

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
2012 MISS NEDERLAND PAGEANT
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The Contestant, parent and/or guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Nederland Heritage Festival Foundation, Inc., and the Nederland Heritage Festival Committee, its Employees & Representatives, and the Nederland Independent School District, causes of action or damage of any kind, for injury to, or death of any person or persons and/or damages to property arising out of their participation in the Nederland Heritage Festival Miss Nederland Pageant. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Nederland Heritage Festival specifically extends to any acts of omission or negligence on the part of the Nederland Heritage Festival Foundation, Inc., and the Nederland Heritage Festival Committee, its Employees & Representatives, and the Nederland Independent School District, and joint acts or other reasons of negligence on the part of the Nederland Heritage Festival Committee, its Employees & Representatives, and the Nederland Independent School District.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

I agree to allow my child's image to appear on the Nederland Heritage Festival web page.

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Date: Friday, February 3 **NHF Phone:** 724-2269
Entry Fee: \$50.00 - includes - picture sitting fee, NHF t-shirt, NHF program

The following rules apply to all contestants.

1. The first fifteen (15) contestants (fee & application turned in) will be accepted.
2. All contestants must reside in the Nederland Independent School District.
3. **After photos are taken there will be no refunds. All returned checks will be charged a \$30.00 return check fee.**
4. **Poor sportsmanship** by a contestant, parent, or guest of a contestant at any point, including during reign, may affect future eligibility to compete in any pageant produced by the Nederland Heritage Festival.
5. During her reign, should the winner of the Miss Nederland pageant fail to perform her duties, marry, become pregnant, be involved in illegal activities, drop out of school or incur any disciplinary action at school, not maintain the moral ethics of her position, then her title, crown, trophy, banner, & scholarship will be revoked. If the scholarship has already been paid to the winner, full reimbursement must be made to the Nederland Heritage Festival. The duties of Miss Nederland will be fulfilled by the 1st Runner-up.
6. Each contestant will be responsible for 20 tickets to be given out at the parent meeting in January. **No contestant will receive their packet or be allowed on stage until tickets and/or money is turned in.** Tickets and/or money will be collected at pageant rehearsal. Each contestant will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the pageant and 1 backstage pass.
7. **Opening Number rehearsals attendance are mandatory.**
8. **Judges decisions are final and judge's sheets/scores will not be given out. If you would like a copy of the judge's comments for your daughter, you must bring a self-addressed stamped envelope to dress rehearsal or when you check in for your pageant. Sheet will be destroyed after one week.**
9. **Only one adult will be allowed backstage with each contestant** and they must have a backstage pass. **It is recommended that this person not be a parent or guardian.**
10. Escorts must be either a relative or an adult friend (father, brother, cousin, etc). If this presents a problem, please contact your chairman.
11. **No videotaping** will be allowed during the pageant. Special pageant videos will be available for purchase.

MISS NEDERLAND INFORMATION SHEET

1. There will be a pageant rehearsal held at Central Middle School on Thursday, prior to the pageant at Central Middle School. It is recommended that contestants bring the shoes they will be wearing on stage. **Escorts are expected to attend this practice.** At rehearsal you will be practicing your opening number, sportswear, talent, and evening gown.
2. The pageant will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Contestants can begin to arrive at the girl's gym by 5:30 p.m. and should be dressed in Opening Number costumes by 6:30 p.m.
3. The Miss Nederland winner will receive a crown, trophy, banner, and a \$1500 scholarship. First, second, third runner-up, talent winner, and Miss Congeniality will receive a trophy and a banner. First Runner-up will receive a \$1000 scholarship, Second Runner-up will receive a \$750.00 scholarship, Third Runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship and Talent Winner will receive a \$250.00 scholarship. Contestant selling the most tickets will receive a Passport to Fun! **If there is a tie for the most tickets sold, no Passport To Fun will be awarded**
4. NHF pageant photos have been scheduled at the Nederland Heritage Festival Pavilion. You will be assigned a photo time when you turn in the completed application and pay your fee. Miss Nederland contestants will be draped in black. You must wear a strapless bathing suit or tube-top for your photo session.
5. A general parent/contestant meeting will be held at Central Middle School. This is a **mandatory** meeting for all parents/guardian and contestants.
6. Opening Number Rehearsal attendance is mandatory.
7. Miss Nederland Contestants will need the following:
 - a. Opening Number Costume – T-shirt (provided by NHF) & blue jean capris with no holes or tears
 - b. Evening Gown
 - c. Casual Wear
 - d. Talent Costume

PAGEANT OPENING NUMBER PRACTICE RULES

OPENING NUMBER PRACTICE IS MANDATORY.

The following rules have been established for all Nederland Heritage Festival Pageant Opening Number Practices. It is the responsibility of each contestant to participate in the opening number to the best of their ability. The success of the opening number depends on each contestants participation and effort. Even though contestants are not judged during the opening number, it will be the first impression made on the judges the night of the pageant. These rules have been established in order for our practices to run smoothly and effectively for all contestants.

Demerits will be given for:

12. Un-excused absences = 1 demerit
Excused absences are:
 1. Death in family
 2. Official school activity - notice from sponsor required
 3. Illness - note from doctor
13. Tardiness to practice - 3 tardies - 1 demerit
14. Unruly or inappropriate behavior - 1 demerit
15. Contestant must contact the Chairman or Co-Chairman to notify them of your illness/excuse prior to opening number dance practice. Contestants will be notified if their absence is excused.
16. Contestants will be notified if demerits are given.

Notice of demerits for contestants will be given to the judges prior to the interview.

**MISS NEDERLAND
TALENT FORM**

Contestant Name:

Type of Talent with Description:

Title of Music & Artist:

Props:

Choreographer's Name:

Date Received:

Time Received:

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- G **If two contestants request the same song, the first one to have turned in the Talent Form to the office will be allowed to use it.**
- G Talent performance must be 2 ½ but no longer than 3 minutes.
- G Contestant must provide their own music in the form of a CD. You can contact Caylan at A & S Music – 727-5159 and he will help you with your music.
- G Contestant must provide 2 CDs to the sound engineer on the night of talent rehearsal. The CDs will be returned after the pageant. It is your responsibility to pick these up from the sound engineer that night.
- G Contestant's music must be the first song on the CD and you must label the CD with your name and contestant number.
- G Contestants must provide their own props and instruments.
- G No devices that will damage the stage floor will be allowed.
- G No fog machines will be allowed.