

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
2026 YOUNG MISS PAGEANT
(11 & 12 YEARS OLD)**

Date: Saturday, January 31st @ 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 comp 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 Young Miss 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, will be revoked. The duties of Young Miss 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!!** Sheet 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.

YOUNG MISS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **A general parent meeting will be held at the Nederland Heritage Festival office on January 2nd at 6:00 PM.** This is a **mandatory** meeting for all parents/guardian and contestants.
2. A pageant rehearsal will be held at the PAC @ Nederland High School the week of pageant. This practice is mandatory for all contestants. It is recommended that contestants bring the shoes they will be wearing on stage. **Escorts are expected to attend this practice.**
3. This pageant will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Contestants must arrive at the PAC no later than 6:00 p.m. for the pageant. Young Miss will compete in Interview, Casual wear & Formal wear. Interview will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the PAC!
4. Young Miss winner will receive a crown and banner. First, second, third runner-up & Miss Congeniality will each receive a banner. **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!**
6. Contact the NHF office for additional information, and your name and telephone number will be given to the appropriate pageant chairman.

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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

Childs XS 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

Goals/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 Young Miss 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: _____

OPENING NUMBER PRACTICE IS MANDATORY. (SEE PAGEANT RULES)

PAGEANT OPENING NUMBER PRACTICE RULES

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.