

2009 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®

JUNIOR ROYALTY PAGEANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sponsored by the Florida Strawberry Festival®
Saturday, January 10, 2009, Tomlin Middle School - 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Mrs. Donna Keel 754-6939

Co-Chairperson: Mrs. Krystal Almon 759-2827

Rules Available: Monday, November 10, 2008 at FSF Office & at www.flstrawberryfestival.com

Applications Available: Monday, November 17, 2008 at Registration

For Registration: Monday, November 17th - **New Expo Bldg. 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, 2009

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 November 17, 2008 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. at The Expo Building (fairgrounds). 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 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 November 28, 2008.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entry will be by Drawing only. The Registration and Drawing will be on Monday, November 17, 2008 at The Expo Building (fairgrounds). 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 Building 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 17, 2008) will be filled on a first come - first serve basis through November 28, 2008 at the Florida Strawberry Festival® office. No more Candidates will be accepted after November 28, 2008, 4:00 P.M.

- 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!
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 a Pageant Workshop on the following date:

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WORKSHOP

ALL AGES on **Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** Expo Building

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 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.** at **Tomlin Middle School**. Failure to attend Rehearsal will be cause for elimination from Contest.

COMPETITION

The competition will be held **Saturday, January 10, 2009** at **Tomlin Middle School -- 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 trophy. The top winner in each category will represent the Festival in her age group in the Youth Parade, **Saturday, February 28, 2009** and in the Grand Parade on **Monday, March 2, 2009.**

PAGEANT ADMISSION FEE

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.