

2018 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®

JUNIOR ROYALTY PAGEANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sponsored by the Florida Strawberry Festival®
Saturday, January 13, 2018, Florida Strawberry Festival
Location: Grimes Agricultural Show Center - 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Mrs. Kay Varnum 813-967-6472
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Rules Available: Now, at www.flstrawberryfestival.com
Applications Available: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Registration
Registration: **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - Expo Hall**
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Doors close at 7:00 p.m.
Age Restrictions: 5 to 15 year olds as of January 1, 2018

There will be four age classifications as follows, with a winner, first maid and three court members in each group. There will be a limited number of 30 contestants in each group. The 30 contestants for each age group will be chosen by a Drawing.

Royal Court

5-6 year olds Baroness	10-12 year olds Princess
7-9 year olds Duchess	13-15 year olds Queen

APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION:

Applications (no sponsors, please) will be distributed at Registration on **Wednesday November 1, 2017** from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Expo Hall (festival grounds). The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER AFTER 7:00 P.M.** The 30 Contestants for each age group will be chosen by a Drawing. The Drawing will begin immediately after the doors close.

ENTRY FEE:

An Entry Fee of \$30.00 will be paid IF YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS DRAWN immediately after the Drawing.
No refund after Monday, November 6, 2017. CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entry will be by Drawing only. The Registration and Drawing will be on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** in the Expo Hall (festival grounds). The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and close promptly at 7:00 p.m. No one will be allowed to enter the building after 7:00 p.m. Each applicant will be given a Registration Form at the time they enter the Expo Hall and the Parent or Legal Guardian will complete the form. The Registration form will be color-coded according to age group -(Example 5-6 yr. Pink, 7-9 yr. Green, 10-12 yr. Yellow, 13-15 yr. Blue) When directed to do so, the Applicant will place her Registration form into a large barrel for Drawing. **Thirty (30)** contestants will be drawn for each age group. Any unfilled slots after the Drawing (November 1, 2017) will be filled on a first come - first serve basis through November 6, 2017 at the Florida Strawberry Festival® Office. No more Candidates will be accepted after November 6, 2017.

- 1. Registration will be limited to one child per adult or legal guardian (18 years or older) unless they are sisters.**
2. Contestants must be between the ages of five and fifteen.
3. Contestants must be single, never have been married, and never have borne a child.
4. Contestant must be of good moral character and never have been convicted of a crime.

5. Contestant's domicile must be within Hillsborough County. (Proof of domicile may be required. Example: Electric Bill.)
6. Contestants will furnish their own apparel. Girls ages five through nine must wear short party dresses. Girls ages ten through fifteen must wear a long gown. No Gloves Or Tea Length Dresses For Any Age Group! No slits above the knee on any gowns. *****Gowns with midriffs showing are Not Acceptable.**
7. Previous winners in the Junior Royalty Pageant are not eligible to compete in the same age group in which they won.
8. FOR SELECTED SEMIFINALISTS ONLY. The emcee will direct a question to the Contestant for a reply.
9. No farewell address or gifts of appreciation may be presented during the Pageant. No modification or replacement of banners or crowns presented during the pageant will be allowed.

PAGEANT WORKSHOP

Contestants **MUST** attend Pageant Workshop: **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WORKSHOP**
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the Expo Hall

*****BARONESS, DUCHESS, PRINCESS & QUEEN WORKSHOP*** 6:00 p.m.**
Failure to attend this workshop will be cause for elimination from the Contest.

COMPETITION REHEARSAL

There will be a required Rehearsal for all Contestants on **Friday, January 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.** at the **Florida Strawberry Festival, Grimes Agricultural Show Center.**
Failure to attend Rehearsal will be cause for elimination from Contest.

*****All cell phones are to be turned off and no calls incoming or outgoing during the Workshop, during Rehearsal or during the Pageant***.**

COMPETITION

The competition will be held **Saturday, January 13, 2018** at the **Florida Strawberry Festival, Grimes Agricultural Show Center - 6:00 p.m.**

Contestants will be judged on: **Personality (25%); Overall Appearance (25%); Natural Beauty and Smile (50%).**

The backstage area will be closed to everyone except contestants, pageant directors, officials, and committee members.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

Judges' score sheets will not be reviewed with Contestants. Score sheets will be destroyed.

PRIZES

In addition to the crown, each winner will receive a sash and a trophy. The top winner in each category will represent the Festival in her age group in the Youth Parade on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** and in the Grand Parade on **Monday, March 5, 2018** and in the annual Florida Strawberry Festival Fashion Show, **Thursday, January 26, 2018.**

PAGEANT ADMISSION FEE **CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED**

Each Entrant will receive two admission tickets good for the Pageant. There will be a \$10.00 admission fee for adults and children. Contestants will be admitted free of charge.