



Linton Freedom Festival

QUEEN & PRINCESS Pageant Information



Background:

The Linton Freedom Festival began over 100 years ago with a parade. Over the years, it has evolved into the festival and its surrounding events. The parade is known to be “Indiana’s Largest Independence Day Parade.”

Many years ago, the Linton Freedom Festival Queen Scholarship was established. Its inception was for two purposes: 1 - Promoting higher education; and 2 - Giving deserving young ladies the opportunity to be ambassadors for Linton with representation in the Freedom Festival and area festival parades, as well as the Indiana State Festival Association pageant. Awards are a \$500 scholarship to the Queen and a \$200 scholarship to the first runner-up.

In 2014, the Linton Freedom Festival Princess Pageant was introduced to young women for the ages of 13-16. This inception is to: 1 – Give young women between the ages of 13 to 16 the opportunity to serve as role models; 2 – The opportunity to gain self confidence and 3 – Be a representative during the Freedom Festival.

Previous contestants in the Freedom Festival Princess and Queen scholarship pageant are eligible to participate as long as they have not previously been crowned Freedom Festival Queen and meet all pageant requirements. A contestant previously crown Freedom Festival Princess is not eligible to participate in the Princess pageant, however, they are permitted to participate in the Queen pageant upon meeting eligibility requirements.

Selection Process:

The Queen and Court are selected by a panel of three judges and on a point system for 5 areas, including:

1. Scholastic achievement outlined in the entry form/packet
2. A personal interview
3. Sportswear Competition
4. On-Stage Question
5. Evening Gown Competition

Proper Dress:

- Interview attire: Dress clothes, something you would wear to church or a job interview (business suit, nice suit, dress, skirt and blouse)
- Opening Dance attire: Denim shorts, t-shirt (to be provided by Festival), white tennis shoes (Opening dance number is for fun only and will not be judged.)
- Sportswear attire: Something you would wear to participate in a sport; be creative; dress from head to toe; props are allowed; Ideas: tennis outfit, cheerleader, band, scuba diving, golf outfit, Miner Kadet, etc.
- Evening Gown: No set style; something you would wear to the prom; use good taste; any length

Queen/Princess/Court Appearances:

- Freedom Festival Events as needed. i.e, Color Run, 5K, Little Miss/Mr Contest - June
Chamber Luncheon - June
TV interviews - June
Freedom Festival Parade and Reception - July 4 (parade required)
Shakamak Homecoming Parade - September
Dugger Coal Festival Parade - September/October
Bloomfield Apple Festival Parade - October
ISFA Scholarship Pageant in Indianapolis (LFF Queen only)– January (required)
Freedom Festival Pageant – June of following year (required)



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The Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the annual Linton Freedom Festival Queen & Princess Scholarship Competition for college or post-high school vocational training.

The Queen scholarship competition is open to any young woman, who will be at least 17 years of age on June 2, 2018, and not exceeding 20 years of age on June 2, 2018, and is currently a student at Linton-Stockton High School (or residing within the Linton-Stockton School Corporation boundaries), or a graduate of Linton-Stockton High School. A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to the Queen and a \$200.00 scholarship will be awarded to the first runner-up. This scholarship is to be used for valid expenses related to college or vocational training, including tuition, books and campus housing. Proof of enrollment to a college or post-high school vocational training institution will be required.

The Princess Pageant is open to young ladies who are between the ages of 13 and 16 on or before June 2, 2018, and is currently a student in the Linton-Stockton School Corporation or resides within the Linton-Stockton School Corporation boundaries. The Princess and first runner up will receive prize packages from area businesses.

The Queen and Princess and their runner-ups will be representing the Chamber of Commerce in the Independence Day Parade during the Freedom Festival and serve as Ambassadors during the Freedom Festival and for area festivals.

The winners will be crowned on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Linton Freedom Festival Scholarship Pageant.

The selection will be based on the following:

- Entry form/packet submission
- Judges Interview
- Sports Attire Competition
- On-Stage Question
- Evening Gown Competition

TO ENTER: Complete the attached entry blank and submit it along with a 5x7 photograph and a copy of your birth certificate or driver's license and return it to your Guidance Counselor or the Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce by **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**. If a graduate of Linton-Stockton High School, please include a copy of your diploma. Previous contestants in the Freedom Festival Queen and Princess scholarship pageant are eligible to participate as long as they have not previously been crowned Freedom Festival Queen or Princess and meet all pageant requirements.

Upon receipt of all contestant packages, contestants will be notified with final pageant instructions.

A panel of judges will score each area and determine the winner. **Please note that The Freedom Festival Queen Committee, the Freedom Festival Taskforce and the Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors do not** select the Queen or her Court. If you need additional information, please email chamilton@lintonchamber.org or contact the Chamber office at 812-847-4846.

WISHING YOU THE BEST OF LUCK!

LFF Task Force Director, Ralph Witty
Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce President, John Cotter
Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Cheryl Hamilton



Linton Freedom Festival Annual Scholarship Pageant Entry Form

Check One _____ Queen Contestant _____ Princess Contestant

Name _____ Prefer _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

Birthplace _____ Contestant Email _____

Parents or Guardians Name/s _____

Parents Phone **and** Email _____

School Attended _____ Year In School (next fall) _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____ Height _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Names and Ages of Siblings: _____

Educational Plans (Please specify): _____

Career Aspirations: _____

Special Honors or Awards: _____

Extracurricular Activities including hobbies, sports and talents: _____

By signing below, I am verifying that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I agree that as a LFF Candidate, I am not currently married (or have been) or pregnant (or have been) and if crowned the LFF Queen/Princess agree to relinquish that honor and title to the 1st Runner-Up if found to be married and/or pregnant during the year-long reign as an LFF Representative.

_____ (Signature and Date)

_____ (Printed Name)

***You may use extra sheets to provide additional information for the above topics.
IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM WITH A NOTE TO SEE ATTACHMENT.***

***Please include a 5 x 7 photograph and copy of drivers license or birth certificate.
(Graduates should also include a copy of their diploma)***