judges. The interview will take place at the fairgrounds on October 7<sup>th</sup>, the day of the pageant, beginning at 3 PM. There will be a drawing at the mandatory meeting determining your number in line for the interview. Contestants will wear Interview Outfit during the Interview with

the professional judges. Contestants for HARVEST QUEEN will wear a casual wear outfit, of their choice, and answer one of the 10 pre-determined questions given to them at the mandatory meeting. You will have a maximum time of two minutes to answer the on-stage question. Contestants for HARVEST QUEEN will wear an evening gown for the pageant while your biography is read by the emcee. The question will be one of ten questions that will be in the fishbowl during the pageant. *All questions will be announced at the mandatory meeting.*

- Both the Senior Harvest Queen and Junior Harvest Queen may not participate in any other pageant or activity where she is judged on appearance, poise or where the title of "Queen," "Miss \_\_\_," or other such title is given for the year of her reign as Senior Harvest Queen. This does not include activities such as school calendar girls, FFA Sweetheart, or activities limited to the school which she attends or a club or other organization of which she has been a member preceding being named Hillsborough County Harvest Queen. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the immediate forfeiture of all prizes and scholarships and the title. All decisions of the Pageant Committee regarding this rule will be final.
- Both the Senior Harvest Queen and the Junior Harvest Queen understand and agree that, during the subsequent Hillsborough County Fair they are to be available at all times during Fair hours, on site at the fairgrounds, and are to be available as scheduled for interviews, television, or radio appearances or such other promotional events as may be scheduled by the Fair office or Pageant committee. The Senior and Junior Harvest Queens are to be available at the following year's pageant to crown the new Harvest Queens.
- MOST PHOTOGENIC will be awarded to one contestant in the Junior Division as well as one contestant in Senior Division. The photos for this contest will be taken by a Fair approved photographer at the scheduled time and will not be returned. The photo session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds.
- Headshots will be taken by a professional photographer. **Headshot photos are mandatory as the photos are part of the program, newspaper, and the judges review. HEADSHOTS WILL BE TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 @ 5:30 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
- The scholarship awarded to the Senior Harvest Queen, may be used the FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR and will expire 4 years after her graduation from high school. Winners will receive the scholarship at the time of enrollment.
- One armband will be given to the contestant for one parent entry on pageant day. The armband will be given at check in.
- Admission for this pageant is \$8.00.
- There will be someone to assist the contestants and chaperone at the drop off point on pageant day.
- Junior Harvest Queen Contestants must be backstage by 12:00 P.M. for the Junior Contest to begin at 1:00P.M. Contestants will be disqualified if you are not backstage by 1:30 PM. ready for the event.
- Senior Harvest Queen Contestants will arrive at the Fairgrounds at the appointed interview time dressed in Interview Attire. After interview portion, you will change into your casual wear outfit to be pageant ready starting at 5PM. You must arrive at the Fairgrounds by 4PM. Contestants will be disqualified if you are not backstage by 4:30 PM ready for the event.
- No member of the Hillsborough County Harvest Queen Pageant Committee with a daughter or granddaughter in the contest can be involved in any part of the planning of the contest.
- Contestants are encouraged to bring their pageant shoes to the mandatory meeting on September 21, 2023.
- No food or colored drinks are permitted backstage.
- No visible tattoos
- No large piercings, nose rings, eyebrow rings.
- Turn in Social Media Clause and Bio. Sheet at the Headshot Meeting on SEPTEMBER 5th.
- Contestants must be naturally born female, single, never married and never bore a child.
- Refreshments and flowers are cash only and will be sold during the pageant.
- Two outfits needed for Junior Harvest Queen Contestants, one evening gown and one casual wear.
- Three outfits needed for Senior Harvest Queen Contestants, one interview outfit, one casual wear and one evening gown.
- No slits above the knee or low plunging necklines. Two-piece dresses must not show more than two inches of midriff.
- You will have a chance to walk on stage after the mandatory meeting, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.
- We are always looking for sponsors for this pageant. If you would like to help support the Harvest Queen Pageant in anyway, please contact Kelli Messick @ 813-967-4199 or the Fair office @ 813-737-3247 and leave a message and someone will get back in touch with you regarding sponsorship information.
- If you should have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call or text Kelli at (813) 967-4199.

Further instructions and/or details will be given at the  
Mandatory meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2023



## 2023 Hillsborough County Fair Harvest Queen Contests

Harvest Queen: Ages 16-19 Jr. Harvest Queen: Ages 13-15

**Entry Fee \$50.00**

**Entry fee includes professional headshot to be entered in the photogenic contest.**

(NON REFUNDABLE FEES)

Deadline for entry is **August 30, 2023**

**Applicant must secure payment online.**

**(Bring this application and Social Media Clause to mandatory headshots)**

(FORM MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED)

Contestants Limited to 25 Participants per Division

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities/Clubs (Limit to 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies (Limit to 3): \_\_\_\_\_

Three Words that Describe You: \_\_\_\_\_

Future College or Career Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed.

I do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the pageant I agree that the pageant or the facilities where the pageant is being held, is in no way responsible for any injuries or accidents that may occur. I agree that the application information is true. I agree that that the judge's decision will be final and that my family and I will show forth good conduct at all times. I agree that the decisions of the Pageant Committee regarding any interpretation of the rules will be final.

Print Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE:**

Reg. Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date Verification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your payments online: : Hillsborough County Fair/Harvest Queen Pageant



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## Social Media Clause

A good reputation is precious, both in your public and your private life. As a representative of The Hillsborough County Fair, it is important to maintain an image that reflects the values and ethics of the Hillsborough County Fair organization. The Hillsborough County Fair believes in upholding the wholesome, fun, family traditions that are rooted in the rich history of the Fair. Consider yourself an extension of this image, which means your social media and behavior must reflect this.

We respect your right to social media; however, it is important for our Queens to exercise sound judgement in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior. It must also be understood that what we believe is “private” on social media, can often become public with neither our knowledge or consent. For these purposes, “social media” includes, but is not limited to; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Tumblr, and other web based social platforms.

The Hillsborough County Fair, Harvest Queen Pageant, reserves the right to review the social media of all contestants. We also reserve the right to monitor the activity of all Queens during their reign. If we feel that the content of her profiles is in any way inappropriate, inflammatory, or in conflict with the values and standards of the fair, she may be asked to remove such content. If further disciplinary action is required, she may be asked to step down. We feel this is vital to the standards of the fair, as well as a valuable life lesson for future education, employment, etc.

By signing you agree to abide by the decisions of the Pageant Committee and that such decisions will be final.

**\*Please sign, date, and return to The Hillsborough County Fair with application/Bio**

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Printed Name

Signature

Date