

Montrose Blueberry Festival, Inc.



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3rd Weekend in August

Dear Blueberry Queen Contestants & Parents,

The 2026 Blueberry Festival Queen Pageant will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 6:00 pm in the Montrose Community Schools Auditorium.

The pageant application deadline is Friday, April 10, 2026 at 3 pm. Applications are to be dropped off to Vicki Podulka at Kuehn-Haven Middle School Office between 7:00 am-3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Applications may be turned in early. You do not need to wait until the due date. In addition to the application, please submit a 5x7 color photo, a completed sponsor form, resume, and sponsor check in the amount of \$100. Your photo should be a head and shoulders shot as it will be used for publicity posters. It will be returned to you prior to the pageant.

There will be a **mandatory** pre-pageant meeting for the **contestants and their parent(s)** on Tuesday April 14th at 6pm. There will also be a **mandatory pageant practice on Friday, May 1st** starting at 4pm in the school auditorium.

Each contestant is **required** to find their own sponsor. Your sponsor may be a business, organization, or an individual. In return for the \$100 sponsor fee, your sponsor will receive two pageant passes, a photo of you, & advertising at the pageant.

All contestants must **attend Hill-McCloy High School** since the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year or have **graduated from Hill-McCloy High School**. You must remain a student at Hill-McCloy High School throughout your reign (unless you have successfully graduated) and follow rules and guidelines set forth by the Blueberry Festival Committee. During your reign, you will be required to attend scheduled parades & appearances as designated by the committee; failure to do so **WILL** result in reduction in scholarship and possible removal from your reign.

Parents of the Queen are **expected** to pull the float in parades. If the parents of the court would like to help with this responsibility they may do so but are not required. There are about ten parades normally required, this is in addition to the entire week of the festival. We allow the Queen and Court to choose other parades to add to their schedule which then become required.

The 2026 Montrose Blueberry Queen will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and the Court will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarships will be available after the successful completion of your reign and crowning of the 2027 Queen and Court. Checks will be made payable to the college of your choice.

If you have any questions, you may text (anytime) or call (after 4pm on school days).

Vicki Podulka 810-240-9602
Carrie Kovach 810-639-7663

MONTROSE BLUEBERRY QUEEN PAGEANT APPLICATION

Pageant will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Montrose Community Schools Auditorium.

Full Name _____

Age _____

Birthdate _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

How do you wish your name to be listed for publicity? _____

What grade/year (HS or college) are you in? _____

Expected Year of Graduation? _____

Who is your sponsor? _____

What honors/awards have you won in school?

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

What are your hobbies?

What are your future plans?

What motivated you to enter the Blueberry Queen Pageant?

What do you want to accomplish by being the Blueberry Queen and what do you think you could bring to the festival?

Short Essay (typed on a separate paper): What does the Montrose Blueberry Festival mean to you?

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Contestant must be of good moral character.
2. All contestants **must attend Hill-McCloy High School at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year or have graduated from Hill-McCloy High School.**
3. Contestant must be between the ages of 16-20 as of January 1, 2026.
4. A contestant crowned queen is ineligible to compete again. All other contestants are encouraged to compete again.
5. Once selected, the Queen and Court agree to conduct themselves professionally while representing the Montrose Blueberry Festival. They will not smoke, drink, or do any drugs in public (or private) nor use language unbecoming a public role model.
6. During the reign of the Queen and Court, if any member is found not following the established rules, she may be subject to forfeiture of the crown and scholarship at the discretion of the Montrose Blueberry Festival Committee.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date _____