

North Carolina Yam Festival Pageant  
"Have a Yam Good Time"  
October 20, 2018



Entry Fee:  
\$110 per contestant

Application Deadline: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
(Will accept applications by mail, e-mail or at the Tabor City  
Visitor's Center at 5:00 o'clock on October 3, 2018)

Divisions:

BABY MISS: 0-12 months

JUNIOR MISS: 9-10 years

MINI MISS: 13-23 months

YOUNG MISS: 11-13 years

TINY MISS: 2-3 years

TEEN MISS: 14-16 years

PETITE MISS: 4-6 years

QUEEN MISS: 17-21 years

LITTLE MISS: 7-8 years

MRS.: 20+, MARRIED ONLY

**RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- ❖ **BIRTHDATE:** The contestants age the date of the pageant determines the division.
- ❖ **CONTESTANT CONTRACT:** Each contestant and parent will be REQUIRED to sign a morality contract before competing. Contracts will be available at registration and rehearsal.
- ❖ **Residency:** NC Yam Festival Pageant is Open to residents of North and South Carolina
- ❖ **Grace Period:** Title holders will not be allowed to compete in another pageant while still holding the NC Yam Festival title without relinquishing their Title until 60 days prior to the following years pageant in October.
- ❖ **Required Areas of Competition:**
  - Baby Miss- Petite: Casual Wear (40%) & Beauty (60%)
  - Little-Queen: Interview (40%), Talent (30%) & Beauty (30%)
  - Mrs.: Interview(40%), Casual Wear (30%) & Beauty (30%)

\*Opening Number\*--All Contestants are required to participate in opening number. It is NOT judged, but is the contestants first appearance in front of the judges. All contestants must wear the NC Yam Festival T-Shirt, blue jeans and shoes. No flip flops or bare feet. T-shirts may be purchased at the Tabor City Library or registration. Additional embellishments are allowed but not required!

- ❖ Optional Areas of Competition: Photogenic- \$10.00 Open to all Contestants. 8x10 Photo must be submitted the night of rehearsal. Additional photos can be judged for \$10.00 per photo. Photos may be in Color or Black & White. NO HIGH GLITZ! Photos may be touched up. Two Photogenic Awards will be given-- Baby to Petite, Little to Mrs. See last page for picture examples.
- ❖ Note: This is NOT a HIGH GLITZ event. This is a community focused pageant. NO fake hair, no fake teeth, no excessive makeup etc. The judges will be notified of the rules and will deduct accordingly to their personal judgment.
- ❖ Scoresheets: Scoresheets will be released to contestants following the pageant to allow contestants to make enhancements according to the judges notes. This is not for comparison or up for discussion with Director or Judges. All Scores are final. If this becomes an issue, we will discontinue score sheet distribution at the directors discretion.

### Areas of Competition Information:

- ❖ Beauty: Baby & Mini-Sunday dress attire, with matching socks and shoes. NO bling. Tiny & Petite- Short pageant dress, matching socks and shoes. Can be Glitzy. Little- Short or Long pageant dress. Can be Glitzy. Please be age appropriate. Junior to Mrs- Floor length pageant dress. Can be Glitzy. Age appropriate. \*Make sure all dresses fit and compliment the contestant.\*
- ❖ Casual Wear: Baby to Petite & Mrs. only: Age appropriate, dressy, neat and stylish. No mid drifts. Can be custom or off the rack. No theme requirement.
- ❖ Interview: Little to Mrs. only: Little Miss- Young Miss Contestants will individually meet with the Judges for 3 minutes. Sunday dress is accepted, but not restricted to pant/skirt suit is also accepted. Make sure outfit is age appropriate. Teen Miss-Mrs. Contestants will individually meet with the judges for 5 minutes. Skirt/Pant Suit/Dressy attire is highly recommended.
- ❖ Talent: Little to Queen only: Only CDs are allowed, all music must be cued and only one song allowed on the CD. Talent CAN NOT exceed 4 minutes. CD's must be marked with Contestant Name, Division and Contestant number. CD's will be turned in the night of rehearsal to allow the sound crew to check and prepare for the pageant. Please have a back up CD for rehearsal and the night of the pageant.

### Awards:

- ❖ Division Winners: Each division winner will receive a rhinestone round crown, embroidered satin sash, trophy and gift.  
\*Baby-Petite will receive a complimentary participation tiara\*
- ❖ Overall Casual Wear: Baby to petite, Mrs- winner will receive a trophy.
- ❖ Overall Interview: Little to Mrs.- winner will receive a trophy.
- ❖ Overall Talent: Little to Queen- winner will receive a trophy.
- ❖ Optional Photogenic: Two trophies will be given. Baby to Petite, Little to Mrs.
- ❖ Ambassador Title: One Queen from the previous reign will be Crowned Ambassador. Scrap book, Events attended and positive representation of the Yam Festival will be considered by the director to select Ambassador Title for the following year.

- ❖ Scrapbook Award: Given to reigning queens for the most creative scrapbook.
- ❖ Scholarship: ONLY Teen and Queen- Teen Miss:\$250, Queen:\$750. Scholarship will be received in the form of a check once the year reign has been completed as long as all required events were attended, no other entry in pageants with out directors permission and conduct has exemplified requirements set by the NC Yam Festival Pageant.

### Court Requirements and information:

- ❖ NC Yam Festival Royalty will NOT have an all-expense paid reign. The Queens will be responsible for Cars, Parade Fees, Shirts, Car Signs, Clothing etc.
- ❖ The Yam Festival Committee will attempt to minimize costs whenever it is possible.
- ❖ Required Events:
  - 1.) NC Yam Festival Yam Auction Tuesday October 23, 2018 6:30pm
  - 2.) NC Yam Festival Taste of Tabor: Thursday October 25, 2018 6-10pm at the home of Tim Wright. Only the Courts ticket will be provided.
  - 3.) NC Yam Festival Parade: Line up 9:00 am, Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 \*float provided\*
  - 4.) Tabor City Christmas Parade: line up at 5:00 pm Thursday, December 6, 2018 \*car needed\*
  - 5.) NC Strawberry Festival Parade & Pageant: Saturday TBA May 2019 \*float provided\*
  - 6.) NC Watermelon Festival Parade & Pageant: Saturday TBA July 2019 \*car needed\*
- ❖ If necessary we will have meetings, however it is hard for everyone to get together. Therefore a newsletter will be mailed out periodically to inform Court of upcoming events. Our Court Facebook page will also be available for more information.

### Additional Pageant Information

- ❖ Pageant Rehearsal: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @6pm South Columbus High School
  - \*Photogenic must be turned in.
  - \*contestant numbers will be given out, no extras!
  - \*programs will be distributed
  - \*Schedule for interview will be given
  - \*Contestant will receive 2 passes. May be used for parent, guardian, hair dresser. Pass is required to be backstage with contestants-no exceptions! \*No boys or men allowed in dressing rooms\*
  - \*There will be a run through of the pageant to allow contestants to walk the stage layout
  - \*Talent practice will be allowed if desired.
  - \*Bring talent CDs and an extras for Sound check to make sure it will work with our sound system.
- ❖ Pageant Day: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
  - \*doors will open @ 1:00pm
  - \*Interviews begin for Little to Mrs. @ 3pm
  - \*Pageant begins at 6:00pm
  - \*Admission \$8.00, program included
  - \*Backstage side doors will be locked at all times! NO ENTRY or EXIT unless it is an emergency!
  - \*Doors and Passes will be monitored

**North Carolina Yam Festival Pageant Application:**

**Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Name (Husband for Mrs.):**

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

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hair Color:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eye Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Favorite Food:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Favorite TV Show:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Currently Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Admired Person and Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interesting Facts about yourself:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Future Goals:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Why would you like to be the NC Yam Festival Queen?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsored By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pageant Entry Fee: \$110

Optional Photogenic: \$10

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Total:

The NC Yam Festival, The Town of Tabor City, NC Yam Festival Pageant, Directors, Staff and/or Committees are not responsible for injuries, losses, damages or accidents that may occur at the NC Yam Festival Pageant, or while traveling to and from events. I understand the Judges decisions are final. Any act of bad sportsmanship from contestants or family members will NOT be tolerated and will result in disqualification without refund. By affixing your signature to this contract you grant permission to the NC Yam Festival Pageant system the right to use any and all pictures taken prior to, during or after the event for advertising and/or marketing purposes and to allow said pictures to be posted on our website. In the event the photos are used, you will be notified. There will be a \$35.00 service charge for all returned checks. The NC Yam Festival Pageant reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone. All entries are non-refundable and are at the discretion of the director.

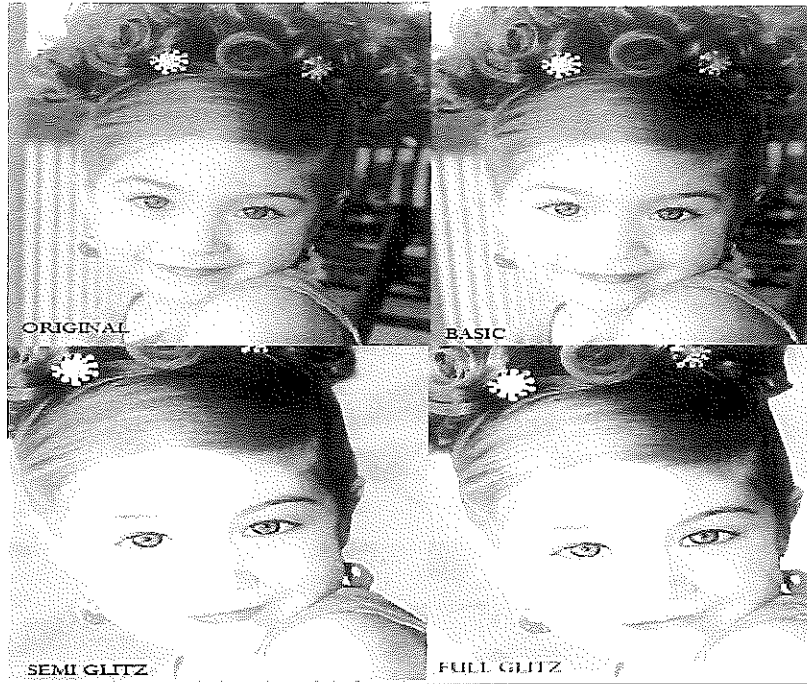
**Signature of parent or contestant if legal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



For Photogenic:  
Notice these pictures are of the same girl!  
We are not objected to touchups however High/Full Glitz is not accepted.



Please mail completed Contestant Application, Fees and Wallet sized photo of contestant to:

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Tabor City, NC 28463  
Kjawatts0804@yahoo.com  
910-234-3089

\*checks, money order, certified checks and cash accepted\*  
Please make checks payable to NC YAM FESTIVAL  
A receipt will be generated.

Contestants cannot compete until fee is received. Photo will be printed in one or more newspapers announcing the pageant and programs.