



## Application Page 2

See attached guidelines for entry eligibility and selection criteria.

### **Return with this Application:**

- 1) a \$65 sponsor entry fee – checks made payable to “St. Johns Mint Festival”,
- 2) two (2) wallet size HEAD SHOT photographs

**Contestant:** I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached entry qualifications and pageant information. I agree to abide by and follow all rules and regulations defined by the Pageant Committee. I further acknowledge that violation of the rules and qualifications will result in my dismissal from the pageant. I, my heirs and personal representatives will not hold the Pageant Committee, the St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee, St. Johns Schools or the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce responsible for any and all liabilities arising from my participation in the Mint Festival Pageant.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

**Parent:** I, the parent/guardian have read and understand the attached entry qualifications and pageant information. I understand that if my daughter does not follow all rules and regulations defined by the Pageant Committee she will be dismissed from the pageant. I, my heirs and personal representatives will not hold the Pageant Committee, the St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee, St. Johns High School or the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce responsible for any and all liabilities arising from my daughter's participation in the Mint Queen Pageant.

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Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Sponsor's Business Name & Contact Person

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Sponsor's Phone Number

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Sponsor's Address

Applications due to the Chamber of Commerce by June 15, 2018  
Clinton County Chamber of Commerce  
1013 S US 27 / PO Box 61, St Johns MI 48879  
989-224-7248 / Fax: 989-224-7667  
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## 2018 St. Johns Mint Festival Pageant Qualifications & Information

The individual selected to represent the Mint Festival as Queen will receive a \$1000 cash scholarship at the end of her reign. All other Court members (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Junior and Little Miss Mint) will receive gift baskets including gift certificates to area businesses and various items. Please carefully read the following information prior to submitting your application:

### Requirements/General Information:

- Any female resident of Clinton County who is at least 16 years old but no older than 20 years of age on Aug. 7, 2018 is eligible to run for Mint Queen; any female resident who is at least 12 but no older than 14 years of age on August 7, 2018 is eligible to run for Junior Miss Mint; any female resident who is at least 8 but no older than 10 years of age on August 7, 2018 is eligible to run for Little Miss Mint.
- Candidates must not be married or have been married to participate. The Pageant is also not open to anyone who is pregnant or is already a parent. If any member of the Court becomes pregnant during her one-year reign she will relinquish her title and be removed from the court immediately.
- No candidate shall have a police record. If any member of the Court acquires a record, she will relinquish her title and be removed from the court immediately. The Pageant Committee will review any misconduct.
- No candidate may currently be holding a title from another pageant.
- Former Mint Queens, Junior Miss Mints and Little Miss Mints are ineligible to hold the same title twice.
- There will be no talent or bathing suit competition; however, there will be a group entertainment number each contestant must learn for the pageant. Court members will be chosen based on personality, poise and communication skills.
- The pageant committee requires each contestant to show good conduct while participating in the pageant and throughout practices and rehearsals.

### Application Requirements:

- The completed application is due no later than **Friday, June 15, 2018** by 4:00 pm. Applications are to be turned in at the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at 1013 S US 27, St Johns. If you are mailing the application (PO Box 61, St. Johns), send it in plenty of time to reach us before June 15.
- A \$65 sponsor entry fee must accompany the application along with two wallet size head shot photographs (school pictures acceptable – color or black & white). Please do not submit full body photos as these are difficult to accommodate in the program. All photos submitted become the property of the St. Johns Mint Festival and will not be returned.
- If more than eight applications are received per age category, a drawing will be held and the first eight drawn per category will be considered candidates for the pageant. If you are not selected in the drawing, the \$65 sponsor fee, application and photos will be returned.
- After notification of selection for the pageant, each candidate **will be required** to secure five business card size ads (\$25 each) for the pageant program. These ads can be from businesses, family, friends, etc. These ads should not be submitted with the application. **They will be due Friday, July 6, 2018.** Candidates may submit more than five ads, but not less than five ads. *These are advertisements for the pageant program, NOT “sponsorship” of a contestant.*

# Qualifications and Information (continued)

## **Important dates for candidates:**

- The 2018 Pageant will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.
- Orientation meeting Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.
- Sponsor reception Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Daily week-day practices the week prior to pageant week and the day before the Pageant - participation is mandatory.**
- There will also be a mint farm tour in late July and an evening event in early July (community service project, picnic, etc.) with dates to be announced at orientation.

## **Commitment of Court Members**

- Must be available for appearances throughout the entire weekend of the St. Johns Mint Festival, including the Grand Mint Parade, as well as community functions and mid-Michigan parades during their one-year reign. It is mandatory to follow a specific dress code and maintain dignified conduct while attending functions. This schedule and specific dress code for various events will be coordinated by the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce.
- A parent or guardian must accompany Court members who are under 18 years of age to any community functions and events they attend during their year on the court.
- The Court members and their parent/guardians must agree to abide by and follow all rules and regulations defined by the Pageant Committee during the pageant and during their year on the court. Any violations of these rules and regulations may result in their dismissal from the court. The Mint Pageant, the St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee, the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and St. Johns Schools will not be held responsible for any and all liabilities arising from your participation in the pageant.
- During her one-year reign, the Mint Queen, Junior Miss Mint and Little Miss Mint may not participate in any other pageants without the express written permission of the Pageant Committee and the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce. It is also encouraged that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up not participate in any other pageants without the express written permission of the Pageant Committee and the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce.
- At a meeting to be determined the court members will all be expected to sign a statement that will include such issues as their commitment to represent St. Johns and the Mint Festival, their commitment to attend scheduled events as appropriate and their commitment to abide by the rules and regulations set forth.

## **CONTESTANT INFORMATION MEETING:**

There will be an information meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00 pm for parents and girls who would like more information prior to submitting an application. The meeting will be in the CC RESA building located at 1013 S US 27 in St. Johns. At this meeting the potential candidates and parents will hear an overview of the pageant process, meet the coordinators and have a chance to ask questions about the pageant. Information such as judging point system, required dress, attitude and dates of events, will be discussed.

Contact the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce office at 989-224-7248 with any questions.

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