

Candidate Rules & Contract

Rules:

- Must be a Female
- Must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior in high school
- Must be an attendee of any school in Fremont Country, or a home schooled student
- Must give a non-refundable, \$250 entry fee by the designated due date that can be provided by up to 2 sponsors. If you try to get more sponsors to help you pay for the pageant, you cannot claim them as you're "Blossom Pageant Sponsors." You're ONLY allowed 2 as your "Blossom Pageant Sponsors."
- Previous Blossom Queens' are ineligible to compete.
- Cannot currently be married, ever been married before, or had a marriage annulled, and cannot get married during the 3 months of competition. All of the above will result in immediate disqualification from the pageant.
- Cannot have ever given birth, be a parent (biological or adoptive), currently be pregnant, or get pregnant during the 3 months of pageant preparation. All of the above will result in immediate disqualification from the pageant.
- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, cannot get pregnant during the year of your reign or title will be removed immediately. **** *****
- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, cannot get married during the year of your reign or title will be removed immediately. **** *****
- After January 28, 2008 all sponsor entry fees and opening number monies are non-refundable.
- If selected as Blossom Queen, you may not get any NEW tattoos or body piercings without approval of the Blossom Pageant Director. Any unapproved, new tattoos or body piercings may result in the Blossom Queen not being given her sponsorship from the Blossom Festival Corporation to compete in the state level pageant. This will also result in the gown allowance from the Royal Image Boutique being withdrawn. If the Blossom Queen gets unapproved, new tattoos or body piercings after the entry fee has already been submitted, and gown allowance already spent, then the Blossom Queen will be responsible for reimbursing the Blossom Festival Corporation the ENTIRE entry fee amount and the Royal Image Boutique the ENTIRE amount from the gown allowance.
- Any and all visible tattoos of the Blossom Queen and/or Court members must be covered completely with make-up during appearances and Blossom Festival sponsored activities. Any and all visible body piercings of the Blossom Queen and/or Court must be removed during appearances and Blossom Festival sponsored activities. Failure to abide may result in the removal of your title. * The tattoos and/or piercings referred to here are assumed to be in existence BEFORE winning a title.
- As a pageant candidate, you must be of good moral character and ethically responsible throughout the duration of the 3 month pageant preparation. If candidate acts unethically or morally wrong, this could result in immediate disqualification from the pageant. *
- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, must maintain good moral character and act ethically responsible during the year of your reign. Failure to abide by these standards could result in the immediate removal of your title. * **** *****
- As a pageant candidate, you must not partake in the use of any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances during the 3 month pageant process. Valid proof of or reasonable suspicion involving activities of this nature will be presented to the Blossom Festival Board of Directors, which could result in immediate disqualification from pageant. *



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- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, you must not partake in activities involving illegal substances including, but not limited to, alcohol and drugs during your year of service. Valid proof of or reasonable suspicion involving activities of this nature will be presented to the Blossom Festival Board of Directors, which could result in immediate removal of your title. *
- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, you cannot wear your pageant crown and/or official pageant sash at a public event or gathering** unless approved by Pageant Director.
- If a member of the Blossom Pageant Court, you cannot make an appearance as a representative of the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival and/or Blossom Pageant without the approval of Pageant Director.
- The Blossom Pageant and Festival reserve the right to use any candidates' names, pictures, statements, or likeness of any candidate for promotional purposes unconditionally and forever.
- Candidates, parents/guardians of candidates, will waive and release the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival Corporation, its agents, employees, members and officers or representatives from any liabilities or claim of any nature arising from (participant's) participation in the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival Queens Pageant and Canon City Music and Blossom Festival.
- A Blossom Pageant Court member must attend all appearances leading up to Festival (unless excused by Pageant Director), must be able to attend all designated Blossom Festival activities (unless excused by Pageant Director), and must fulfill all duties and obligations required of a Court Member during her reign.
 - Failure to comply could result in the removal of her title. This will be held at the discretion of the Pageant Director. **** *****
- The reigning Blossom Queen must attend the next year's pageant to crown her successor.
- If any rules and regulations are broken and the Blossom Queen is removed of her title, she is responsible for returning any and all items in the Queen's Package, including all monies given to her, and the official sash and crown. (Monies include scholarship if it's been used, entry fee to state level pageant if it's been used, and gown allowance from the Royal Image Boutique if it's been used.)
- If any rule and regulations are broken and a Court member is removed of her title, she is responsible for returning her official sash and jewelry.
- The new Blossom Queen will be given the opportunity to compete in either the Miss Colorado USA (Miss Colorado Teen USA) or Miss Colorado America (Miss Colorado's Outstanding Teen) system. The appropriate system will be decided upon by the Blossom Pageant Director and Blossom Queen. The Blossom Queen's entry fee ONLY will be paid for in full by the Blossom Festival Corporation, as provided in the "Queen's Package." No other pageant systems apply. All other expenses must be covered by the Blossom Queen herself. *****
 - Miss Colorado USA takes place in October, and Miss Colorado America in June. If the new Blossom Queen is not able to compete in the state level pageant of her choice for any reason, she must inform the Pageant Director by no later than June 15 for USA and April 15 for America.
 - The new Blossom Queen must be eligible, willing, and able to compete in the Miss Colorado USA or Miss Colorado America Pageant system.
 - If for any reason the new Blossom Queen cannot compete in the Miss/Miss Teen Colorado USA/America Pageant, then the Blossom Pageant will not send any other representative.
 - The new Blossom Queen must meet all the deadlines for the Miss/Miss Teen Colorado USA/America Pageant in a timely manor. Failure to do so may result in her not being able to compete in the Miss/Miss Teen Colorado USA/America Pageant under the Blossom Festival's paid entry fee.



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- If deadlines are not met and the Blossom Queen becomes ineligible to compete, the Blossom Queen is responsible for refunding the Blossom Festival Corporation the entire entry fee amount (if already paid) and the Royal Image Boutique the entire gown allowance amount (if gown has already been purchased).
- In order for the Blossom Queen to receive her scholarship given in the “Queen’s Package,” she must attend either a 2 year community college or a 4 year university. The Scholarship will be sent to the school directly, and may not be redeemed for cash or any other likeness.
- Point System for tardiness or unexcused absences ***
 - 0-15 minutes late - 2 points
 - 15-30 minutes late - 3 points
 - Unexcused Absence - 5 points
- Tickets and/or ticket money is due on the assigned dates. Failure to turn in money and/or tickets on time may result in immediate disqualification.
 - Should a candidate fail to turn in money for tickets that are signed out in her name, she will be personally responsible for paying the amount due to the Blossom Pageant Treasurer.

* In the instance of a Blossom Pageant Candidate(s) or member(s) of the Blossom Pageant Court acting morally incorrect or ethically wrong, the actions of the individual(s) will be presented to the Canon City Music & Blossom Festival Board of Directors. At that point, the disqualification and/or removal of the Court title will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

** A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, any and all parties or social events, even those held by high school students.

*** The actual removal of points of the point system is at the discretion of the Pageant Director. An “excused” absence must be one of legit reasoning, which is again at the discretion of the Pageant Director.

**** In the instance of a Court member being removed of her title the Queen would be replaced by 1st Attendant, 2nd Attendant would move up to 1st Attendant, and Miss Personality would remain as Miss Personality. If the 1st Attendant were removed of her title, then the 2nd Attendant would replace her position, and Miss Personality would remain the same. If the 2nd Attendant were removed, nothing would change. If the Miss Personality were removed, nothing would change.

***** If the Blossom Queen’s title is removed, she must return the official Blossom Queen sash, the official Blossom Queen crown and the entirety of the “Queen’s Package.” If a member of the Blossom Court is removed of her title, she must return the official Blossom Court sash and the official “Court jewelry.”

***** Age will determine whether the Blossom Queen will compete in the “Miss” or “Teen” division. Both the Miss Colorado USA and the Miss Colorado America systems have a “Miss” and a “Teen” division. For more information on these pageant systems and their age limits, visit:

www.MissColoradoUSA.com – Miss Colorado USA
www.MissColorado.org – Miss Colorado America



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Blossom Pageant Candidate Contract

FOR CANDIDATE:

I _____ have read all of the Blossom Pageant rules and understand them completely. I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations, and understand and agree to all of the consequences that will result upon breaking any of these rules and regulations.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

FOR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (If candidate is under 18 years of age)

I _____ have read all of the Blossom Pageant rules and understand them completely on my daughter's behalf. I agree that if my daughter fails to comply with all of the rules and regulations that she will have to accept the consequences.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

