

Dear Porter Peach Festival Pageant Contestant,

Tonya and I are very excited you have decided to compete in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Porter Peach Festival Pageant on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 . After reading this packet if you have any questions then please feel free to reach out to myself or Tonya.

Theme: Perfect as a Porter Peach

Pageant Categories (Ages 5 – 19):

Little Miss Peach – (Kindergarten) (Must have 5 or will not have this category)

Miss Peach Bud – (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Miss Peach Blossom – (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Miss Peach – (9<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Miss Peachy Keen – (Any Age, 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 – Semi-Optional

Interviews – Required

Theme Wear – Required

Contestant Poster – Required

Formal Wear – Required

People's Choice – Semi-Required

Gifts – Semi-Required

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 - Applications and \$30 application fee are due.

Practice Days and Times (Tentative):

Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM

(Questions and Discussion)

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30 P.M. PHS GYM

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> Location and Time TBA (Fun Day)

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 P.M. (Semi-Formal Rehearsal)

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Interviews TBA. Pageant 6:00 P.M.

PHYS GYM and Offices

The rest of this packet will go into more detail of the things listed above, plus we will discuss the rules and expectations of the winners and contestants. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first practice!

Sincerely,

*Krystal Miller-Livesay & Tonya Springsted*

Miss Peach Pageant  
Rules and Regulations  
Winners & Contestants

1. Contestants must be a female student who attend Porter Schools, live in Porter, or live in the Porter School District during the 2024 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 to determine if ALL duties of the queen are fulfilled.
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.

8. Contestants must be available July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 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, Culinary Contest, Parade, Prize Peach Auction, and serving free peaches and ice cream. Each royalty member will have a volunteer tracker sheet that must be signed each day before the royalty winner leaves.

### Theme

The theme this year is Perfect as a Porter Peach. Porter Peaches are the best peaches, without a doubt. They are best because they are the tastiest. However, Porter Peaches sometimes can have damage, blemishes, be a little small, etc. Their outer beauty isn't always the prettiest. The blemishes and size of the peach does not affect the quality of the taste on the inside. The same is true for us. What's inside matters most. Your inner beauty is more important than your outer beauty. That is why we are having practices that will help give them skills that they can use outside of the pageant. It is also why we are asking them to showcase their role model because who they look up to can shape who they are as a person. This is also why interview and question scores make up a higher percentage of the contestant's score than their appearance. We want the girls to be as Perfect as a Porter Peach, perfect on the inside even if there are blemishes on the outside.

## Pageant Categories (Ages 5 – 19)

Little Miss Peach – Contestants must currently be enrolled in Kindergarten.

Miss Peach Bud – Contestants must currently be enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Miss Peach Blossom – Contestants must currently be enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Miss Peach – Contestants must currently be enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Miss Peachy Keen – Any age currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and have won a previous title: Miss Peach Bud, Miss Peach Blossom, or Miss Peach. You can run for this title along side another category. Example – You won Miss Peach Blossom, and now are eligible for to run for Miss Peach. You can run for both Miss Peach and Miss Peachy Keen.

People's Choice – Any age currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

People's Choice – Any age currently enrolled in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

People's choice is semi-required. Contestants must submit a photo for the online People's Choice Campaign; 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. If a business is interested in going this route, please send their information to Krystal Livesay so I can get them an invoice and collect the information I will need from them for the Porter

Peach Festival Website, Program, etc.. The total amount a business gives you will be counted towards your People's Choice Total, however, only the money over the sponsorship total will be added to the People's Choice payout. Any business sponsorships are due May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, no exceptions.

Example – Sally's BBQ donates \$300 to Tonya S. The full \$300 will count towards Tonya's People's Choice Total. However, only \$50 will be added to the People's Choice payout if Tonya wins. Sally's BBQ will receive A Hug of Support Sponsorship Package. Tonya must send Krystal Sally's BBQ's contact information so Krystal can send them an invoice and get the needed information for the Festival Program and Website.

Tony's Tow Company donates \$500 to Tonya. The full \$500 will count towards Tonya's People's Choice Total. However, no funds will be added into the People's Choice payout. Tony's Tow Company will receive A Peck of Support Sponsorship Package. Tonya must send Krystal Tony's Tow Company's contact information so Krystal can send them an invoice and get the needed information for the Festival Program and Website.

\*\* You can find the different Sponsorship Packages at [porterpeachfestivals.com](http://porterpeachfestivals.com), and what comes with each package. \*\*

### Category Prizes

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

People's Choice – Half of money raised, Gift Bag, Crown, Sash, and Flower Bouquet.

If you do not complete all of the tasks required of you, you will not get your full scholarship/cash payment (this includes People's Choice money). If you win, please do not lose the volunteer tracker sheet. This will be turned in at the end of the winner's reign to determine if you fulfilled your royal duties. This volunteer sheet will be made after May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 once we have a royalty meeting to discuss what everyone would like to help with, some things will be required and some things will be optional. Example – Helping serve free peaches and ice cream, and clean up after is required. Participating in parades outside of the Porter Peach Festival is optional, but you will receive points for your volunteer sheet if you participate.

We will also be giving awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Interviews, Theme Wear, Formal Wear, and Contestant Poster. There will also be a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Ticket Salesman award.

Triple Crown Winner – A contestant who has won the 3 main categories: Miss Peach Bud, Miss Peach Blossom, and Miss Peach will be a Triple Crown Winner. The Triple Crown Winner will receive an extra \$1,000 scholarship option when she is a senior, and collects her scholarship money for college from the Porter Lions Club.

Director's Award - This award is for a contestant who has gone above and beyond this year helping not only the directors, but also the other contestants. To the directors she is Perfect as a Porter Peach, and she is a great example of a role model; she has great leadership skills, a kind and giving heart, and is everyone's cheerleader. There is no monetary prize with this award.

### Practices

Practices will be roughly 2 hours, and at a max of 3. Tonya and I are really going to do our best to keep them at 2 hours. Most practices are optional; however, we will be keeping an attendance record. 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 in other areas of life. We will have a seminar on public speaking, mental health, etiquette, and more!

The semi-formal rehearsal practice on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 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. We will do two pageant run throughs. I will also hand out the interview schedule for Saturday at this practice. Please also turn in your People's Choice Board at 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 6 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.). Krystal will hand out a list of potential interview questions at one of the early practices. You will only be asked questions from this list. 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.

### 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. After their introduction, ALL contestants will be asked "Who is their role model, and why?" The contestants will wear an outfit that resembles what their role model looks like. 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.

### Contestant Poster

Contestant Posters must be made on a 20x30 Foam Board in the colors white, gray, or pink. You can NOT use a tri-fold project board, paper poster board, etc. Contestants may not submit anything larger or smaller than 20 x 30. 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. Tonya and I will provide the numbers and money boxes for the posters.

### 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.

### Gifts

Each contestant must purchase a gift for the incoming and outgoing queen of their category, this does not include People's Choice. Each contestant is purchasing 2 gifts. These gifts can be anything: gift cards, Squishmallows, lip gloss, photo frames, nail polish, cute scrunchy, cute pens/pencils, notebooks, age-appropriate books, etc.

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 Krystal beforehand.

### Admission & Tickets

Each contestant must sell at least 5 admission tickets. General Admission Tickets will be \$5, and Chicken Tickets will be \$15 and they will come with a Roy's Chicken Snack Box. At the door tickets will be \$5 and they will not come with dinner. There will be a prize for the contestant who sells the most amount of tickets both money raised and amount sold. This means there are two prizes up for grabs.

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 given 1 Roy's Chicken Box, and the 1 parent must pay the at cost price. All other family members must buy an admission ticket.

### Team Activity on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

We will be hosting a fun day for the girls on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024. Location and Time TBA.

# Porter Peach Pageant Entry Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE (23-24 School Year) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature

RETURN APPLICATIONS AND \$30 ENTRY FEE TO: Coach Shayla Kuban, Tonya Springsted, or Krystal Livesay

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

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