

# Pageant Scoring System

The following criteria are included in our pageant registration as they help teach real life skills that help steward our young contestants into success in their future.

1. **Personal Introduction:** We want to hear about who you are. This will not be on stage, rather this is a chance to meet the judges one on one. You may be asked questions about yourself and your future, why you ran for royalty or things about you as a person. You will introduce yourself and try to make the best first impression to each judge.

- Attire: The attire for this segment is your Themed Outfit of choice as it is how we will begin the pageant.
- What are the judges looking for? The judges will be looking for confidence, eye contact, poise, personality, and voice projection.
  - Life-skills involved: How to properly introduce yourself, effective public speaking skills, eye contact, increased social skills.

2. **Casual Wear:** During this segment of the pageant, we'd like to see you rock the stage with your outfit of choice representing the theme Everyday Heroes. Off the rack or custom made is great for this portion of the pageant. We want to see your personality shine.

- Attire: This needs to be an outfit that shows your interpretation of the theme.
- What are the judges looking for? The judges will be looking for creativity in your outfit choice, smiles, cute gestures like waving, hands on hips, thumbs up, attitude/spunk, and over all just having fun on that stage!
  - Life-skills: Personal presentation skills, non-verbal communication skills, increased self awareness.

3. **Formal Wear:** Who doesn't like to dress up? We know you do! For this segment of the pageant, we want the spotlight to be on you while you wear your favorite formal outfit.

- **Attire:** An elegant, age appropriate, floor-length gown is perfect for this segment of the pageant. Your dress can be new, borrowed, or old...it doesn't matter where it came from; it's all about how you wear it on stage with confidence and elegance! We will provide the music for this portion of the pageant; you provide the confidence!
- What are the judges looking for? The judges will be looking for an elegant walk for this segment of the pageant. They will not be evaluating the cost or designer of the gown, instead they will be looking for confidence, poise, and dignity projected in the contestants' walks. They will also be looking for eye contact, stage presence, smiles, and grace.
  - Life-skills: Walking with proper posture, presenting yourself with confidence and grace, increased self-control and self-worth.

4. **Community Dedication:** One of the goals of Backus Royalty is to teach our contestants the importance of giving back to the community. During this portion of the pageant, each participant is asked to bring a new unwrapped toy, stuffed animal, or book for local youth ages 3-15. These items will be donated to local family shelters.

- What are the judges looking for? Each contestant will be awarded 10 points by turning in their new unwrapped toy, stuffed animal, or book at the pageant check in table. The item does not have to be expensive; the focus is more on helping others who may be less fortunate than the cost of the item.
  - Life-skills: Humbleness, a spirit of generosity, compassion, and concern for others

5. **Open Talent:** This category gives you a way to express your talent whether it be dance, singing, art, beatboxing etc.. possibilities are endless show us what you've got!

- Attire: Your outfit for this category should go with whatever talent you choose to show off your skills.
- What are the judges looking for? In this section they are looking for confidence, knowledge and professionalism. They want to see what you can do and how

brightly you shine while doing it. Difficulty of the talent is taken into consideration, as well as overall performance, knowledge and confidence.

- Life-skills: Courage, planning, time management, creativity, self improvement, resilience, motivation, and adaptability.

6. **Sponsorship:** All contestants are required to have a \$50 business or family sponsor. You must have a float representing you and your sponsor in the Backus Cornfest Parade! This is a mandatory requirement, but is not judged.

\*The scoring system is (1-10). Scores for these categories count towards the contestant's overall pageant score. There will be a panel of 3 impartial judges scoring each contestant based on the scoring system above.

\*Please remember that confidence, a beautiful smile, eye contact and personality projection are the most important things that the judges will be looking for, not the contestant with the most expensive attire.