



# 2026 Tomato Festival Queen Pageant Form

Entry fee : \$75

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_

## A. CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTESTANT DIVISION

MISS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN: \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR: \_\_\_\_\_

School presently attending or graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Clubs & Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hobbies & Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ambition:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What do you consider to be one of your greatest accomplishments?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are the three most important qualities a queen must possess and why?**

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**Why would you like to be the next Junior/Teen/Miss Tomato Festival Queen?**

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**B. PARENT INFORMATION**

**Parent(s) Name(s) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contestant Information, Guidelines & Agreement

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Tomato Festival Queen Pageant. We are excited to meet each of you and celebrate this special tradition. Please review the following information carefully.

### C. Pageant Rules & Eligibility

#### Conduct and Sportsmanship

All Judges decisions are **final**. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a **respectful and sportsmanlike manner** at all times.

Contestants must show respect to:

- Fellow contestants
- Judges
- Pageant directors and board members
- Festival volunteers and staff

**OLPS School Classrooms** will be used during the pageant. Contestants must treat these and any other school spaces used during the pageant respectfully.

- Do not leave trash behind
- Do not touch any items that do not belong to you

Any disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior may result in **disqualification** and **ineligibility for future pageants**. Entry fees will **not be refunded**.

#### Eligibility Requirements

##### Age Requirements (at time of crowning):

- Junior Division: 10–13
- Teen Division: 14–17
- Miss Division: 18–23

##### Additional Requirements:

- Must be single, never married, and not divorced
- Must not be pregnant and have never been pregnant

Contestants must meet **at least one** of the following:

- Resident of St. Bernard Parish
- Parishioner of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church
- Alumna of Our Lady of Prompt Succor School

#### Appearance Guidelines

Contestants must maintain a **modest, age-appropriate appearance**:

- Clothing must not expose **midriff or lower back**
- Necklines must be **modest**
- Clothing must not reveal the **upper portion of the thigh**
- Attire must remain **age appropriate**

- **All tattoos must be covered**
- **Only 1 ear piercing is permitted**

## **Social Media & Public Conduct**

Contestants may **not post** any pictures, videos, comments, or written content that could be interpreted negatively about:

- Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor School
- The Tomato Festival
- The Pageant

Contestants are expected to represent the pageant and festival **with respect and integrity**.

## **Participation Expectations**

Contestants are expected to attend all pageant-related events.

If a contestant is unable to attend an event, **prior approval from the pageant director** is required.

## **Sponsorship Requirement**

Each contestant must obtain **at least \$300 in sponsorships**.

Sponsorships will be displayed in the **official pageant program book**.

A separate form will be provided for submission instructions.

## **Media Release**

The Tomato Festival reserves the right to use any photos or videos taken during interviews, pageant, or festival events for **website, marketing, or promotional purposes**.

# **D. Important Dates & Deadlines**

## **APRIL 9**

### **Application & Sponsorship Deadline:**

All contestants must submit by this date:

- Completed application
- Headshot (5x7 printed on photo paper)
- Entry fee (cash, check, or money order)
- Signed rules/guidelines
- Minimum **\$300 sponsorship requirement**

## **APRIL 16 – 6:30 PM**

### **Mandatory Contestant & Parent Meeting:**

Contestants must attend with a parent/guardian. Please bring:

- Self-addressed stamped envelope to receive scores
- Heels you will wear on stage (practice time will be available)

Failure to attend without prior approval from the pageant director may result in **disqualification without refund**.

## **APRIL 18**

### **Pageant Day:**

Morning interviews and evening pageant will take place according to schedule.

## **APRIL 19**

### **Sunday following the pageant:**

Newly crowned queens will attend **Sunday morning Mass** and sign the official **Tomato Festival Queen Contract**. Queens must remain at the festival all day.

# **E. Pageant Day Breakdown**

## **April 18, 2026**

### **8:45 AM – Check-In for Interviews**

Middle School Building – Each contestant may bring **one guest**.

Interviews begin promptly at 9:00 AM in contestant number order.

#### **Interview Times:**

- Junior: 5 minutes
- Teen: 7 minutes
- Miss: 9 minutes

#### **Attire:**

- Junior: Sunday best dress, light natural makeup
- Teen & Miss: Interview skirt suit or appropriate dress (skirts only), neutral shoes, natural makeup, hair away from face

### **6:30 PM – Pageant Check-In**

Preparation room opens at 3:30 PM.

- **Only 1 makeup person, 1 hair person, and 1 guest allowed per contestant in the room.**
- Contestants may prepare off-site but must arrive **dressed and ready by 6:30 PM**.

## **Packing Checklist**

- Bobby pins & safety pins
  - Makeup & hairspray
  - Double-stick tape
  - Shoes & accessories
  - Contestant numbers
  - Extension cords for hair tools
- For newly crowned queens:**
- Sundress or maxi dress
  - Comfortable shoes for after crowning

## **Judging Categories**

### **Interview – 50 Points**

- Evaluated on confidence, communication, personality, and knowledge of the festival/community.
- Only time contestants may converse with judges.

### **Stage Introduction – 25 Points**

- Short jingle introducing contestant and inviting attendees to the festival.
- Maximum 90 seconds.
- Evaluated on creativity, personality, festival representation, speaking skills, and confidence.

### **Evening Gown – 25 Points**

- Floor-length, age-appropriate gowns.
- Evaluated on stage personality, elegance, hair/makeup, attire, overall appearance.

### **On-Stage Question – 15 Points (Miss Only)**

- Contestants have up to 1½ minutes to answer.
- Evaluated on content, delivery, and stage presence.

### **Additional Awards**

- People’s Choice (\$1 votes from audience)
- Miss Congeniality (voted by contestants)
- Evening Gown Fashion
- Interview Fashion
- Photogenic
- Sponsorship Award (highest sponsorship total)

By signing below, the contestant and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have **read and understand all rules, guidelines, and expectations**, including:

- Minimum **\$300 in sponsorships**
- Attendance at all required meetings, practices, and pageant events
- Adherence to modest and age-appropriate attire
- Social media and conduct expectations

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Contestant Signature

Date

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Parent Signature (if under 18)

Date