Dear Porter Peach Pageant Contestant,

We are very excited you are able to compete in the 59th Annual Porter Peach Festival Pageant on May 17, 2025. After reading this packet if you have any questions then please feel free to reach out to Tonya Springsted.

**Theme:** Celebrating Our Roots

***Pageant Categories (Ages 5 – 19):***

**Little Miss Peach** – (currently in Kindergarten) (Must have 5 contestants or will not have this category)

**Miss Peach Bud** – (currently in 1st – 4th Grade)

**Miss Peach Blossom** – (currently in 5th Grade – 8th Grade)

**Miss Peach** – (currently in 9th Grade – 12th Grade)

**Miss Peachy Keen** – (All Grades, Must have won Miss Peach Bud, Miss Peach Blossom, or Miss Peach) (Must have 4 eligible to run or we will not have this category)

**People’s Choice** – All ages in any category

***Category Prizes:***

**Little Miss Peach** - $150 Cash, Gift bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

**Miss Peach Bud** – $300 Cash, Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

**Miss Peach Blossom** – $1,000 Scholarship or $500 Cash, Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

**Miss Peach** – $1,500 Scholarship or $1,000 Cash, Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

**Miss Peachy Keen** - $2,000 Scholarship or $1,000 Cash, Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

**People’s Choice** – Half of money raised by winner (not including sponsorship packages), Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

***Pageant Activities:***

Practices – Required, unless previous arrangements made

Interviews – Required

Theme Wear – Required

Contestant Poster – Required

Formal Wear – Required

People’s Choice – Optional

Gifts – Optional

April 16th, 2025 - Applications and $30 application fee are due.

Important Days and Times (Subject to Change):

**Practices**

* Wednesday April 16th- 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM
* (Informational Meeting and Final Sign Up)
* Wednesday April 30th - 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM
* Wednesday May 7th - 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM
* Thursday May 15th 3:30 P.M. (“Dress” Rehearsal)

**Interviews – Mandatory**

* Saturday May 17th – Scheduled in 15 minute intervals on day of pageant

**Pageant – Mandatory**

* Saturday May 17th – 6:00 PM PHS GYM

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting on April 16th!

Sincerely,

*Tonya Springsted*

# Porter Peach Pageant Entry Form

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Did Both Contestant and Parent(s) Read The Rules?

Parent(s) Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does the Contestant Attend Porter Schools, Live in Porter, or Live in the Porter

School District? (Please circle one) Please provide proof (enrollment form, class schedule, water bill, electric bill, etc.)

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Parent(s) Signature

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Contestant Signature

RETURN APPLICATIONS AND $30 ENTRY FEE TO: Coach Shayla Kuban, Tonya

Springsted, or Melanie Merritt

Make checks payable to Porter Lions Club // Venmo is Porter Lions Club

# ***\*\* Please only turn in this form, keep the rest of the packet. \*\****

**Miss Peach Pageant**

**Rules and Regulations**

**Winners & Contestants**

1. Contestants must be a female student who attends Porter Schools, lives in Porter, or lives in the Porter School District during the 2025 calendar year, and be 5 years of age -19 years of age the day of the pageant.
2. Contestants must not be a previous winner of the division competing in the Porter Peach Pageant. You can only win the category one time. People’s Choice contestants who have won can compete in the pageant again as long as they have not won the division they are competing in.
3. Winners must complete their reign of Little Miss Peach, Miss Peach Bud, Miss Peach Blossom, Miss Peach, Miss Peachy Keen, or Miss People’s Choice in order to receive their scholarship or cash awards. The monetary awards will be assessed after the reign of the queens and fulfillment of queen duties.
4. Contestants must provide their own transportation to and from all activities prior to the Porter Peach Pageant. Winners must provide their own transportation to royalty duties before, during, and after the Porter Peach Festival.
5. Contestants/Winners must not have engaged in any activity, which, by community standards, could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, or in bad taste.
6. Contestants/Winners should not have any questionable or inappropriate social media posts which could be viewed as items including but not limited to: threatening, bullying, cursing, inappropriate pictures, or any other posts which could be obscene. If brought to the attention of the Lions Club and it is deemed inappropriate, the contestant/winner must withdraw as a contestant or voluntarily forfeit the title, crown, sash, and all unused awards and/or scholarships. The First Runner-Up will be asked to assume the title for the remaining reign.
7. Contestants must have paid the $30 entry fee, and sold at least 5 admission tickets prior to the Porter Peach Festival Pageant. If you fail to do so, participation in the Porter Peach Festival Pageant will not be allowed.

1. Contestants must be available July 17th, 18th, 19th, 2025 for the Porter Peach Festival. Royalty must be present at the following events but are not limited to; any request of news media by the Porter Lions Club (television, radio, newspaper), peeling of peaches for the festival, Porter's Got Talent, Parade, Prize Peach Auction, and serving free peaches and ice cream.

**Theme**

The theme this year is Celebrating our Roots. By themselves, peach tree branches are some of the weakest of all trees. The true strength of a peach tree lies not in the visible parts of the tree above the ground, but in the buried tough, healthy roots that allow the trees to survive wind, drought, and hail, and provide the nourishment needed to grow the namesake delicious peaches that put our community on the map. Much like the peach trees that grow in our town, the strength of our community lies not in our individual, visible branches, but in the strong network of roots that has existed in our community for over a hundred years. This strong network of community roots is a gift, allowing our girls to be tough in the midst of difficult situations and nourishing them to grow and flourish into young women of grace and courage.

**Gifts**

Each contestant, regardless if they win or not, will receive a small goody bag. If you want to purchase a gift for all the goody bags for each contestant, please talk with Tonya.

**People’s Choice Participation**

We will be taking pictures of all contestants for the Online People’s Choice contest at one of the practices; however, contestants do not have to actively campaign for money at any time. The contestant with the most votes will win (all categories are competing against each other). Each vote is $1.00 and the money will benefit the Porter Lions Club.

You are allowed to collect money in a donation box at any business that has given you permission to do so. Please make sure to send a Thank You Card to the owners for allowing you to campaign in their store once the pageant is over.

You are allowed to ask businesses to sponsor you. They can give you at least A Hug of Support $250, A Peck of Support $500, or A Bushel of Support $1,000. This sponsorship includes the promotion of the business at this year’s Porter Peach Festival. If a business is interested in going this route, please send their information to Melanie Merritt at [Melanieewarren@gmail.com](mailto:Melanieewarren@gmail.com) or by texting (918) 869-0362. The total amount a business gives you will be counted towards your People’s Choice Total, however, money given via sponsorships will not be included in the People’s Choice payout. Any business sponsorships are due May 14th, 2025.

**Admission & Tickets**

Each contestant must sell at least 5 admission tickets. We are hoping to also have a meal option; more information to come on the details. At the door tickets will be $5 and they will not come with dinner. There will be a prize for the contestant with the highest ticket sales.

Contestants will only be allowed 1 parent with them in the dressing room. This parent will receive a wristband. All other family members must pay. I will lock the gym doors at 4:30 P.M. before the pageant and anyone in the gym who is not a volunteer or does not have a wristband will be asked to leave until 5:00 P.M.

Contestants will be provided dinner, All other family members must buy an admission ticket.

**Practices**

Practices will be roughly 2 hours, and at a max of 3 for the dress rehearsal. Practices should be attended if at all possible, however we understand it may be difficult to attend all. Every practice you attend will give you a bonus point to add to your final score the day of the pageant. You will be allowed up to 4 bonus points total. Practices this year will be focusing on skills that can be used both for the Porter Peach Pageant and life.

The semi-dress rehearsal practice on Thursday May 15th, 2025 is required. This will be our longest practice. Participants must bring the shoes they will walk in, and have their introductions, speeches, and things memorized. I will also hand out the interview schedule for Saturday at this practice. Please also turn in your Contestant Practice at this practice, not before and not after. A list of stage and interview questions, and the judge’s rubric will be handed out at an early practice.

**Interviews**

Interviews will take place Saturday morning before the pageant. The start time will be announced after we know how many girls are participating in the Peach Pageant. Little Miss Peach Contestants will not be interviewed. Each contestant will get 15 minutes with the judges. Parents are not allowed inside the interview room. Contestants should dress conservatively, but stylish. A more in-depth dress code will be presented at one of the early practices. Contestants might be asked about their role model, the theme of the pageant, Livesay Orchards, Peach Festival, and general knowledge questions about the contestants themselves (favorite color, hobbies, etc.). Contestants will be judged on ability to speak, professionalism, eye contact, confidence, poise, and ability to answer questions. Interviews will be worth 30% of their final score.

**Contestant Poster**

Contestant Posters must be made on a 20x30 Foam Board – only. Contestants must have at least 1 solo photo, and the rest of the photos can be the contestant with her family, pets, hobbies, friends, etc. Contestants must put their name, category they are participating in, who their role model is and why, and other fun facts about themselves. You will get up to 5 points for following directions, up to 10 points for creativity, and up to 5 points for grammar. Posters will be worth 20% of your final score.

**Theme Wear**

Miss Peach Blossom, Miss Peach, and Miss Peachy Keen contestants will “introduce” themselves on stage with at least the following: Name, Grade, and Age. They can add more to their introduction but not more than three minutes long. Little Miss Peach and Miss Peach Bud contestants will be introduced by the emcee. The contestants will wear an outfit that represents a person or part of their roots that holds importance to the contestant. This could be a family member, a heritage or culture, a role model or a community group that has contributed to the life of the contestant. After the introduction, the emcee will ask the contestants to explain their costume choice and the importance (Miss Peach Blossom and above only). Contestants will be judged based on their confidence, poise, ability to introduce themselves and be heard on the microphone, style, and overall appearance. Contestants can be awarded up to 5 points for their appearance, and up to 15 points for their introduction speech. Theme Wear will be worth 20% of their final score.

**Formal Wear**

Each contestant shall wear a formal dress appropriate for their age category. When planning to get a dress, think “conservative, stylish, unique, tasteful”. All dresses must be mid-thigh or longer. Strapless gowns can only be worn by contestants in the Miss Peach age range. No two-piece dresses. We will hand out more detailed guidelines the first day of practice.

When each contestant is on stage, they will answer at least 1 question. Little Miss Peach and Miss Peach Bud Contestants will answer 1 question, Miss Peach Blossom Contestants will answer 2 questions, and Miss Peach and Miss Peachy Keen Contestants will answer 3 questions. The selection of questions will be passed out at one of the early practices.

Contestants will get up to 20 points for how they answer their interview questions, and up to 10 points for their appearance. Contestants will be judged on ability to speak, professionalism, eye contact, confidence, poise, and ability to answer questions. Formal Wear will be worth 30% of the contestant’s final score.