

Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration  
P.O. Box 4  
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MISS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
QUEEN AND COURT  
ROYALTY CONTRACT

1. Being selected to the Miss Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July royalty court is a 1 year commitment. Court members are expected to fulfill the entire year's obligation.
2. The queen and members of her court must be willing and able to represent the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July at other statewide festivals and events. Royalty may be asked to participate in other promotional activities representing the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration including but not limited to pageants, luncheons, parades, speaking engagements, and interviews.
3. Royalty must be willing to assist with other Ashville Community Men's Club events as requested by the Queen's Program Chair. These include Halloween parade, Santa visit, Viking Fest, etc.
4. Royalty cannot run for or hold any other festival queen or attendant title during her reign. Queen or attendant will relinquish her title if she enters another festival pageant during her year of reign (regardless of winning or not). Royalty members MAY compete for Prom/Homecoming Queen, Pickaway County Fair Queen and TVHS FFA Queen and hold this type of title as long as duties do not interfere with her Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July duties.
5. If royalty member chooses to relinquish her title to compete in another festival's pageant or is removed from the court for any reason, all expenses incurred by the Ashville Community Men's Club (including prize money, luncheon fees, travel expenses, etc.) must be reimbursed to the Ashville Community Men's Club, and all awards (i.e., crown, sash, charm bracelet, etc.) must be returned.
6. The queen and members of her court must be single, never married, and never had children. This status may not change during the year of reign. If a girl should get married or become pregnant during the year of reign, her reign will end and the title will pass to the next in line.
7. The responsibility of the Queen and her court will be to represent Ashville and the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to the best of their ability. A high standard of moral conduct will be expected at all times.
8. Royalty members give their consent for their photos to be used in publicity of the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration including but not limited to brochures, newspaper, website, social media vehicles, etc. Please note, many events are broadcast on live tv or radio and many have various photographers, including individuals filming and taking photos during the parades and on festival grounds. Photos may also be posted on social media by other festival royalty members.
9. Royalty members will refrain from the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. Any usage of such products during her reign may result in her being dismissed from the court.
10. The use of profanity, inappropriate slang terms and ethnical/racial jokes/slurs is prohibited.

11. The crown and sash shall be worn for all appearances as Miss Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July royalty.
12. The crown and sash shall not be worn when wearing shorts or blue jeans. Dress shorts/skorts are considered acceptable. All make up, clothing, and jewelry are subject to approval from the Queens Chair and/or Chaperones.
13. The royalty title (sash and crown) is to be used only to represent the festival. It is not to be loaned to anyone or used as part of a costume.
14. The queen and court shall be well groomed and neat for all functions and appearances. No excessive body piercing or tattoos.
15. Royalty shall appear in either dress, dressy casual, or formal wear, as required by the host festival or event coordinator. Be tactful; do not wear short skirts, low cut shirts, deep plunging necklines and skirts split more than 2 inches above the knees. If your sash is longer than the skirt or shorts, then they're probably too short. Flip flops, bare stomachs and clothing with holes/torn are not to be worn with festival title.
16. Dressy casual clothes should be worn when traveling to a festival. Casual (including shorts) may be worn on ride home from festival. No sleepwear may be worn when traveling to/from festivals.  
NOTE: Only 1 formal is needed for the year.
17. Court members will wear red, white or blue. It is requested that royalty members color coordinate formals being worn when in a parade together. As representatives of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July it is preferred to wear red, white, and blue. Exceptions may be made as dictated by weather conditions and the discretion of the Queen's Chair. Dresses that show any portion of the midriff are not permitted.
18. Buttons, badges, pins may be worn on the back of the sash. These must be limited to those associated with festivals/events attended or crown pins. Please do not wear pins on your sash that are not related to your reign. Do not make buttons for your sash using the name of any other event. Your title may not be covered in any way.
19. Royalty must wear the tiara they received at crowning. Royalty are not permitted to purchase or wear a different crown or tiara. If the tiara is lost/damaged it must be reported to the Queens Chair and replaced with an identical item at cost of royalty member.
20. The queen is the only royalty member that will travel to represent the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If the queen is unable to attend a scheduled festival she must contact the Queens Chair immediately. The Queens Chair will then contact the First Attendant then the Second Attendant. Festivals for mandatory attendance are:
  - Circleville Pumpkin Show\* (float judging & 4 parades)
  - Commercial Point Homecoming
  - Deercreek Dam Days
  - Jackson Apple Festival
  - London Strawberry Festival
  - Millersport Sweet Corn Festival (optional)
  - Obetz Zucchini Festival
  - Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival
  - Circleville Business Holiday Parade(\* - float will use for Circleville and littles will ride in 3 of the parades.)

21. The royalty member traveling to the mandatory festivals outlined in #18 will be chaperoned by a member of the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Queen's Committee and his wife. There may be occasions when the parents of the queen or the attending court member may be asked to chaperone.
22. The queen may choose to attend up to 5 additional Ohio Festivals and Events Association festivals escorted by her parents and have the meal provided by the festival for the queen and up to 2 parent chaperones, plus \$50 in expense money, covered by the Ashville Community Men's Club. Should the queen choose to attend additional festivals/events beyond these 5, travel and expenses will be the responsibility of the parents.
23. Boyfriends are NOT permitted to serve as a chaperone. If a boyfriend does attend an event, the royalty member must in no way ignore her responsibility to the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration or the host festival. No public displays of affection (hand holding is permitted).
24. Appearances of royalty as Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration representative (other than those listed in #18) must be approved by the Queens Director ahead of time. Every effort should be made to avoid appearances which might be controversial or in any way detrimental to the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.
25. When attending festivals participation is restricted to the Queen (and court when applicable) and chaperones only in activities (tours, luncheons, etc.). The host festival guidelines on participation must be adhered to. Parents and family members are asked to honor the role of the chaperone when visiting a festival – the chaperones are there to take care of the girls and see that they are on time and where they need to be for festival activities (registration, luncheon/dinner, speaking engagements, photos, etc.).
26. When participating in festival activities cell phones, iPods, etc., must remain off and stored. If cell phone is used for photos, it can ONLY be used to take photos – no posting to social media, sharing, sending, etc. can be done during the event.
27. Any actions or statements that are detrimental to the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration or the Ashville Community Men's Club will result in removal from the court. Behavior is considered from the moment of crowning until the close of the next Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.
28. Problems/conflicts between royalty members and/or family members must not carry into public appearances/events. If a private resolution cannot be reached the Queen's Chair or Chaperones must be notified. Gossip will not be tolerated.
29. No royalty member from any other event, festival or pageant may ride on the same vehicle/float with any Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July royalty. This applies even if the royalty members are related, regardless of whose vehicle is being used.
30. Restrictions/rules of other festivals or events will be followed when traveling.
31. Awards (ribbons, cash, trophies, or other items) from other events given to the festival will remain property of the Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and must be given to the Queens Chair immediately. Monetary awards will be applied to the queens program. If an individual award (spirit, costume, congeniality, etc.) is presented, the royalty member may keep it but must inform the Queens Chair.

32. Queen and court members must be in attendance the remaining 3 days of the festival following their crowning unless excused by the Queens Chair. All newly named royalty members must participate in the following events:

- Little Mr. & Ms. Parade (and stage appearance following) – July 2
- Grand Parade – July 4
- Visiting queens’ luncheon following the Grand Parade – July 4
- Announcement of headlining main stage entertainment – July 3 & 4

33. All royalty members must return the following year for to ride in the parade on July 1<sup>st</sup> and for the crowning of the new court, and on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the parade and to host the visiting queens’ luncheon.

34. The queen may be asked to emcee the Little Miss & Mr. contest on July 2<sup>nd</sup> following the end of her reign.

35. The Ashville Community Men’s Club will provide the food for a menu of their choosing and decorations for the Visiting Queens’ luncheon. It will be the responsibility of the outgoing queen and court and their families to cover expenses for any gifts provided to all visiting queens at the luncheon (purchased, handcrafted, etc.) Local businesses may NOT be solicited for prize/gift donations for the Visiting Queens luncheon.

36. A portion of the prizes may be held back and given when obligations have been met and all rules have been followed.

37. If a royalty member is expelled from school or involved in criminal activity, it will be the decision of the Queens Chair and Ashville Community Men’s Club board of directors whether the individual would be permitted to continue her reign.

38. Exiting queen is not eligible to compete in future Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July pageants. Attendants may compete again as early as the following year provided they have met all other qualifications.

39. Any royalty member (queen or court) who does not successfully complete her reign will not be permitted to compete in any future Miss Ashville 4<sup>th</sup> of July competitions.

40. No two years are alike. Please do not expect duplication of the previous year’s activities.

41. This contract is not all inclusive. Decisions of the Queens Director and/or the Ashville Community Men’s Club Board of Directors are final.

We have read and understand the above rules, regulations, and policies and will abide by such.

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Royalty Member

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Date

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Parent

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