

JUNIOR DIVISION

BY-LAWS

Lexington County Peach Pageants

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTANTS:

- Must be a legal resident of Lexington County OR attend a Lexington County School.
- Must meet the specific age requirements for each age division on or by pageant date.
- Must be single, never have been married, never have been pregnant, and never have been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense.
- Contestants may hold other pageant titles only if these titles do not interfere with the duties of the Peach Festival titles.
 - Please notify the pageant director of any and all titles to verify qualification.
 - If a contestant is unsure as to whether it is permissible to compete in other pageants, she should contact the pageant director prior to submitting applications for other pageants.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Once the application is received, no changes will be allowed.
- Any proven falsification on the application will be grounds for disqualification.
- The number of contestants allowed in each age division will be at the discretion of the director, and she reserves the right to combine age groups.
- Entry fees will be paid via the application portal. Your child may not be allowed to participate if this is not taken care of prior to the pageant.
- Contestants may move to next age division but cannot move back once application is received. This needs to be noted on the application.
- Deadlines will be strictly enforced. No exceptions.

JUDGING/SCORING:

- Applications and scores of all contestants will be kept confidential.
- Judges' decisions will be accepted as official and final. Scores will not be given out under any circumstance, but feedback will be provided upon request via email.

- The photogenic category is an optional category.

STAGE COMPETITION:

- All contestants will participate in the Fun Fashion and Evening Gown competitions.
- Teens ages 15 to 18 will answer an on-stage question and have a private interview with judges prior to the stage competition.
- Only the contestant is allowed backstage.
- Crowning will be done after all age divisions have competed on stage.
- Photographs of the winners, runners-up, and additional winners will be taken immediately after the crowning of each age division.

Miss South Carolina's Teen 2025 Information:

- The Teen Peach winner is eligible to compete at the Miss South Carolina Teen Scholarship Organization Pageant in 2025.
- The Teen winner is NOT required to compete at Miss South Carolina Teen. This is just an option.
- Contestant must not be older than 18 years of age on December 31 by the year of the state competition (June 2025).
- Please be aware that if the Teen Peach winner chooses to compete at the state competition, they must have a talent and compete in fitness.

NEWLY CROWNED QUEENS:

- No contestant can serve as a winner in the same division more than once. In other words, you cannot win the same title twice. The reigning queen must wait until the next year to compete in the next age division.
- Parents/guardians give permission for The Lexington County Peach Festival and the Pageant Committee to take pictures of their daughters and authorize publication of these pictures in local newspapers, media, websites, etc.
- Parents/guardians shall not hold The Lexington County Peach Festival or any member of the Pageant Committee liable for any accident or injury incurred during the pageant, while en-route to or from the pageant, or while the winner is fulfilling duties of title.
- Parents/guardians shall not hold The Lexington County Peach Festival or any member of the Pageant Committee liable or responsible for any property damaged, lost, or stolen during the pageant.
- The pageant directors reserve the right to make changes to the by-laws and/or the application.
- Peach Queens agree not to be involved in any inappropriate behavior that would negatively reflect on their titles and the festival during their reigns. Inappropriate

pictures and comments posted on cell phones and/or social networks such as Facebook will be taken seriously. Such behavior will result in loss of title, crown, trophy, banner, and scholarship award.

- Queens must represent the Lexington County Peach Festival and the Gilbert Community by:
 - Riding the festival float in all required parades.
 - Attending all banquets/events.
 - Attending all publicity/media appearances organized by the Publicity Chairman, Peach Pageant Directors, and the Lexington County Peach Festival Executive Committee.
 - Note: If a queen cannot fulfill her duties as specified, she must relinquish her title, crown, trophy, banner, and scholarship award.
 - Cash awards will be awarded by checks and will be awarded after the queens fulfill their duties for the reigning year.
- Queens may participate in other pageants if these titles do not interfere with the duties of the Peach titles.
- If non-residency is proven after the crowning, title, crown, trophy, banner, and cash award will be relinquished.
- Newly-crowned queens will begin their reigns on July 4th.
- A contract will be issued for each queen and her legal parent/guardian to read and sign. The contract must be returned to the pageant directors on the day of crowning.

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