

# *Miss Oak Leaf Festival & Bridge Day Pageant*

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Dear Contestant,

Thank you for entering this year's Oak Leaf Festival/Bridge Day Pageant. We are pleased that you have decided to spend the day with us and possibly reign over one of our festivals. We have an exciting pageant planned this year, as well as great entertainment and prizes.

Information for the pageant is enclosed with this letter. There are a few forms that you will need to return to me as soon as possible, as well as a schedule for the day, and information about ad sales for our pageant program, which helps to fund our scholarships. You will need to make sure to sign the correct contract for your division – Miss/Teen, Ms, or Mrs. Please try to get ALL forms and ads in as soon as possible.

The Oak Leaf Festival runs from August 27-September 4 (the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> are mandatory) in Oak Hill and Bridge Day events are October 14-15 (the 15<sup>th</sup> is mandatory). Since many contestants are in school we are flexible with weekday appearances, but weekend appearances by the winners during their festival are mandatory. All titleholders must participate in the Oak Leaf Grand Parade on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Remember that you will need a nice interview outfit, fun fashion/sense of style outfit, and evening gown for competition, as well as shoes, jewelry, makeup, and other accessories. It is also a good idea to bring an extension cord and extra mirror, just in case!

I look forward to spending August 27<sup>th</sup> with all of you. If you have any questions about the pageant or festivals, please feel free to call me at 304-228-7129 or email me at [katha17@aol.com](mailto:katha17@aol.com). More info is also available at [www.missoakleaffestival.com](http://www.missoakleaffestival.com), [www.oakleaffestival.com](http://www.oakleaffestival.com), and [www.officialbridgeday.com](http://www.officialbridgeday.com). Thanks again for entering the Oak Leaf Festival & Bridge Day Pageant. We cannot wait to meet you all!

Sincerely,

*Kristi Atha-Rader*

Kristi Atha-Rader  
Pageant Director, Oak Leaf Festival & Bridge Day Pageant  
Vice President, Oak Leaf Festival

# Oak Leaf Festival / Bridge Day Pageant

## Contestant Schedule

Saturday, August 27, 2016 (Tentative)

10:00 AM	Registration
10:15 AM -12:30 PM	Rehearsal
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Break
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Interviews/Rehearsal if Needed
3:40 PM	Be Ready To Go Onstage
4:00 PM	Pageant Time!!

**The Queens must stay a few minutes after the pageant for photos!**

Family and friends must stay off of the stage until after official and media photos are completed.

Parents, friends, or others are not allowed to stay in the auditorium during rehearsals.

One evening during the week after the pageant, we will be putting our parade float together in Oak Hill (location, date, and time TBA). We need as much help as possible so if you are able to help with the float it would be appreciated. Queens are asked to make a special effort to be there. Since some contestants are not local, we understand that everyone will not be able to participate.

All contestants may participate in the parade (if they would like to) on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Please have transportation available for the parade as all contestants will not fit on the float.

**ALL QUEENS FOR BOTH FESTIVALS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OAK LEAF PARADE.  
FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF TITLE AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY!**

Saturday, September 3, 2016

10:00 AM Oak Leaf Festival Grand Parade Line-Up at Highlawn Memorial Park,  
1435 East Main Street, Oak Hill WV

## Driving Directions to Oak Hill High School

### Coming from Charleston/Huntington area

Take I64/77 towards Beckley. You will see an exit for Mossy/Oak Hill. Take this exit. Turn left off of the exit ramp. You will go approx. 7 miles down a winding road. It will end at a stop sign. At the stop sign proceed straight. The road winds around for about 1/2 mile and comes out at US Rt 19. Turn left on to US 19. Turn off of US 19 at the 3rd Oak Hill Exit (Oyler Avenue...Holiday Inn and Pizza Hut are on this exit). At the top of the ramp turn left. Go straight. You will pass the Fayette Co Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn. Keep going straight. Oak Hill High is the 2nd building in the driveway and sits beside the tennis court.

### Coming from Beckley/Princeton/Bluefield/Lewisburg area

Take I64/77 to Beckley. Exit on the North Beckley/Summersville (US 19) exit (just past Tamarack, can't remember the exit #). You will go through a 25-cent tollbooth. Come approx. 10 miles to Oak Hill. Turn off of US 19 at the 3rd Oak Hill Exit (Oyler Avenue...Holiday Inn and Pizza Hut are on this exit). At the top of the ramp turn left. Go straight. You will pass the Fayette Co Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn. Keep going straight. Oak Hill High is the 2nd building in the driveway and sits beside the tennis court.

### Coming from Sutton/Elkins/Morgantown area

Take I-79 south to the Beckley Summersville exit (US 19). Proceed approx. 45 miles to Oak Hill. Be careful driving in Summersville, police are always watching there and there are several stoplights. When you get to Fayetteville watch police and stoplights again. When you enter Oak Hill, watch for the road construction. Take the second exit with an overpass (Oyler Avenue). Turn right at the top of the ramp. Go straight. You will pass the Fayette Co Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn. Keep going straight. Oak Hill High is the 2nd building in the driveway and sits beside the tennis court.

If you get lost call Kristi at 304-228-7129.

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\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

There are 4 categories for Miss and Mrs. Contestants and 3 categories for Teen Contestants that will be judged by a panel of judges to determine the titleholders.

**Sense of Style Competition** - This category requires a nice outfit that represents the contestant's sense of style. Many contestants choose to wear a cocktail dress. It should fit well, look nice, be tasteful, and eye-catching. This portion is judged on stage during the pageant.

**Evening Gown Competition** - We strongly suggest a floor length gown that complements you and that you feel comfortable wearing, but anything formal that looks good on you would be fine.

**Private Judges Interview** - Contestants will be interviewed by the judges prior to the start of the pageant. Contestants should wear a suit or nice dress for the interview.

**On-Stage Interview** - Miss and Mrs. contestants only will do an interview consisting of a question(s). Evening gowns will be worn for the on-stage interview.

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**Miss Congeniality** - This segment does not determine any of the titles. The contestants vote on this award themselves.

**Miss Photogenic** - This segment does not determine any of the titles. Photos will be judged by an outside panel of judges/photographers for this award.

**Crowd Favorite Award** - This segment does not determine any of the titles. This award goes to the contestant that receives the most crowd votes (\$1.00 per vote) at the door.

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## PAPERWORK CHECKLIST

- 1 - Photo for use in newspaper, Photogenic judging, etc.
- Entry Form & Fee (\$75.00) - Due August 18
- Release of Liability Form - Signed
- Contestant's Contract - Signed
- Program Advertisements - Due to me by August 18  
(Cash award for contestant who sells the most over \$150)

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All paperwork should be submitted to:  
Kristi Atha-Rader, Director  
Oak Leaf Festival / Bridge Day Pageant  
110 Abbot Way  
Fayetteville WV 25840

Or emailed to [katha17@aol.com](mailto:katha17@aol.com)

If you have questions about anything, please contact me at 304-228-7129 (cell). You can also email [katha17@aol.com](mailto:katha17@aol.com)

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## Release of Liability

I will be voluntarily participating in the Oak Leaf Festival / Bridge Day Pageant competition on the premises of Oak Hill High School. I understand that there is a required entry fee. I am of good health and have no known illnesses that prevent me from participating.

In consideration of my participation in any portion of pageant activities, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my said participation in these activities. This release is intended to discharge, in advance, the Oak Leaf Festival and all representatives of the Oak Leaf Festival, Bridge Day and all representatives of Bridge Day, Oak Hill High School, and the Fayette Co. Board of Education from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this event.

It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release, and assumption of risk is binding on my heirs and assigns.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Miss & Teen Contestant Contract**

- 1) I have never been married, had a marriage annulled, and I am not currently married.
- 2) I have never borne a child, been pregnant, and I am not with child.
- 3) I am a citizen of West Virginia.
- 4) I am 16-21 years of age (Queen division), 13-16 years of age (teen division), or 11-12 years of age (preteen division). I understand that if I am in the queen division and I turn 22 years of age before 1/1/17, I will not qualify for the WVAFF pageant and an alternate will substitute for me as the Oak Leaf Festival or Bridge Day representative.
- 5) I am of good moral character.
- 6) I have never been convicted of any crime and do not have any criminal charge pending against me.
- 7) I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity that is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, or in bad taste.
- 8) I am in reasonably good health and can to the best of my knowledge fully participate in all pageant activities. I have or will notify the pageant director of any major medical conditions.
- 9) If chosen as a queen or teen queen, I hereby contract and agree to participate in events contingent with the Oak Leaf Festival or if Bridge Day teen / queen with Bridge Day events. I also agree to make appearances at city, county, and state events when needed throughout the year, including but not limited to the Oak Leaf Festival, Oak Hill Christmas parade and Christmas Events, Bessie's Floral Christmas Open House, Oak Leaf Festival Christmas Bazaar, Bridge Day, and other local events as necessary. Additionally, each festival has the right to contact you for other appearances and will give you enough notice to be able to attend.
- 10) Each titleholder's reign will be until the date of the Oak Leaf Festival/Bridge Day Pageant in 2017. Contestants may compete in pageants for other pageant systems (i.e. America, USA, United States, etc.), but they cannot hold another fair or festival title until after the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals pageant in January.
- 11) **Scholarship money will be awarded upon the Queen titleholders completing their reign or if a high school student, upon beginning higher education.** There is a form in your award package that should be filled out to receive scholarship money and an invoice or receipt must be attached. It can be a reimbursement to you or paid directly to your school.
- 12) **Queens are to dress appropriately at all festival events.** No short shorts or dresses, no midriff tops or tube tops, etc. Please contact me if you have questions about the dress code.
- 13) Your prize package will be awarded at the festival or at a time given by the director, although since most is donated it might be a few weeks before everything is in depending on the business that has donated some items.

I understand that if selected as a scholarship winner, failure to participate in my festival (Oak Leaf or Bridge Day) or related events, as well as fulfilling any other duties throughout the year including crowning the new queen in 2017, may disqualify me from receiving the scholarship (Queen titleholders) at the end of my term or upon beginning higher education. The festival committee (Oak Leaf or Bridge Day) will let you know well in advance of any events that you are needed to represent us at.

Contestant  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Mrs. Contestant Contract**

- 1) I am married and living with my husband (unless spouse is deployed with the military).
- 2) I am a citizen of West Virginia.
- 3) I am over the age of 21 years
- 4) I am of good moral character.
- 5) I have never been convicted of any crime and do not have any criminal charge pending against me.
- 6) I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity that is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, or in bad taste.
- 7) I am in reasonably good health and can to the best of my knowledge fully participate in all pageant activities. I have or will notify the pageant director of any major medical conditions.
- 8) If chosen as a Mrs. titleholder I hereby contract and agree to participate in events contingent with the Oak Leaf Festival or if Bridge Day with Bridge Day events. I also agree to make appearances at city, county, and state events when needed throughout the year, including but not limited to the Oak Leaf Festival, Oak Hill Christmas parade and Christmas Events, Bessie's Floral Christmas Open House, Oak Leaf Festival Christmas Bazaar, Bridge Day, and other local events as necessary. Additionally, each festival has the right to contact you for other appearances and will give you enough notice to be able to attend. The festival committee (Oak Leaf or Bridge Day) will let you know well in advance of any events that you are needed to represent us at.
- 9) Each titleholder's reign will be until the date of the Oak Leaf Festival/Bridge Day Pageant in 2017. Contestants may compete in pageants for other pageant systems, but no other fairs or festivals for the 2016 year (i.e. International, America, United States, etc. are acceptable).
- 10) **Queens are to dress appropriately at all festival events**. No short shorts or short dresses, no midriff tops or tube tops, etc. Please contact me if you have questions about the dress code.
- 11) Your prize package will be awarded at your festival or other time designated by the director, although since most is donated it might be a few weeks before everything is in depending on the business that has donated some items.

**Contestant**  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse**  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness**  
Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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June 15, 2016

Dear Parents and Contestants,

The Oak Leaf Festival Pageant committee is asking that pageant participants help with our pageant fundraiser. We currently have some of the scholarship funds needed for this year in donations from local business and civic groups, and we will have additional funding from our children's pageant fundraiser, but we need help to make sure we will have funding available for all of the scholarships. The pageant committee is asking that contestants sell \$75.00 in advertising or good luck messages for the program. You can use any of the following combination of ad sizes and prices to reach your goal:

Business Card Size	\$10.00
¼ Page	\$15.00
½ Page	\$25.00
Full Page	\$50.00

It would also be greatly appreciated if you can sell more than your goal. As an incentive, **we will be giving a cash prize to the contestant who sells the most ads in excess of \$150.00.**

There are some forms included with this letter to sell the ads. If you need more copies please let me know as soon as possible. Checks are to be made payable to the Oak Leaf Festival - Education Fund. ALL ADS AND MONEY ARE TO BE IN MY HANDS BY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 18, 2016. If you can get them to me sooner, it would be greatly appreciated as I have to do all of the ad copy myself to keep costs down, and I have limited time to do this.

We appreciate your help in making more scholarships available to the young women of our state. If you have any questions please call 304-228-7129.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

*Kristi M. Atha-Rader*

Kristi Atha-Rader  
Pageant Director

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## Program Fundraiser

Miss Oak Leaf Festival /Bridge Day Pageant contestants are selling ads for the pageant program to help fund additional scholarships for the Oak Leaf Festival & Bridge Day Pageant.

The program will consist of business ads and personal messages to contestants wishing them well as priced below:

Business Card Size	\$10.00
¼ Page	\$15.00
½ Page	\$25.00
Full Page	\$50.00

You must provide us with information for your ad and any specific things that you would like to be included. The audience that will see these ads will be approximately 500 people from across the state of West Virginia, and businesses will have their name added to our advertisers section on our website if you would like. If you are a business, this will benefit you through advertising and helping young women further their education too! Personal Ads cheering on your favorite contestant are also welcome.

Checks are to be made payable to the Miss Oak Leaf Festival – Education Fund.

For more information feel free to call pageant director Kristi Atha-Rader at 304-228-7129 or email [katha17@aol.com](mailto:katha17@aol.com).

Thank you for your help!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Size Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Add me to the website: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN MY AD – PLEASE PRINT:  
(You can attach a business card if needed)

Ads can also be emailed to [katha17@aol.com](mailto:katha17@aol.com)