



## Miss Whitley County Contestant Information

### Attendance

- Prompt attendance is appreciated and **HIGHLY** encouraged for all meetings
- All meetings are extremely important and beneficial to contestants. Attendance will be “mandatory” at each meeting, unless privately discussed with the director, Jessica Geiger, (260) 610-4050.
- A schedule of meetings and events will be given out at the first meeting, please add these important dates to your calendar. If there are any changes, you will be notified via email or text.

### Sponsorship

- Each contestant is to have, **AT LEAST**, one sponsor for the pageant.
- The pageant entry fee is \$100, which includes your t-shirt to be worn during opening number.
- You may have more than one sponsor. It can be family, friends, employer or any other business that will be willing to sponsor you.

### Personal Resume

- The personal profile should be taken seriously. It is encouraged that you have it proof read by someone (or several people) to check for grammatical errors.
- This profile is all about **YOU** so **YOU** should know everything that is going into it. The judges will most likely be asking questions directly off of your resume. It is the judges first impression of you, so make it count!
- It is **HIGHLY** recommended that you **TYPE** your personal profile! It will be easier to read for the judges and it looks much more professional!

### People's Choice

- The People's Choice Award is very unique, as it is voted on by your friends and family, based on monetary donations.
- Each contestant will need to obtain a box (shoe box, tissue, etc. Nothing outrageous in size) and it is to be decorated to fit your own personal style. Decorate it with pictures and symbols that represent who you are. **(NO LOOSE GLITTER!!!)**
- The boxes must be sealed but be able to be easily opened (magnets, ribbon, etc) and a small slit must be on the lid of the box so that the monetary donations can be easily placed inside but fingers cannot get into it.

### Silent Auction

- We will be having a silent auction to help raise funds for the Miss Whitley County Scholarship Fund.
- Each contestant is encouraged to bring in a new item to be auctioned off. (purses, bags, baskets, event tickets, baked goods, etc)
- A member of the committee will be standing at the table before the auction sheets are taken to read off the winners.

### Formal Dress Rehearsal

- A formal dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday, July 9 at the First Church of God in Columbia City.
- All clothing that will be worn the day of the pageant must be brought the night of rehearsal (opening number outfit, interview, formal wear, etc)
- We will run through the pageant several times to make sure that everyone is comfortable and all questions about the next day can be answered.
- The final run through will be done just as it will be on the day of the pageant (full dress rehearsal!)
- If you realize that you need something for the next day or you have a wardrobe malfunction, please see Jessica and we can try to get it resolved.

- The evening gown worn at dress rehearsal, will be the gown worn on pageant day!

### **PAGEANT DAY!**

- Contestants are to arrive at First Church of God, at a time to be determined at a later date, on time! (on time... usually means a little early)
- Interview times will be determined once we get a final number of contestants.
- Each interview will be 5 minutes long with each of the 3 judges.
- Contestants will not be allowed to leave the church after interviews. If you would like someone to do your hair, please schedule them to come to the church to do so.

### **Backstage Help**

- A small committee will be backstage to help with any wardrobe changes throughout the night.
- Friends and family **WILL NOT** be allowed backstage during or after the pageant.
- You may, however, have your mother or one other female relative to help carry your belongings out of the dressing room but they are to wait in the hallway. Some contestants may not be comfortable with other individuals in the dressing room.

### **Scoring**

- Interview (50 points)
  - Ability to converse - 20 points
  - Personality - 15 points
  - Poise - 15 points
- Professional Wear (20 points)
  - Posture and Poise - 10 points
  - Overall Impression - 10 points
- Formal Wear (30 points)
  - Stage Presence - 15 points
  - Overall Impression - 15 points

### **Pageant Day Entry Fee**

- \$1 entry fee the day of the pageant. All proceeds will go back into the Miss Whitley County Scholarship Fund. Please make friends and family aware.

### **If You Are Queen**

- It is imperative that you attend animal shows during the day and all of the night events that will be going on during the fair. You are the queen of the fair, you must attend.
- Formal photos will be taken by Leah Menika, as one of our sponsors. This needs to include crown and sash.
- The judges comments will be given to you shortly after the pageant. These tips and constructive criticisms can be used in your preparation for the State Fair Pageant.
- **YOU** are responsible to securing a vehicle for the parades (4-H, Turtle Days and Old Settlers). The 4-H parade will be the first so please get a vehicle **ASAP**. A sign stating your name and title is encouraged to be placed on your parade vehicle (magnets work best). Formal attire is encouraged for the parades, including your crown and sash.
- You will be selling your kiss at the Whitley County 4-H Auction, once you are crowned, you are highly encouraged to begin raising money for your kiss. You are able to choose who you kiss. Half of the money raised will go back to the Miss Whitley County Scholarship Fund.
- As Miss Whitley County, you will be asked to attend several events during your reign as queen, please take this job seriously, you are a representative of Whitley County and must be professional and courteous at all times.

### **If You Are On Court**

- It is HIGHLY encouraged that you attend all shows and night events with your queen.
- Events over the year are very important and encouraged for you to attend.
- You must get your own car for the 4-H parade and signage as well.

### **Attire**

#### **- At the Fair**

- No open toed shoes during large animal shows.
- Formal dresses are be worn during the parade.
- Be a little more dressed up for Parade of Champions and Fashion Revue.
- Appropriate, casual attire for the evening events.
- Sashes are required while you are on the fair grounds, unless you are participating in an event.

#### **- Any event**

- Appropriate, casual clothing choices, no cleavage or inappropriate skirt/short lengths (be mindful of the weather)
- Sash (crown) must be worn at all events.

### **Questions or Concerns**

- If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact Jessica, 260-610-4050.

More information will be given at the meetings, hence the importance of attending. If you have any questions feel free to either text, call or email Jessica; [misswhitleycounty@yahoo.com](mailto:misswhitleycounty@yahoo.com) or 260-610-4050.



## **2024 VERY IMPORTANT DATES!!**

- Sunday May 5, 3pm, Whitley County 4-H Center - first official Miss meeting (MANDATORY!)
- Sunday June 9, 6-8pm, Whitley County 4-H Center - Mock Interviews (must bring 3 copies of resume)
- Saturday June 15?, 9am, BRC Churubusco - Turtle Days Parade
- Saturday June 24?, time TBD, old CCHS - OSD Parade
- Sunday July 7, 4pm, First Church of God - formal dress rehearsal
- Monday July 8, time TBD, First Church of God - PAGEANT DAY!

## Miss Whitley County Terms and Conditions

1. To be eligible for our program and the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant, contestants must be at least 18 years of age but cannot have reached their 22nd birthday on or before June 1, 2025. She must also live, go to school OR participate in at least one worthwhile organization in Whitley County.
2. Contestants cannot be married and must have never been married.
3. Each contestant must be a Whitley County resident, and a U.S. citizen. One of her parents or legal guardians must also be a Whitley County resident.
4. No professional model is eligible to compete. (A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling.) A contestant, who has had training or schooling in the modeling field, has been paid on occasion for modeling or works for a fashion board is not considered a professional model.
5. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization in their community, such as church group, Scout, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is **NOT** limited to 4-H membership.
6. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair or the State Fair Queen Pageant. If Miss Whitley County or Miss Indiana State Fair becomes pregnant anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title.
7. Once a contestant has been crowned Miss Whitley County or any other county queen, they are ineligible to compete in the Miss Whitley County Pageant again.
8. Any contestant who has competed in a State Fair Pageant cannot compete again and is not eligible for Miss Whitley County.
9. The newly crowned queen will sign a contract following the pageant stating she will be available for appearances the week of the Whitley County 4-H Fair, July 12-18. There will be a schedule of appearances throughout the year and she must also be available for the 2025 Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program.
10. The county winner (or first runner-up if the winner becomes ineligible) will represent Whitley County at the State Fair Queen Pageant in January at the Indiana State Fair and must abide by the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant Rules.
11. Contestants should give thoughtful consideration to their use of social media and be advised that members for the Miss Whitley County and Indiana State Fair Queen Pageants reviews all contestants' internet presence for appropriate online behavior.
12. The Miss Whitley County Queen Committee reserves the right to change the foregoing rules and regulations at any time to be deemed necessary.

**Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program**  
**OFFICIAL PERSONAL RESUME INFORMATION**

(PLEASE CONSTRUCT YOUR OWN PERSONAL RESUME, using the following information as a guide - once completed, sign the back of your resume {parents also sign if under the age of 18} )

**Complete Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Age on 6/1/2025:**

**Parents Names:**

**City of Residence:**

**County of Residence:**

**High School:**

**Current Grade/Year (if in High School):**

**College (Current or Future):**

**Current Year/Class (Upcoming Fall Semester):**

**Major(s):**

**Career Goals:**

**Active Member and Past Member of the Follow Community Organization(s):**

**Awards and Honors (School and Community, etc):**

**Hobbies and Special Interests (Music, Sports, etc):**

**Interesting Facts About You:**

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if contestant is under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

County Pageant Chairperson Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program Sponsorship Form

Contestant Name:

Sponsor Name/Company:

Address & Phone:

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Detach the bottom of this form and keep for personal Thank You's!

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Sponsor Name/Company:

Address & Phone:



# Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program

## LIABILITY RELEASE

I, undersigned, agree to hold harmless the Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program, its director or committee, along with Whitley County 4-H Clubs, Inc., its directors, board, council or employees, from liability, and/or damages due to any injury or property damage sustained by me being involved in any event on the Whitley County 4-H Fair Grounds or local community event, that is volunteered for by myself or parent/legal guardian.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name and Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT CLEARLY

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If under 18 years of age, the name and signature of a parent or legal guardian is required.**

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT CLEARLY

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jessica Geiger, Miss Whitley County Scholarship Program Director