



2022 Miss Parade of the Hills Rules & Regulations

1. Applicants must be a female, at least 16 years of age and no more than 19 as of July 1, the following year. Please attach a copy of your birth certificate for verification.
2. Applicant must be a current resident of **Athens County** or an Ohio County bordering Athens County (**Washington, Morgan, Perry, Hocking, Vinton or Meigs counties**).
3. Applicant must not have been a previous Miss Parade of the Hills or current court member.
4. Past court members, excluding Miss Parade of the Hills, are invited to enter the contest again following one festival year after their reign has ended, provided all other qualifications are fulfilled.
5. Applicant must not be married, never have been married nor be co-habiting with a non-related male from the time entering the contest until her reign on the court of Parade of the Hills ends.
6. Applicant must be of non-parental status from the time entering the pageant until her reign on the court of Parade of the Hills ends. If applicant becomes pregnant during her reign as Queen or Court member, her title and awards will be forfeited immediately.
7. Contestants **MUST BE** clear of any misdemeanors.
8. Each applicant must submit two wallet size photos of herself (to be used for newspaper publication) along with the application and entry fee (**\$25.00**). All photos become the property of the Parade of the Hills and cannot be returned. **Photos must be received by the first orientation meeting in order to be published in the area newspapers.**
9. All applicants who enter the pageant are required to follow the week's schedule of events, which are established by the Queen's Committee.
10. Contestant must never have, nor will she during her reign, pose for any photography, video, or film associated with any nudity, pornography or sexually illicit photographs. Nor has she ever or is presently involved in any form of employment which involves partial or complete nudity. This includes pictures or video on Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat or any other social media. The Parade of the Hills has permission to monitor such sites if they feel it is necessary. Failure to adhere to this rule will lead to forfeiture of your title and scholarship award.
11. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court members represent exclusively the Parade of the Hills. If the Queen and/or Court member enters another queen contest or becomes a court member with another festival, she must immediately forfeit her title with the Parade of the Hills and must return her Crown and Sash. She also forfeits any monetary awards.
12. In order to represent the Parade of the Hills festival appropriately, Miss Parade of the Hills and Court shall demonstrate knowledge of Nelsonville and the festival. Miss Parade of the Hills and each member of the Court shall prepare a speech (no more than five minutes in length) to use for public relations purposes. The speech shall be reviewed and approved by the Queen's Committee chairperson, and presented to the Board of Trustees upon request.
13. Judging will be based upon a composite score of communication skills, personality, poise, attire, and knowledge of the festival. All scores will remain the property of the judges and no scores will be given to the Parade of the Hills committee, contestants or parents!
14. Miss Parade of the Hills and Court will receive a scholarship to be presented at the end of her reign provided she has fulfilled her duties as specified in the By-Laws. Should the Queen and Court choose not to further her education, payment will be one half of said amount awarded. Should the Queen and Court still be attending high school or vocational school at the end of her reign, the scholarship money will be held in escrow until the time of her graduation from said school. Scholarships will be:

Queen - \$2500.00 (\$1250.00 check if not furthering education)
1st Runner-Up - \$500.00 (\$250.00 check if not furthering education)
2nd Runner-Up - \$250.00 (\$125.00 check if not furthering education).

15. **All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award** issued by the Parade of the Hills Committee conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate two-or four-year degree program in an accredited American college or university. Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, a check will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student. The scholarship must be used within one (1) year of the completion of high school, vocational school or the end of the Queen & Court's reign.
16. **Failure to request the scholarship from the Parade of the Hills within the one (1) year period completion of high school, vocational school or the end of the Queen & Court's reign will result in forfeiture of said awards. After the one (1) year time period said awards will not be issued.**
17. There will be three (3) final winners: Miss Parade of the Hills and two Runners-up. The Runners-up will serve as the Queen's Court members.
18. Miss Congeniality will be selected by secret ballot by all contestants and will be announced on Saturday night of the Parade of the Hills Festival. She does not travel with the Queen & Court to festivals.
19. A Formal/Evening Gown competition will take place and the winner will be announced on Saturday night of the Parade of the Hills Festival. She does not travel with the Queen & Court to festivals.
20. No flowers or gifts are to be delivered to the contestants at the judging site at anytime during the Parade of the Hills.
21. No contestant will be allowed to give flowers, gifts or tokens of appreciation to other contestants, judges, chaperones or committee members during the Parade of the Hills week.
22. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend all orientations held prior to the festival. These events will give all contestants and parents a chance to meet each other and the members of the Queen's Committee, as well as gain valuable information about the upcoming events and what is expected of each contestant.
23. **Orientation meetings will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm and Sunday August 14, 2019 at 12:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 69 E. Washington St, Nelsonville. Parents/Guardians must attend the first orientation meeting with the contestants as rules and regulations will be discussed.**
24. Your entrance into the competition establishes your agreement to all Miss Parade of the Hills regulations and guidelines set forth by the Parade of the Hills Board of Trustees, The Parade of the Hills General Committee and The Parade of the Hills Queens Committee, if you should become a member of the court. By signing the application document you are agreeing to the stipulations of the Miss Parade of the Hills and Court Code of Conduct and Guidelines.
25. If you are to become Miss Parade of the Hills you shall be required to attend no fewer than 12 approved OFEA Festivals; 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up must attend 6 approved Festivals. **Failure to attend the required festivals will result in forfeiture of your scholarship awards.** 1st & 2nd Runners-Up may attend more festivals at their expense and with the approval of the Queens Committee; however the Parade of the Hills shall establish the approved festival list following your coronation. **They will not attend any festivals/events without a chaperone.** A chaperone that has been approved by the Queen Committee will accompany them.
26. The Queen and her Court must be present during the scheduled appearances the week of the Parade of the Hills festival.
27. The medical release form and the Miss Parade of the Hills contract must be notarized.
28. Judging will take place on FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, at the First Presbyterian Church.
29. **NO CELL PHONES PERMITTED DURING FESTIVAL WEEK!**
30. Deadline for applications is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022.**

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