



located inside The French Market
245 E. Washington Ave.
Ashburn, GA 31714

2020 Fire Ant Festival Pageant
sponsored by STRUT
March 14, 2020
6:00pm

Location

Turner County Civic Center
354 Lamar Street
Ashburn, GA 31714

Admission: \$8.00

Rules/Info

1. Every contestant will receive a crown.
2. The Fire Ant Pageant is open to everyone. There are no residency restrictions.
3. Entry deadline is March 1, 2020. There is a early bird discount fee of \$75.00 if a contestant signs up before February 1, 2020. Entry fee after February 1, 2020 will be \$90.00. No refunds will be issued for any reason. If you would like to pay via credit card or Paypal, please email or call Tracy Darnell at thefrenchmarket1@hotmail.com or 229-848-2089. **All contestants must submit a picture with their application for the pageant program.**
4. The first 10 contestants to register and pay fee will receive a crowning pin.
5. There is no length requirement on the dresses. Short or long dresses are accepted. This is a semi-glitz pageant. Please be sure that your contestant has age appropriate hair, spray tans, and make-up. No flippers are allowed.
6. Contestants may rehearse after they check-in at registration table. See below schedule.
7. Only 1 person will be allowed with the contestants in the dressing area. There are no men allowed. Please **do not bring food or drink** to the dressing area.
8. Bad sportsmanship will not be allowed by contestants or their family members. Anyone who is exhibiting bad behavior will be asked to leave and will forfeit all fees paid.
9. Doors to the Turner County Civic Center will not open to ANY spectators (other than the contest and their chaperone) before 5:30pm so that contestants can practice without interruptions.
10. We reserve the right to combine age groups with less than 3 contestants.

Pageant Schedule

- 4:00pm-5:00pm: Registration
- 4:00pm-5:30pm: Practice
- 5:30pm: Doors to venue open
- 6:00pm: Pageant Starts

Pageant Categories

Baby Fire Ant: 0-12 months

Tiny Miss Fire Ant: 2-3 years

Petite Miss Fire Ant: 7-9 years

Teen Fire Ant: 13-15 years

Teeny Fire Ant: 1-2 years

Little Miss Fire Ant: 4-6 years

Junior Miss Fire Ant: 10-12 years

Miss Fire Ant: 16-24 years

(contests must be unmarried and not have children)

Awards

A queen and two alternates will be crowned in each age division. Queens will receive a round crown, sash, trophy, and monetary scholarship. The 1st and 2nd place alternates will receive a crown and trophy. Awards will be given in each category for best hair, best eyes, and best dressed. All contestants will receive a participation crown. All queens are required to attend the events of the Fire Ant Festival during the week of March 23-28, 2020. Queens will also be required to make television appearances to promote the Fire Ant Festival.

People's Choice Queen

One contestant will win the People's Choice Award for collecting the most people's choice vote. \$1.00 = 1 vote. Contestants can have friends, family members, or business sponsor them and turn in money at registration at 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2020. Spectators will be allowed to vote until intermission and the winner will be announced at the end of the Pageant awards ceremony. People's Choice Queen will receive a crown and a trophy.

Sponsorship

The pageant will have a program for sale at the front of the door for \$5.00 each. Contestants are welcome to get businesses or family members to place an ad in the program in support of the contestant. The rates for advertisements are \$30.00 for ½ page and \$60.00 for a full page.

Director

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Pageant Application

Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Hobbies _____

Future Ambitions _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

Entry Fee:

\$75.00 _____ (early bird fee until February 1, 2020)

\$90.00 _____ (general fee after February 1, 2020)

Please make checks payable to Tracy Darnell.

Applications/Checks can be mailed to:

The French Market
c/o Tracy Darnell
245 E. Washington Ave.
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I will not hold the Fire Ant Festival Pageant, venue, judges, or volunteers responsible for any injuries or damages incurred while participating in the pageant. I have read the pageant rules and agree to abide by them at all times. If I am found in violation of any of the rules, I understand that I will be asked to leave the pageant and no refund of money will be given.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date