



Franklin County Watermelon Festival Beauty Pageant

Saturday, July 23, 2023 | Russellville City Schools Auditorium

Admission is \$5.00 (cash only)

Pageant begins at 10:00 AM



General Information and Rules

- Entry fee - \$45.00 and includes: Beauty Pageant, Photogenic, Prettiest Dress, Prettiest Hair, Prettiest Smile & Pageant tee. To be judged in the Photogenic Category, ONE photo is to accompany your application by the deadline. **No Refunds after application is submitted!**
- Application, fee, and photo deadline is **Friday, June 16, 2023**. **There will be NO exceptions to the deadline.**
- Only ONE female per contestant is allowed in the back dressing room areas. Only ONE female is allowed to escort on stage or stay in the wings of those in the 5–6-year-old category and under. If you would like to watch the pageant, you will need to purchase a ticket in the lobby for entry. Please be aware that **NO MEN OR YOUNG BOYS** are allowed backstage, nor in holding rooms, nor as escorts for contestants. This includes fathers, brothers, boyfriends, and hair & makeup artists.
- Each contestant will receive a 2023 Pageant tee and a participation certificate. Each age division will have a Queen, 1st runner up, 2nd runner up, Most Photogenic, Prettiest Dress, Prettiest Smile, and Prettiest Hair. The queen in each age division will receive a crown.
- Judging will be by out-of-town judges. The judges' decisions are FINAL.
- Each contestant should wear an age-appropriate dress. ****Pageant wear will be permitted for girls 10 years and over. **Girls 9 years and under will **NOT** be permitted to wear pageant wear.**
- Check-In will be backstage of the Russellville City Schools Auditorium on Saturday, July 15th, see below for your age divisions. **Lineup is 15 minutes prior to stage time; BE DRESSED & READY UPON ARRIVAL!** **Dress areas will be limited. We will NOT hold your group and delay the pageant.**

*****Age Categories & updated Pageant Schedule is attached below*****

THERE WILL NOT BE A SCHEDULED REHEARSAL FOR THIS EVENT! SEE OUTLINE BELOW.

Submission of the Pageant Application confirms:

I understand that all decisions by the judges are ***final***. I will not hold the Director, Staff, City of Russellville, Russellville City Schools, The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, or anyone associated with the Watermelon Festival responsible for any injury, lost items or damages occurring before, during or after the pageant. ***I understand that NO changes will be made to the application once submitted!***

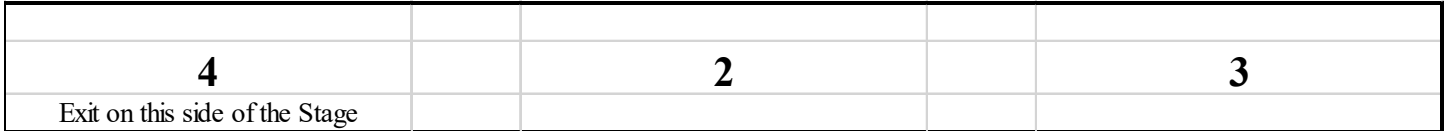
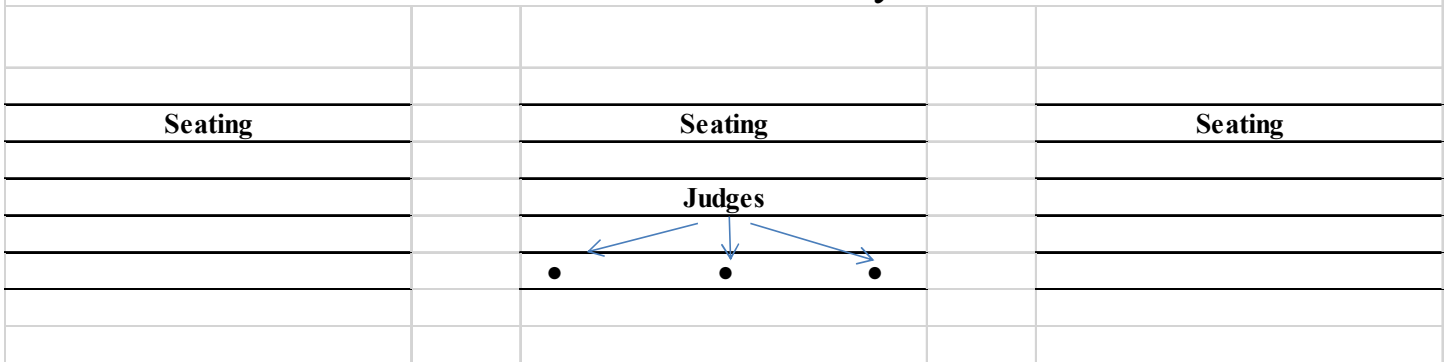
If selected as The Watermelon Queen (18–21-year-old category), applicant is currently attending or have graduated from a Franklin County High School, Russellville City School, or Northwest-Shoals Community College. If the applicant has not attended or graduated from the required schools, she will ***not*** be eligible for the title of The Watermelon Queen. Applicant also confirms that she is not married and does not plan to be married during her reign of Miss Watermelon Queen. If selected, she must attend the following year's pageant to crown the new Queens along with riding in the Russellville Christmas Parade and attending the Watermelon Festival duties assigned by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please contact the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce at 256.332.1760 or director@franklincountychamber.org

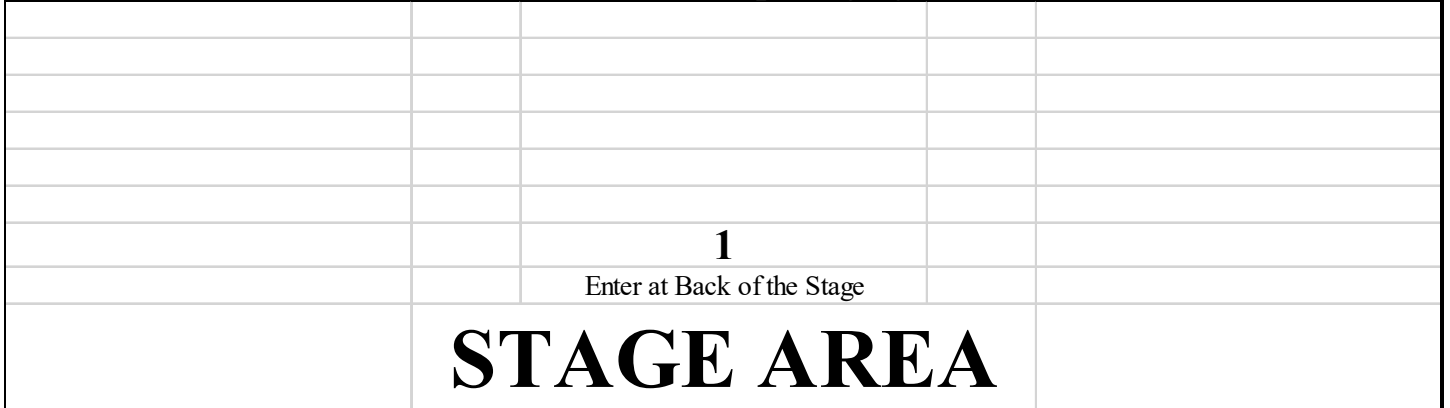
Queens will be presented at the Watermelon Festival Opening Ceremony on August 18th, located at the Main Stage. The Watermelon Festival Queen (Age 18-21) will also be responsible for cutting the first watermelon at the Opening Ceremony, awarding prizes at the Watermelon Festival, riding in the Russellville Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 7, 2023, and crowning at the 2024 Watermelon Pageant.

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RCS Auditorium Layout



Line for Group Judging



Line indicates final group judging (before &/or after individual judging)

2023 Pageant Schedule | July 15, 2023

10:00 **Welcome & Introduction**

10:10 0-6 months

10:30 7-9 months

10:50 10-11 months

Crown

11:00 12-17 months

11:15 18-23 months

11:30 2 years

Crown | Intermission

12:00 3 years

12:10 4 years

12:20 5 years

Crown

12:30 6 years

12:40 7-8 years

12:50 9 years

Crown

1:00 10-11 years

1:10 12-13 years

1:20 14-17 years

1:30 18-21 years

Crown

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