

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
2026 MISS NEDERLAND PAGEANT
(16, 17 & 18 Years old)**

Date: Friday, January 30th @ 7:30 p.m.

NHF Phone: 724-2269

Entry Fee: October-\$60.00-November-\$75.00-includes picture sitting fee, NHF t-shirt, NHF program, 2 complimentary tickets 1 backstage pass.

The following rules apply to all contestants.

1. The first fifteen (15) contestants (fee & application turned in) will be accepted. All contestants must reside in the Nederland Independent School District. **After photos are taken there will be no refunds. No checks accepted!**
2. **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.
3. 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, 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.
4. 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.
5. **Opening Number rehearsals attendance is mandatory.**
6. **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!!** Comment sheets will be destroyed after one week.
7. **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.**
8. Escorts must be either a relative or an adult friend (father, brother, cousin, etc). If this presents a problem, please contact your chairman.

MISS NEDERLAND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **A general parent/contestant meeting will be held at the Nederland Heritage Festival office on January 2nd at 7:00 PM. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents/guardian and contestants.**
2. There will be a pageant rehearsal held at PAC @ Nederland High School the week of the pageant. It is recommended that contestants bring the shoes they will be wearing on stage. **Escorts are expected to attend this practice.** At this rehearsal you will be practicing your opening dance number, sportswear and evening gown. You should turn in your **TALENT** music at this practice! There will be a pageant **talent** rehearsal on **Thursday**, prior to the pageant at the PAC. You must bring all your props to this rehearsal and your music must already be provided to the Sound Engineer.
3. The pageant will begin promptly at **7:30 PM**. Contestants can begin to arrive at the PAC by **5:00 P.M.** to get dressed for interview that begins promptly at **6:00 PM**. Contestants should be dressed in Opening Number costumes by **7:00 PM**. Miss Nederland will compete in Interview, Sports wear, Talent & Formal wear.
4. The Miss Nederland winner will receive a crown, banner, and a \$2000.00 scholarship. First, second, third runner-up, talent winner, and Miss Congeniality will receive a banner. First Runner-up will receive a \$1250.00 scholarship, Second Runner-up will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship, Third Runner-up will receive a \$750.00 scholarship and Talent Winner will receive a \$500.00 scholarship. Contestant selling the most tickets will receive a Passport to Fun!
5. **Pageant Pictures – You will be contacted by Kreative Kamera for a picture time & date.** If you do not make this appointment, the contestant's picture will not appear in the NHF program!

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
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Contestant's Full Name:

Full Address:

Phone:

Accept Text: Y N

Age on pageant day:

T-shirt Size: Adult S M L XL

Email Address:

Parent's Name: Mom:

Dad:

Step Parent's Name:

School

Grade:

Eye Color:

Hair Color

Awards/Recognition:

Hobbies/Interest

Organizations/Church

University/College/Tech School

Career

Escort Name:

Sponsor (Optional)

I have read the rules of the NHF Pageants and agree to abide by them

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

NHF OFFICE USE ONLY

Fees: Cash

Credit Card

NO CHECKS ACCEPTED!

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
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WEB SITE & INSURANCE RELEASE**

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 be used on Nederland Heritage Festival Social Media and/or advertisement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

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 contestant's 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:

1. Un-excused absences = 1 demerit
Excused absences are:
 1. Death in family
 2. Extracurricular activities
 3. Illness
2. Tardiness to practice - 3 tardies - 1 demerit
3. Unruly or inappropriate behavior - 1 demerit
4. Contestant must contact the Chairman or Co-Chairman to notify them of your activity/illness/excuse prior to opening number dance practice. Contestants will be notified if their absence is excused.
5. Contestants will be notified if demerits are given.

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

**2026 MISS NEDERLAND
TALENT FORM**

Contestant Name:

Type of Talent with Description:

Title of Music & Artist:

Props:

Choreographer's Name:

Date Received:

Time Received:

Detach & keep lower portion

- **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.**
- Talent performance must be 2 ½ but no longer than 3 minutes.
- Contestant must provide their own music in the form of a CD to be turned in to the Sound Engineer the night of dress rehearsal.
- Contestant's music must be the first song on the CD and you must label the CD with your name, pageant and contestant number.
- Contestants must provide their own props and instruments.
- No devices that will damage the stage floor will be allowed.
- No fog machines will be allowed.