



2018 Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest Application



Please complete this application, two recommendations, and release forms, and mail or deliver them to Brandi Davis, P.O. Box 813 Piketon, Ohio 45661 **by Wednesday, February 21, 2018.**

Applicant's Name:	Date of Birth:	Age (as of April 1, 2018):
Complete Address: e-mail:	Phone Number:	Current Grade Level:
Parents' Names:	Attending High School:	
Grade Point Average:	Guidance Counselor's Signature Verifying GPA:	
Activities...	Awards/Honors...	
Service/Volunteerism...	Special Interests/Hobbies...	



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Using complete sentences, please respond to the following four items and sign at the bottom verifying your understanding of this contest.

<p>My Reason(s) for Participating in the Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest...</p>	<p>My Outstanding Qualities...</p>
<p>My Plans and/or Goals for the Future...</p>	<p>Anything else I wish to share...</p>
<p>I have fully read and completely understand the rules and requirements of the 2018 Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest. I agree to abide by these rules and requirements and to meet the outlined responsibilities as a potential queen or court member. Applicant's Signature:</p>	

 2018 Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest 

The Dogwood Festival Queen and Court will be crowned at the 2018 Dogwood Festival, April 26-29. The following information outlines the purpose, rules, procedure, responsibilities, and judging criteria of the contest; and instructions for completing the application are on the back. Attached are the actual application and recommendation forms.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest is to select a young woman as queen and two young women as the queen's court to positively represent Pike County and the Dogwood Festival. These young women are expected to be role models for the community and spokespersons for the festival.

RULES:

Applicants for Dogwood Festival Queen and Court must meet the following criteria to participate in the contest and to reign for the year (Dogwood of 2018 to Dogwood of 2019):

- ✓ Be between 16 to 19 years of age as of April 1, 2018
- ✓ Presently be a student in a Pike County high school
- ✓ Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average
- ✓ Never have been, presently be, or become any of the following: married, pregnant, expelled or suspended from school, arrested, or a user of drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The 2018 Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen and Court Members will be spokeswomen for the festival and will be responsible for several duties as outlined below:

The Queen & Court:

- Attendance at the Dogwood Festival (April 26-29, 2018) on Thursday (evening), Friday (evening), Saturday (all day), and Sunday (all day)— a specific schedule of all required events at which you will be assisting or speaking will be provided. Appropriate attire and personal hygiene are required during the festival; no piercings (other than ears) or tattoos showing, no shorts, jeans, too-short/tight skirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, belly-baring/tight shirts, strapless tops, see-through garments, or any other inappropriate or revealing clothing. Dress slacks, skirts, and/or dresses are recommended.

The Queen (the following responsibilities are optional for 1st and 2nd runners up):

- Representation of the Dogwood Festival by attending any ten events (the 2018 Dogwood Parade is your first, a letter to the NewsWatchman detailing your reign is another, along with crowning your successor at the 2019 Dogwood Festival—these meet three of the ten events; you must then complete seven others of your choice) during your reign, which is until the 2018 Dogwood Festival—please realize that any transportation to, from, or during events is your responsibility. At these events, your duty is to promote the Dogwood Festival by dressing appropriately, wearing your sash and crown, participating in parades and/or Queen's luncheons if possible, and publicly speaking about the Dogwood Festival.
- Returning to the 2019 Pike County Dogwood Festival's Opening Ceremony to crown the new queen and court

*If the queen fails to perform these duties as outlined, she will forfeit her crown and title to the 1st runner up.

PROCEDURE:

The 2018 Dogwood Festival Queen and Court selection will occur in the following stages:

- 1) Completion and Submission of an Application, Two Recommendations, and Parental Release Form, royalty contract, and \$5.00 entry fee (**by Wednesday February 21, 2018**)—**late submissions will NOT be accepted**
- 2) Brief Informational Meeting (**Wednesday February 21, 2018; Dogwood Committee Office; 4:30 P.M.**)
- 3) Interview **Process (Sunday, February 25, 2018; Dogwood Committee Office.; Times will be scheduled at the informational meeting)**
- 4) Announcement of Top Three Finalists will be posted on the door and facebook (**following all interviews on Sunday, February 25, 2018—late evening**)
- 5) Crowning of Court and Queen (**Thursday, April 26, 2018 during the Dogwood Festival Opening Ceremony**)

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Applicants for the title of 2018 Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen and Court will be judged in the following areas:

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| ➤ Activities & Achievements | ➤ Self-Presentation & Personality |
| ➤ Service & Leadership | ➤ Poise & Appearance (Personal Hygiene) |
| ➤ Application & Recommendations | ➤ Responsiveness to Questions |
| ➤ Interview & Speaking Skills | ➤ Knowledge of the Dogwood Festival |



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Recommendation Form

Dear Recommending Adult,

_____ (applicant name) has chosen to apply for participation in the Pike County Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest. A requirement of the application process is the completion of two recommendations—you have been chosen to submit one of these recommendations. If selected as queen, this young woman would be responsible for representing Pike County and being a spokeswoman for the Dogwood Festival at various events throughout the year. In the space provided, please explain why you feel this young woman would qualify for this title; then, return this completed recommendation to the applicant as soon as possible as she has an application deadline of Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Recommending Adult's Name:	Recommending Adult's Title:
Contact/Relationship to Applicant:	Daytime Phone:
Signature of Recommending Adult:	Date:



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOGWOOD FESTIVAL QUEEN

THIS IS NOT THE ACTUAL APPLICATION—THIS IS ONLY THE INSTRUCTION SHEET. USE THE ATTACHED BLANK APPLICATION TO LIST YOUR INFORMATION.

FRONT SIDE OF APPLICATION:

Applicant's Name: Your complete name, first, middle, and last	Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year	Age (as of April 1, 2018): Remember the cut off date—you must be 16-19.
Complete Address: Street Address/P.O. Box City, State, Zip Code E-mail: if you use it regularly	Phone Number: Area Code First	Current Grade Level: Your 2017-2018 school year grade level
Parents' Names: give the name(s) of your parent(s) or guardian(s)	Attending High School: If you're at the J.V.S./C.T.C., please list home school district, too.	
Grade Point Average: Your current grade point average on file at your school and verified by your school guidance counselor who will sign in the next box over. Your GPA must be at least a 2.5 to apply for this contest.	Guidance Counselor's Signature Verifying GPA: Please visit your guidance counselor's office and have him or her verify your GPA by signing his or her name here. This signature must be included or the application is incomplete and will not be considered.	
Activities... List any and all activities—these may be related to school, church, 4-H, sports, summer programs, ANYTHING. List them all.	Awards/Honors... List any and all awards or honors that you have received thus far in your life—again, these may be related to school, church, 4-H, sports, etc. List everything.	
Service/Volunteerism... List any and all activities or events through which you performed a service or were volunteering.	Special Interests/Hobbies... List any of your special interests, hobbies, talents, etc.—what you like to do for fun or in your free time.	

BACK SIDE OF APPLICATION:

My Reason(s) for Participating in the Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest... using complete sentences, explain why you wish to participate in the Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest.	My Outstanding Qualities... using complete sentences, explain what you feel are your outstanding qualities or personal characteristics.
My Plans and/or Goals for the Future... using complete sentences, explain what your future plans and/or goals are...these could be personal, professional/educational, etc.	Anything else I wish to share... using complete sentences, feel free to share any additional information that you wish for the judges to know about you.
Make sure you sign here in the final box where it says, "Applicant's Signature," to verify that you understand and will abide by the rules and responsibilities of this contest. Failure to sign here will mean your application is incomplete and will not be considered.	

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Parental Release Form

My child has permission to participate in the 2018 Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest. I understand all of the following:

- the rules and regulations as set forth in the Dogwood Festival Queen's Contest application packet
- the Dogwood Festival is not responsible for any accidents that may occur during the contest, festival, parades, or any other events that my child may participate as a representative of the Dogwood Festival
- if selected as queen/court, my child must attend the 2018 Dogwood Festival each day (Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday all day, & Sunday all day), must ride in the parade, and (queen) must attend any seven other festivals and/or events as a Dogwood Festival representative; prior approval must be obtained for any event not deemed a festival
- transportation to, from, and during any/all festivals events, and parades (including the Dogwood Parade), is the responsibility of parents or legal guardians and will NOT be provided by the Dogwood Festival
- if my child fails to meet her duties as Queen or court, she will be asked to step down and give up her title and crown

MY SIGNATURE VERIFIES UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEANCE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET AND ON THE CURRENT PAGE. MY SIGNATURE ALSO VERIFIES MY DAUGHTER HAVING PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST. THE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY HARM/INJURY INCURRED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FESTIVAL EVENTS OR TRAVELS.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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