

## **Mantua Potato Queen Pageant Competition Guidelines**

1. Must be a resident of Mantua, Shalersville, or Hiram and attend local school district. (Including all choices) Contestants will compete in the age division according to their age on June 1 of the current year.
2. Tator Tot Prince and Princess (4 year olds). There will be one winner. No contestant will be moved to another age division.
3. Little Miss 5-7 yrs. Young Miss 8-10 yrs. Jr. Miss 11-13 yrs. Queen 14-18 yrs. The Mantua Potato Festival reserves the right to adjust age categories depending on participation. If less than 3 girls enter a category, the oldest contestant(s) from the next younger category may be moved up to compete in the older category to complete the court.
4. Contestants for Tator Tot Prince and Princess, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, & Queen must attend the contestants' meeting with at least one parent/legal guardian (no other adult is acceptable) prior to competition. Contestants must agree to the Royalty contract. Parents/legal guardian must agree to the parents and royalty contracts before a contestant may participate in the pageant. The contracts may be found at [www.Mantuapotatofestival.org](http://www.Mantuapotatofestival.org) under the Queens tab.
5. Those selected as royalty must be willing & able to travel. Required is 10 festivals, which 5 of them must be OFEA and you must attend least at 3 queen's brunches.
6. Those selected as royalty and a parent/legal guardian must remain for a brief meeting at the end of the evening's competition and attend the mandatory meeting on Monday immediately following the festival.
7. Girls must be single, never married or living with an unrelated partner, and never had children.
8. Contestants must never have been convicted of illegal activity or expelled from school.
9. Judges are selected from past royalty/ out of county and are final.
10. Contestants are required to follow directions of pageant directors.
11. Contestants and those associated with the contestant are required to show respect to all pageant directors, volunteers and fellow contestants.

12. Contestants and those associated with the contestant will exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the pageant. Poor sportsmanship at any time is cause for disqualification.
13. Tator Tots, Little & Young contestants must be checked in & present in the stage area by 12:45. Jr & Miss Contestants must be checked in & present in the stage area by 12:45 PM. We will move as quickly as possible through age divisions.
14. NO dressing rooms are available. Contestants must be fully dressed upon arrival.
15. Contestants in the Jr. Miss and Queen divisions will compete in a private interview. Interviews on Tues or Wednesday require professional interview attire. (Nothing see through, no splits more than 3 inches above the knee, bare midriffs or plunging necklines).
16. Interview times will be assigned during the mandatory contestant meeting.
17. Hair and make-up must be age appropriate.
18. No visible tattoos or excessive piercings.
19. Entry fees \$10 may only be paid by check, cash or money order, made payable to the Mantua Potato Festival Royalty.
20. No refunds will be issued for any reason after the contestant meeting.

REMEMBER the pageant is a fun and exciting event! Focus on the fun – your participation in the pageant alone is a HUGE accomplishment! Not everyone can get on stage.