

Saturday, September 21 at Chilhowie High School

Entry fee: \$30 (non-refundable). Please mail registration, entry fee, and **proof of age** (copy of birth certificate or driver's license) to PO Box 1370, Chilhowie, VA 24319. Registrations will be accepted through September 9th. Proof of age is mandatory for all ages. Make checks payable to Chilhowie Apple Festival. The pageant will be open to the public for \$5. Children 5 and under admitted free.

Rules: Pageants are open to contestants aged 0-19, unmarried, never have been married, and childless. They must live in Smyth, Wythe, Russell, Grayson, Tazewell, Bland or Washington Counties in VA or the City of Bristol, VA. Only biological females (as stated on the birth certificates) are eligible to participate in the pageant. Those crowned Queen in 2023 will not be permitted to participate if still in the same age group. Hair pieces, flippers, or any other false accessories will not be permitted. The top 5 contestants in the Miss and Jr. Miss category will be required to answer an on-stage question. Contestants in Baby and Wee Miss will be allowed two female parents/guardians in the dressing room. All other contestants will be allowed one. Queens of each category and the Miss Apple Festival finalists will be required to ride in the Apple Festival Parade on Saturday, September 28. They are asked to wear their pageant dresses, crowns and sashes. One parent is permitted to ride with the Baby thru Little Miss Queens. The crowning of Miss Apple Festival will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the CHS football stadium. If any Queen cannot fulfill her duty, the crown and title will be given to the 1st runner up of their division, and prize money must be returned. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Contestants displaying such behavior will be disqualified without a refund. All decisions are final and score sheets will not be given out.

Time: The first pageant of each group will begin at the scheduled time. The following pageants will begin immediately after the conclusion of the age group before (approximately 20 minute pageants).

Title	Age Group	Registration Time	Group Pageant Time
Baby Miss Wee Miss Tiny Miss	0-11 months 12-23 months 2-3 years	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Little Miss Petite Miss Young Miss	4-6 years 7-8 years 9-10 years	3:30 p.m.	4:00 pm
Pre-Teen Miss Jr. Miss Miss	11-12 years 13-15 years 16-19 years	5:30 pm	6:00 p.m.

Attire: Contestants in Baby through Young Miss pageants may wear long, short, party, or formal dresses. Contestants in Pre- Teen through Miss Pageants must wear long, formal gowns. An additional round for Casual Wear will be added for the Junior Miss and Miss categories, however, no blue jeans or blue jean skirts permitted.

Awards: A queen and 4 runners-up will be chosen from each category. The queen will receive a crown, trophy, and sash. The runners-up will receive a trophy. All contestants in Baby Miss through Little Miss will receive a participation trophy. The Miss Queen will also receive \$250. The Miss Queen will be eligible to participate in the Miss Virginia State Fair Association pageant at her own expense.

People's Choice Awards: There will be three People's Choice awards given: (1 for Baby - Tiny Miss group, 1 for Little-Young Miss group, and 1 for Pre-Teen – Miss group). Each vote will cost \$1.00. The winner of each People's Choice will be announced after each group and the winner of each group will receive a crown.

Practice: An informational meeting and practice for all ages will be held Saturday, September 14th, in the Chilhowie High School Auditorium. Baby Miss –Tiny Miss contestants will meet from 10:00-10:30, Little Miss-Young Miss contestants will meet from 10:30-11:00, and Pre-Teen Miss-Miss contestants will meet from 11:00-12:00.

Portraits: A private photographer will be available for pageant portraits anytime while pageants are going on for an additional sitting fee. Portraits will be delivered to the school systems for school age participants and will be mailed for all others.

Please direct any questions to Karla Little-Campbell at mrs.karlacampbell@gmail.com with "pageant" as the subject.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE INFORMATION BELOW WITH
ENTRY FEE AND PROOF OF AGE

Contestant's Full Name _____

Age the day of pageant _____ Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Parents/Guardians _____

Current School _____ Grade _____

School /Year Graduated (if applicable) _____

Activities/Hobbies _____

What is unique about you? _____

Ambitions _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

(For contestants under 18 years of age)

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____

Zip _____

Email address (to be used for pageant info only) _____

I have Read and Understand the Rules for participating in the Chilhowie Apple Festival Beauty pageant.

Contestant signature if over 18 years old, or guardian signature if under 18 years of age

Mail to: Chilhowie Apple Festival
c/o Beauty Pageant
P.O. Box 1370
Chilhowie, VA 24319
(Must be received on or before September 9th)

Pageant use only: Proof of age submitted _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

