



Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival
August 19 and August 20, 2016
Huber Park
1520 Davidson Dr. Reynoldsburg

To all prospective contestants, parents and guardians,

The Rules and Regulations for Candidates for the 2016-2017 Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant are attached. The candidates for and the eventual winners of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant titles are required to abide by these Rules and Regulations during their candidacy and during their reign.

The contract and consent agreement form must be signed by the candidate and at least one parent or guardian. The forms must be completed and returned to the Royalty Chairperson for eligibility to compete. This contract and the consent agreement will remain in effect during the entire reign. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Motz or Mike Motz at 614-866-5044 or at austinsnini@wideopenwest.com.

When considering your candidacy, you should note that attendance at the following events is required:

Get acquainted information meeting: August 7, 2016
Queens' Luncheon and personal interview competition: August 14, 2016
Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony: 6:00 PM, August 19, 2014
Final Stage Competition: 7:00 PM, August 19, 2016
Queen and Attendant: until Festival close at 10:00 PM, August 19
Queen and Attendant: 2 PM until 8:00 PM, August 20, 2016

For the parents/guardians of the candidates, you must be aware that Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. does not anticipate at this time being able to fund or reimburse travel expenses for the 2016-2017 Queen and Attendant. We expect that the travel/activities will be limited/local, but you should consider your willingness and ability to cover those expenses yourself if your child is selected. Additionally, please consider your willingness to serve as chaperone for a few events during your child's reign as 2016-2017 Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen or Attendant. Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. approved chaperones will be required regardless of the age (i.e. even if 18 or older) of your child. If acting as a Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. chaperone and/or providing transportation, you will be required to sign a consent form which includes a waiver of liability.

Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen, Attendant, and Candidates
Rules and Regulations

General

1. All candidates are considered representatives of Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. (RFI) and of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival. Proper, positive appearance and conduct are expected at all times.
2. All candidates must be a naturally born female student entering high school as a sophomore, junior or senior in the upcoming school year, must be 15 years old on or before August 19, 2016 and must reside within the Reynoldsburg City School district.
3. The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant will be required to complete 40 hours of community service during their reign. The types of service include, but are not limited to: volunteer activities at Reynoldsburg community events, within the Reynoldsburg City Schools District, and/or with local charitable organizations.
4. All candidates must attend the following Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival activities: Get acquainted information meeting, personal interview competition/Queens' Luncheon, festival set up, Opening Ceremony and final stage competition. The newly crowned Queen and Attendant must remain at the Festival for the remainder of the day on Saturday. Any conflicts with festival activities must be discussed with the Royalty Chairperson.
5. The Candidates, the Queen and Attendant, are not permitted to compete for or hold a title in any other festivals or pageants during their reign.
6. All Candidates must be single and must never have been married or pregnant. You must reside with a parent or guardian and must never have been convicted of any criminal activity. Marriage, pregnancy, or conviction of any criminal activity during the reign of the Tomato Festival Queen or Attendant shall result in loss of title.
7. Any Candidate arrested for or charged with a felony crime shall be disqualified from competition and immediate suspension of title and participation in Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. activities will occur. Conviction of a felony crime by the Queen or Attendant will result in loss of Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. title and immediate dismissal from participation as Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen or Attendant retroactive to the actual date of the felony. Arrest and/or conviction for misdemeanor crimes by a Reigning Queen, Attendant or prospective candidate may result in suspension or disqualification and will be considered by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis. The reigning Queen, First Attendant and candidates are expected to self report such arrests or convictions to the Queen Committee Chairperson. Failure to self report arrests to the Queen Committee Chairperson is a contract violation and can result in suspension or disqualification by the RFI Board of Directors.

8. Disciplinary action at school must be self reported to the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen Committee Chairperson and can result in suspension or disqualification of title or competition. If the chaperone considers the disciplinary action to be serious, the Board of Directors will be notified and will be considered on a case by case basis. Failure to self report school disciplinary action to the Queen Committee Chairperson is a contract violation and can result in suspension of title and activities or disqualification by the Board of Directors.
9. Personal conduct or internet postings of any kind including but not limited to text messages, Facebook, My Space, Twitter, Linked In, and or any other telephone or electronic media communications that are considered to be inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and/or support or endorse the use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol consumption or immoral conduct and/or any other questionable activity deemed to be inappropriate by Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc., shall result in disqualification from competition or loss of title. If you have doubts or questions about the consequences of participating in any activity, contact the RFI Royalty Chairperson or alternatively the RFI Royalty Board member if the Royalty Chairperson is not available for clarification before participating in an event.
10. Contestants for and the Queen and Attendant are required to represent Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. and the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival to the best of their ability. High standards of moral conduct are expected at all times including the competition period. The use of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol or other intoxicating beverages, sniffing of chemicals for the purpose of altering ones mental state, or use of profanity shall result in disqualification from the competition and/or in loss of Queen or Attendant title.
11. Public displays of affection (this includes holding hands, hugging, and kissing) are not permitted while you are representing Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. and the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival as a candidate, Queen, or Attendant.
12. Punctuality is expected at all times. You must be ready to travel 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time and must arrive 10 minutes prior to the starting time of any activity.
13. The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen or Attendant are not eligible to compete for any additional Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival titles.
14. Problems with interpersonal relationships during the competition, or during the reign of the Queen and Attendant should be discussed only with the Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. Chaperone, Royalty Chairperson, or the Board member designated to oversee the Royalty program. A member of Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc.'s Executive Board shall be contacted by the designated Royalty board member if any issues remained unresolved following those discussions.

15. If for any reason the Queen is unable to complete her reign, the First Attendant may be appointed to assume the position of Queen for the remainder of the season if recommended by the Royalty Chairperson and approved by the RFI board.

Appearance and Dress Code

1. When traveling to and from any Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. related activity, appropriate dress is required and consists of: khakis, dress pants or a skirt, and a Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. shirt or a nice blouse. Solid color jeans or jean shorts with no holes, frays, or worn thin areas may be worn with the approval of the Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. Chaperone for that event. You will be required to travel to some Reynoldsburg Festival Inc. related activities in formal or business-type attire.
2. Appropriate dress while attending a luncheon and/or parade is formal with sash and crown. Dress/business-type suits can be worn to parades and festivals that occur during the colder months with chaperone approval.
3. Your attire must always meet the following criteria: shorts, skirts and dresses no more than 2 inches above the knee, no slits higher than 2 inches above the knee, no bare midriffs, no backless shirts or blouses, a slip or camisole must be worn underneath thin or see-through clothing. Shirts, blouses, dresses and/or gowns must have sleeves or shoulder straps. Dresses and gowns may be partially backless, but may not expose the back any lower than mid-upper arm. All clothing must be clean and pressed. If you are concerned about the appropriateness of your attire, ask the Royalty Chairperson before you wear it to an event.
4. Only dress shoes or dressy sandals may be worn with formal or business-type attire.
5. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
6. Body piercing jewelry or other accessories except 1 pair of earrings, may not be worn when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
7. The Queen and Attendant must maintain a neat, clean appearance when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
8. Queen and Attendant shall keep their crown and sash clean at all times and shall store their crown and sash in your crown box when not in use or traveling. Crowns and sashes belong to Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. until the end of your reign. You will be responsible for replacing any lost, stolen or damaged items. You may put two or three crown pins on the front of your sash with the Royalty Chairperson's permission. These must be small and may not obstruct the wording on the sash. You may not put pins, buttons or badges on the back of your sash.

9. Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant sashes and crowns are to worn in public only when attending events approved and chaperoned by an approved Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. Chaperone.
10. Any violation of the Appearance and Dress Code requirements may result in the suspension of your participation in festival-related activities.

Awards and Prizes

1. If approved by the RFI Board, monetary prizes will be awarded at the end of the Queen's and Attendant's reign.
2. All crowns and sashes belong to Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. until the end of your reign. You will be responsible for replacing any lost, stolen or damaged items.
3. Crowns and sashes cannot be substituted with replacement items. You must wear only the Queen and Attendant identification items that were provided by RFI when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
4. You must complete your reign and fulfill your duties as Queen or Attendant to receive any prizes or awards at the end of your reign.
5. You may not accept any gifts, favors, or money from anyone or any business without permission from the Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. This does not include gifts from family or friends, goodie bags, or door prizes received as part of your attendance at events related to your activities as the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen or Attendant.

Travel

1. Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. will not fund, or reimburse, travel expenses for the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant.
2. All appearances of the Tomato Festival Queen and Attendant must be approved in advance by RFI. It is anticipated that appearances at only local/area events will be approved (e.g. Bexley, Canal Winchester, Gahanna, Pickerington, and Whitehall).
3. When representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival, the Queen and/or Attendant must be accompanied to all events by an RFI approved Chaperone, the parent or guardian of at least one of the Queen/ Attendant as approved by the RFI, and/or by the Royalty Chairperson, regardless of the age of the Queen/ Attendant.

4. The request to attend any non scheduled event as representatives of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival must be submitted to the Royalty Chairperson no less than fifteen (15) days before the event registration deadline.
5. Failure to attend a festival or event you have committed to, without proof of a personal, family, or medical emergency, may result in suspension from travel. Multiple occurrences of such absences may result in loss of title and prizes/awards.
6. Participation in activities at events which you are visiting as a representative of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival is restricted to those related only to your official duties (e.g. tours, luncheons, parades, etc.).
7. The Queen and/or Attendant must remain with the designated chaperone at all times when they are representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
8. The Queen and/or Attendant must attend the entire scheduled event.
9. Cell phones are not permitted to be used by the Queen/ Attendant during travel to and from, or during, scheduled events unless approved by the chaperone.
10. You must respect the judgment of your chaperones as final.
11. You may not invite guests to travel with you to or to meet you at events where you are representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival unless approved by the Chaperone.
12. The Queen/Court member must immediately notify the Royalty Chairperson of any invitations to attend events, and provide the invitation and other appropriate information to the chairperson.

Parade Conduct

1. Queen and Attendant must remain poised, smiling, and waving to the crowd throughout the entire parade.
2. The following are not permitted during parades: sunglasses, gum chewing, eating, applying makeup, removing footwear, excessive talking with each other, or standing in a moving vehicle/float unless properly using restraints built into a float which was designed for the riders to stand.
3. The Queen and Attendant shall vigorously interact with the crowd. (Example: Thanking someone for a compliment or responding to a child that spoke to you.)
4. The Queen and Attendant shall ignore any negative comments made by spectators.

Speech Rules When Attending Other Festivals

1. The Queen and Attendant shall have a prepared speech approved or provided by the Queen Committee Chairperson.
2. The Queen and Attendant shall thank the inviting Festival Queen/Attendants for the invitation and wish the new court or contestants good luck, when appropriate.

End of Reign Duties

1. The Queen and Attendant shall attend the subsequent year Queens' Luncheon.
2. The Queen will serve as hostess at the subsequent year Queens' Luncheon.
3. The Queen and Attendant shall be present at the subsequent year Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony and Queen Competition.

Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Competition

Contract

I _____ have read all the Rules and Regulations. I understand my responsibilities if chosen as the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Queen or an Attendant. If I fail to abide by the Rules and Regulations, I understand that I maybe suspended from travel and/or could forfeit my title and prizes/awards.

I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages I may have against Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. or the City of Reynoldsburg, and all other parties and their representatives, successors, sponsors, and assignees for any and all injuries and all claims of damages demands and actions whatsoever which may arise as a result of participation in this contest or during my reign as Queen or Attendant.

I hereby grant full permission to any and all forgoing to use photographs, videotapes or motion pictures of this festival for any purpose related to the festival, future festivals, beneficiary or sponsor.

Candidate's Printed Name _____

Candidate's
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Chairperson
Signature _____ Date _____

**REYNOLDSBURG TOMATO FESTIVAL
CONSENT AGREEMENT**

I hereby certify that I am over eighteen (18) years of age and of sound mind and body and hereby agree that I am (Candidate) or my minor child (Parent or Guardian) is a voluntary participant in the Reynoldsburg Festivals Inc. program(s), related events and activities.

It is further agreed that I (Candidate) /we (Parent or Guardian) hereby release Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. and the City of Reynoldsburg, its employees, public officials, volunteers, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event from any and all liability for injury, disability, or death to any person or property incident to my own or my child's involvement or participation in these programs.

It is further agreed that I (Candidate) /we (Parent or Guardian) assume all risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my own or my child's participation.

It is further agreed that I (Candidate) /we (Parent or Guardian) will comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any concerns about my own participation or my child's participation and/or the event itself, I will remove myself from participation and notify the nearest official.

It is further agreed I (Candidate) /we (Parent or Guardian) will indemnify and hold harmless Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. and the City of Reynoldsburg, its employees, public officials, volunteers, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event from any liabilities incident to my own or my child's involvement or participation in the Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. Program(s), related events and activities.

In executing this agreement, I hereby certify that I have acted voluntarily based on my own knowledge and judgment and have not been influenced by statements of representations not included in this agreement.

X _____ X _____
Printed Name of Candidate Signature of Candidate (if 18 years of age or older)

X _____ X _____
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (1) Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (2)

X _____
Signature (1) Date

X _____
Signature (2) Date

Reynoldsburg Festivals, Inc. Director Signature Date