



2024 Miss Pancake Day Queen Contestant Application

This is a two part application and must be completed by the applicant.

Part 1: Pages 1-3 must be turned into the PACT office with your \$35 entrance fee, sponsor's name/checks (\$150), and email the short autobiography (details below) to chamber@pactiowa.org by **Friday, May 31st, 2024.** Mail the short autobiography in pdf format to chamber@pactiowa.org.

Part 2: Page 4 Questionnaire questions and answers (details below) When complete, email the questionnaire in pdf format to chamber@pactiowa.org by **Friday, July 19th or earlier!**

Part 1: _____

I, _____ hereby apply as an entrant in the 2024 Miss Pancake Day Queen contest. I understand and agree that my acceptance as a contestant and my continued consideration for the title of Miss Pancake Day is under the discretion of PACT and I acknowledge and agree to as follows:

1. I will be a senior in high school on September 28, 2024.
2. I further understand and agree that:
 - a. As a participant in the Miss Pancake Day Pageant if I engage in any activity which, if disclosed to the public, would bring or tend to bring the Pancake Day sponsors, PACT or committee(s) into disrepute, ridicule or contempt, then it could result in my disqualification to participate.
 - b. If I am selected as Miss Pancake Day and during my reign, I engage in any activity which, if disclosed to the public, would bring or tend to bring the Pancake Day sponsors, PACT or committee(s) into disrepute, ridicule or contempt, then my title may be declared void and, upon such declaration, I will have no right to use or refer to the title for any purpose.
3. I reside or attend school in Appanoose County.
4. I have never won a previous Miss Pancake Day pageant.
5. I understand that my \$35.00 non-refundable application fee and application must be turned in no later than June 2nd to the PACT office, 101 East Van Buren St.
6. I hereby release, unconditionally and forever, any and all claims against the Miss Pancake Day Queen pageant, PACT, and all its affiliates, sponsors, and staff, which I may have by virtue of my participation in the pageant, or by any use of my name, likeness, voice and or biography in connection with the pageant, including use in promotional and advertising material. I further agree to permit my photograph, voice recording and name to be used without charge for all publicity and commercial purposes.
7. I understand and agree that all issues as to eligibility shall be determined by PACT and I agree to abide by that determination both as to myself and other applicants.

8. Having had my official Pancake Day Queen photograph taken by Myra's Photography in Centerville, IA, constitutes a "Promise to Compete." I understand that I may withdraw from the competition at any time, but that I am then responsible for reimbursing my sponsorship fee (\$150), my photograph session, and 11X14 (\$85) and return gifts given or provide compensation all by the end of Pancake Day. Further, if I fail to reimburse by the designated date, I agree to be liable to PACT for any postage, legal action, or attorney fees or related costs incurred to collect this balance. There are absolutely no exceptions to this policy.

9. I hereby agree that the site, date, time, production, manner, and method of judging of the Miss Pancake Day pageant is subject to change and shall be solely within the discretion of PACT and the pageant committee, and further, I agree that decisions of the judges shall be final and scores will not be released following the pageant. If I am selected (or succeed as) one of the winners, all decisions concerning promotions, photographs, appearances and all other aspects related to my title for the duration of my reign are at the discretion of PACT.

10. I understand and accept as a participant in this 2024 Miss Pancake Day pageant, any scholarships awarded require that I meet eligibility requirements designated by the educational institution. Prizes and/or scholarships are not negotiable, cumulative, or transferable and have no cash value. I further understand and agree that the businesses, educational institutions, PACT and anyone else that may be associated with the pageant are not responsible in any way for prize or scholarship sponsors' decisions whether to award the announced or intended scholarships/prizes.

11. I agree that I will not incur and am NOT authorized to incur any debts on behalf of the Miss Pancake Day pageant or PACT. Failure to comply with any of the terms, provisions, restrictions, or obligations hereof shall, at the option of the Pancake Day Organizers, result in the applicant's disqualification, liability, loss of title and return of any items awarded.

12. I understand that Iowa Media Network (IMN) is the exclusive media partner of all Pancake Day activities and hereby agree to not coordinate with/or agree to interview opportunities with other media organizations (unless pre-approved with PACT staff). I understand that I may be asked to participate in short interviews with IMN and that all coordination for appearance will be done through PACT supported staff or committee members.

By their signatures below, applicant and her parent/guardian certify that they have read and understand this agreement as set forth in items #1-12 within and that the applicant meets the requirements and will comply. Any untrue statement or failure to comply may result in the applicant's disqualification, without recourse. All parties (applicant and parent/guardian) accept responsibility for all items set forth in this application. The required paperwork and fee as mentioned in Item #5 (above) is enclosed with this form.

*****Parent/Guardian Signatures are required for all applicants, even those over age 18*****

Contestant Name (PRINT) _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (PRINT) _____

Signature of
Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian phone#: _____ & email address: _____

Contestant Information

Contestant Birth date & age: _____

Address & City:

Contestant phone number: _____

Contestant email address: _____

T-Shirt size: _____

Are you in Band? (Circle one) **YES** or **NO**

**All of the above information will be used for administrative purposes and will only be used for personal communication with the contestant group and committee members in the months to come.*

Every contestant will need to find themselves a sponsor to support their experience in the Pancake Day Queen Pageant. A sponsor can be 1-2 local businesses that would like to sponsor the contestant for \$150. They will be recognized on the shirts of their sponsored contestant, print material for Pancake Day, and social media advertising for the pageant.

Their sponsorship may either be requested by PACT via invoice, or a check written to PACT for the amount of \$150.00 and submitted with the contestant's application. **Please have your sponsor email chamber@pactiowa.org with their logo and payment option by May 31st.**

Contestant's chosen sponsor(s): _____

Pancake Day Program Information:

- Parent/Guardian name(s): please list EXACTLY how you want them listed in any publication
- _____

- Autobiography: share a little about yourself in narrative form (name, age, interests, hobbies, jobs, personality, anything else you would like to share about yourself. You can use questions from the next section as inspiration - this section will be printed in the Pancake Day Program next to your picture).
 - **Requirements:** PDF format, MINIMUM 400 & MAXIMUM 600 WORD COUNT. Submissions outside of these guidelines will NOT be accepted. Please proofread prior to submitting as these will not be sent back to you for corrections!

Pages 1-3, your \$35 entrance fee, & sponsor's payment (\$150) must be turned into the PACT office (128 N. 12th Ave.). Your autobiography must be emailed to Melissa Arnevik at mainstreetcenterville@pactiowa.org. Both must be turned in by Friday, May 31st, 2024.

Part 2: Contestant Questionnaire (due July 19th)

Answer the following questions in the format shown below. Your completed form will be provided to the judges, which they may use to inspire questions during your personal interview. *After each* question, answer in complete, thoughtful sentences, with correct spelling and grammar, and let your personality shine through your words. You will not have access to this document once it has been submitted.

Requirements: 11pt, Times New Roman font, pdf format, & one page maximum *per* question

Contestant Questionnaire

1. Introduce yourself with your name & age:
2. Where do you go to school? Any additional education?
3. What is something that is unique about you or your family?
4. Where do you see yourself in five years?
5. If someone were to describe you; how would they do that?
6. What is your history of volunteer service for the community, church, school, etc.?
7. What is a favorite memory from past Pancake Days or the Centerville area?
8. If you could share Pancake Day with a famous person, who would it be and why?
9. Why do you want to be Miss Pancake Day?
10. What will you do if you win this title?
11. What makes you different from the other girls competing today?
12. Any other thing you would like the judges to know about you.

Email your completed questionnaire to:

*Melissa Arnevik at mainstreetcenterville@pactiowa.org by **Friday, July 19th!***

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Keep the following pages for reference and check off tasks/events in the boxes below as you complete them!

Communication:

- Join the Band App group when a committee member sends you the link. Committee members will communicate with you regularly about events coming up through the Band App group. Please respond in a timely manner to help everyone stay well informed.

Headshot

- Myra's Studio Photography (641-856- 8116)
 - Call and set up your time to have your headshot. Setting up the appointment is *your* responsibility. Pictures must be completed by **Friday, June 14th**.

Sponsorship:

It is your responsibility to make sure your sponsor money has been turned in.

- Email your sponsor's logo to: chamber@pactiowa.org

If you are having problems finding a sponsor, please let us know-we can help you!

Apparel:

- Interview/Parade: Prior to the parade, the Queen Committee will take you to TDT where you will have a 5 minute private interview with the judges where they will call you in individually to get to know you by asking you questions about aspects from your application and your questionnaire. This will be a panel style interview.
 - Please dress in business attire for both the interview and parade!
- Opening number: The opening number is how we kick off the event and showcase how you work with other contestants up on stage.
 - You will wear your Pancake Day t-shirt and jeans (NO HOLES!). You will also need nude-colored heels and white tennis shoes.
- Creative Wear: Your voiceover will play while you parade on stage displaying your creative wear outfit.
 - Create an outfit and props that you can carry with you on stage that best describes your personality and/or interests. This is an opportunity to showcase your interests and individuality.
- Evening Wear: Your voiceover will play while you parade on stage in your formal wear outfit
 - Gown and shoes of your choice

What are voiceovers? You will record several recordings for voiceovers that will be played during certain portions of the event. This will take place at Iowa Media Network and more information will be given in the weeks to come:

- Creative Wear: must be within :30 seconds to :45 seconds to explain your outfit, explain your personality and any other facts you want the judges and crowd to know about you.
- Formal Wear must be between :45 seconds to 1:00 minute to answer a chosen question relating to the the theme Travel Back in Time: Pancake Day Through the Years

It is HIGHLY recommended to use the full time allotted to answer the question. Following your recording session, you will need to email the finished typed document to Melissa at mainstreetcenterville@pactiowa.org. This copy will go in the judges binder for them to use as reference.

Document requirements: 11pt, Times New Roman font, pdf format, with both Formal Wear and Creative Wear on one page

Example:

Jane Doe

Creative Wear Voiceover

(my Creative Wear voiceover text.....)

Formal Wear Voiceover

(my Formal Wear voiceover text...)

Big Parade:

- Convertible for parade: Please line up your own convertible to ride in the parade.
 - Let Christina (chamber@pactiowa.org) know who your driver is.
- Drivers/convertibles will line up Washington Street between the Senior Lofts and The Columns (large historic white home on the corner of Washington and North Main). It is your responsibility to let them know where to meet.
- Drivers must be okay with window cling decals to the outside of their car. A committee member will deliver the car clings to your vehicle when you are lined up.
- A committee member will be there delivering contestant number buttons to each of the convertibles. Your number must be placed on your outfit where it can easily be seen by the judges.

Hair and Makeup:

- Once you arrive the morning of Pancake Day, you will remain with the group all day. You must bring everything you need with you that morning. However, if the contestant would like to get their hair and make done for the pageant, this MUST be done OFF SITE! **This CAN NOT be done at Tangleberries Suites**. All contestants must be back to Tangleberries by 4pm to get dressed/prepped for the pageant. Food and drink will be provided throughout the day by local business sponsors.
- Parents, family members, significant others are not allowed in the church, dressing room, or staging area at any time. If you need help with something, ask someone on the committee. We are here to assist you all day.

Pancake Day FUNdraiser:

- Girls will meet to create an individual masterpiece(specified at a later date) that is related to the theme, Travel Back in Time: Pancake Day Through the Years, and Items are auctioned off to the community on the date listed below.

Important Dates for involvement and/or activities:

- Questionnaire and Interview workshop Sunday, June 23rd
- Children's Art Festival June 29th
 - All contestants are expected to attend the event and help with crafts & interact with the kids on Saturday June 29th from 9:45 am - 1 pm (lunch is provided).
- Due date for Questionnaire is July 19th
- Pancake Day Queen FUNdraiser Silent Auction August 2nd . Date TBD
- Window Staging Location at Tangleberries, Sunday, August 18th
 - As a group, you will work together to create a staging design for the "Contestant" window that goes with this year's Pancake Day theme "Travel back in Time, Pancake Day Through the Years".
- Practice Dates: (list of practice dates - practice details are attached)
 - All practices will be held at Sheree's Flip Flop Tumbling unless otherwise noted. **Practices are mandatory.**
- Voiceover due date: To be determined
- Fareway Friday-Lunch in the Courtyard: Friday, September 27th. 11 – 1 pm (if your schedule allows it)

Judging Category Criteria

- Judges Interview
- Evening Wear
- Creative Wear
- Parade
- Fishbowl/Onstage Interview
- Overall Onstage Presence

We are so excited to work with you this year! We are here to support you and make this a fun and memorable event! If you ever have any questions, please reach out!

Committee Members— Melissa Arnevik, Elizabeth Sells, Krystal Thomas, Molly Heims and Danielle Caraccio.

****Important Dates & Times for Contestants****

Practice schedule is provided below (may be subject to change) and all will be held at Sheree's Flip Flop Tumbling unless otherwise noted. **Practices are mandatory.**

- Sunday, June 23rd** - Questionnaire and Interview Workshop with Michelle Moore at TDT & Associates.
- Sunday, July 21st: 5-6:30 pm** - Learn all things: Walking in heels, go over how to speak your introduction for the opening number. Bring your heels!
- Sunday, July 28th: 5-6:30 pm** - Learn all things: Opening number, learning where to walk with opening music, short dance to open the show, and practice how to introduce yourself in the opening number. Bring your heels!
- Sunday, August 4th: 5-6:30 pm** - Review opening number and answer questions you may have so far. Learn all things: Creative wear. We will learn where and how to walk with creative wear music and your creative wear voiceovers. Bring your heels!
- Sunday, August 11th: 5-6:30 pm** - Review opening number and creative wear. Answer questions about that section. Learn all things: Evening wear. We will learn where and how to walk with the evening wear music and your evening wear question voice over. Bring your heels!
- Sunday, August 18th: 3-5pm Window staging at TBD, 5-6:30pm @ Sheree's** to Review opening number, creative wear & evening gown. Answer questions for those three items. Learn all things: Fishbowl. We will practice fishbowl questions and will review how to stand with heels and how to hold the microphone. Bring your heels!
- Sunday, August 25th: 5:00- 7:00 pm** Put the whole show together. Run Opening Number & review anything needed in this section; Run Creative Wear & review anything needed in this section; Run Evening Gown & review anything needed in this section; Run Fishbowl & review anything needed in this section; Learn how crowning will work
- Sunday, September 1st:** NO PRACTICE - Labor Day Weekend
- Sunday, September 8th: 5-7pm** Full Dress Rehearsal with Queen contestants and Escorts- Bring all of your outfits. We will run the whole pageant!
- Sunday, September 15th: 4:30pm Learn Pages Opening Number, 5:00-7:00 pm** Full Dress rehearsal with escorts and queens. Bring all of your outfits. We will run the whole pageant!
- Sunday, September 22nd: 4:30 Review with Pages, 5:00-7:00 pm** Full Dress rehearsal. Bring all of your outfits. We will run the whole pageant!
- Wednesday, September 25th: 5-7:30 pm** REHEARSAL with Pages, Escorts, and Queens— Main Stage on the Square! Bring your heels!
- Saturday, September 28th: Pancake Day**

7:00-8:00 am Rehearsal on the Main Stage

9:00-10:30 am Interview with Judges

11:30- 12 pm Big Tent helping in the pancake lines and interacting with community members

12:30 pm Meet at Columns for parade

6:00 pm Pageant Starts

*Pictures for title winners will be at the Presbyterian Church immediately following the Finale. All contestants must pack up and pick up prior to leaving the Tangleberries suites after the pageant.