

A letter from the ISFA Pageant Committee:

Dear Festival Friends:

The ISFA is excited to announce that \$3200.00 in scholarship money will be awarded to pageant contestants at the ISFA Convention. The ISFA and the Indiana Association of Fairs have partnered for the convention which will be held Jan. 4-6, 2019 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. This presents a unique opportunity for your festival, where there will be more vendors and showcase acts and a larger number of sessions to attend. This will be something that you do not want to miss out on. 2019 is the time to see your festival grow and become just what you always imagined it could be.

There are two ways that your festival can be represented at the state convention:

1. If your festival has a pageant, give your queen the opportunity to represent your festival and the chance to win scholarship money to further her education. If you send **one delegate** to the state convention, you may enter your festival queen in the ISFA Scholarship Pageant for an additional **\$130.00**. You may also want to provide your queen with lodging at the hotel during the convention.

Pageant rehearsal and interviews will take place on Friday evening and Saturday, with the final selection of the ISFA Queen during the evening pageant on January 5th.

Contestants must submit an application, photo, **non-refundable** entry fee of **\$130.00**, a copy of birth certificate or driver's license, signed contract and a short essay about your festival. Photos need to be an original, no photo copies.

Contestants will be judged on a 5-7 minute interview, formal wear, an on stage question and the popular category called "Festival Spirit". In Festival Spirit, she will wear her own festival shirt and should carry something representing her festival.

All contestants must have a signed ISFA contract, which is enclosed in this mailing.

2. Even if your festival does not have a pageant, you may still participate in the ISFA pageant by promoting your festival in the pageant program book.

Possible suggestions for ads:

- A. Advertise your next year's festival dates.
- B. Sell a signature ad to your festival committee or officers.
- C. Good Luck Wishes to your contestant.

Convention/Pageant Book prices:

Full Page-inside front cover	5.5 x 8.5	\$150.00
Full Page-inside back cover	5.5 x 8.5	\$150.00
Full Page Black and White	5.5 x 8.5	\$125.00
½ page	5.5 x 4.25	\$100.00
¼ page	2.75 x 4.25	\$ 75.00

Make all checks for pageant entry fees and advertising payable to ISFA.
Feel free to contact us for more information.

Pageant Chair:
Chris Benson
1540 Branch St.
Wabash, IN 46992

ISFA Coordinator:
Doug Weisheit
106 S. Market St., Suite 306
Rockville, IN 47872

Send all ads for the convention book to Chris Benson at the above address or you can e-mail your ad directly to our printer. That e-mail is sfrieden@thepaperofwabash.com. If you e-mail your ad, to the printer, please copy it to Chris Benson at ckbenson51@gmail.com. Please put "ISFA Pageant Program" in the memo line. All ad money should be sent to Doug Weisheit at the above address.

Send pageant applications with entry fee to pageant chairman Chris Benson, at the above address. This check should also be made out to ISFA.

If you want to place an ad in the book and do so by Nov. 1st, you will receive the current ad prices. After Nov. 1st, there may be a price increase.

Your hotel reservations are to be made by you directly to one of the three hotels that the convention is using.

Florence Gardens
7304 E 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
317-359-1021

Marriott East
7202 E 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
866-238-4218

Fairfield Inn & Suites
7110 E 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
844-227-3173

Make sure you tell them you are with the Indiana State Festivals Association or the Indiana Association of Fairs to receive the special room rate.

All convention registrations, dinner and pageant reservations and pageant only reservations will be made through the Indiana Association of Fairs at www.indianafairsandfestivals.org/convention. You can also go to the ISFA website and follow the link to convention reservations and the INAF website.

Miss Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. The pageant will be held on the Saturday of the convention weekend.
2. Entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the Indiana State Festivals Association now in effect or as announced hereafter.
3. Entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the ISFA and that the decision of the judges is final.
4. Entrant agrees that if she is selected as the winner, she will not sign a management contract with any individual or corporation and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement of any mercantile commodity or commercial organization, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service not associated with this contest without the written permission of the ISFA.
5. An entrant must be single and never have been married nor had a marriage annulled, and she must not be or ever have been pregnant.
6. Entrant must be born a female whose age shall not be less than seventeen (17) nor more than twenty-two (22) years on Jan. 1st of the pageant year. Entrant must provide either a copy of her birth certificate or driver's license as proof of age.
7. An entrant must be enrolled in high school or a high school graduate and enrolled in college by September 1st of the pageant year in which she will compete.
8. An entrant must be a representative from a local competition of a **dues paid** member of the Indiana State Festivals Association.
9. An entrant must be a resident of the State of Indiana.
10. An entrant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes and shall possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and the ability to speak in public.
11. An entrant is required to appear in four clothing changes during the competition: business attire, opening number outfit, festival spirit and evening gown.
12. An entrant **MUST** attend rehearsal beginning at 6:30 pm on Jan. 4th and be there for the entire day on Jan. 5th, concluding with the pageant in the evening.
13. The **\$130.00**-non-refundable entry fee may be paid by the member festival, entrant or sponsor.

14. A representative of the entrant’s festival, a parent or a chaperone must accompany the entrant as a **registered convention delegate** at the state convention. The delegate **MUST** be registered by the start of rehearsal. Non-compliance to this rule will result in the contestant’s removal from the pageant.

15. Scholarship awards will be as follows:
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| ISFA queen | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 1 st Runner-up | \$ 800.00 |
| 2 nd Runner-up | \$ 600.00 |
| 3 rd Runner-up | \$ 400.00 |
| 4 th Runner-up | \$ 200.00 |
| Directors Award | \$ 200.00 |

Payment will be made by check to the winner’s college choice or as otherwise determined by the ISFA scholarship committee.

16. Judging will be based on the following:
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| Interview..... | 40 points |
| Festival Spirit..... | 25 points |
| Evening Gown..... | 25 points |
| On Stage Question..... | 10 points |

17. The winning entrant agrees to the following appearances as a representative of the ISFA:
1. The ISFA Convention
 2. Member Festivals (as requested)

18. Each contestant must submit an essay of **100 words or less** describing her festival. The essay will be read by the emcee during the Festival Spirit competition and will not be judged.

19. All entries must be in the hands of the pageant chairman by **November 1st**.
- Pageant Chairman: Chris Benson
1540 Branch St.
Wabash, IN 46992

Checklist of required materials:

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| Application with entry fee (\$130.00) | _____ |
| Essay | _____ |
| Photo of contestant (must be 5x7) | _____ |
| Copy of driver’s license or birth certificate | _____ |
| Signed Contract | _____ |

Please do not mail your application with a “signature required.”

Name of Festival you represent: _____

Entry Fee Paid By: _____

Name of convention delegate: _____

Phone number for your delegate: (____) _____

I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Pageant and agree that the decision of the judges is final.

Signed:

_____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent / Guardians signature if contestant is under 18:

_____ Date: ____/____/____

Mail this application form, essay, entry fee, copy of birth certificate or driver's license, the signed contract and a 5x7 (must be an original photo) photograph to:

Chris Benson, Pageant Chairman
1540 Branch St.
Wabash, IN 46992

Please feel free to call Chris if you have any questions at 260-569-9391. (evenings)

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Shirt Size _____

Please type or print in ink.

Pageant Application Deadline is Nov. 1st.

Indiana State Festivals Scholarship Pageant

Contract for the 2019 ISFA Queen

Being selected as the 2019 ISFA Queen carries with it many responsibilities. You will be an ambassador for the Indiana State Festivals Association. You will be required to attend a minimum of fifteen (15) events during your reign. These can be festivals, parades, pageants or other ISFA related things. You will be given a list of ISFA board member festivals and these should be at the top of your priority list. You will also be given a list of events that previous queens have attended and enjoyed. You will also be able to choose some events from the Indiana Festival Guide.

You are to wear your crown and ISFA sash to all events.

When you attend these events you are to dress appropriately. Blue jeans or shorts are not allowed at any event. If it is a summer parade or festival, capri pants or a summer dress is acceptable. For a fall event, we recommend nice dress pants and always take a lightweight jacket along. If attending a pageant, you may be asked to wear an evening gown. You will always be told ahead of time if that is required.

You are to keep an accurate record of your mileage from your home to the event and back. ISFA will reimburse you for mileage. You can have that either periodically or take the entire amount at the end of your reign.

When traveling to events, you are never to travel alone. You must have an adult such as a parent, grandparent, aunt, older sibling etc. with you. Boyfriends are not allowed to accompany you. They are a distraction and you are there to do a job.

If you have to travel quite a distance the festivals are given the opportunity to offer you and your chaperone an overnight stay. ISFA does not provide this, it is the responsibility of the inviting festival. If the festival cannot provide housing, then you will be given the opportunity to decide if wish to attend because it will be at your expense. We encourage festivals to provide you and your chaperone a meal (meals) while there.

Some of the things that previous queens have participated in are emceeing events, sharing a talent, judging contests and passing out awards. You should always ask someone in charge what they need for you to do and always pitch in whenever you see a need.

You are there as a representative of the Indiana State Festivals Association and you must conduct yourself in a manner that reflects the association and their values. Always take the time for photos with children, they look up to you and want to be you some day. You are not to be on your cell phone unless it is to contact your chaperone if you get separated, etc.

You will work directly with the pageant directors when scheduling your appearances. You are never to agree to an appearance without communicating with the directors. ISFA members are the top priority but if there is a festival that requests you and they are not a member but there is an opportunity for them to become a member, those requests will be considered.

If you are unable to fulfill your duties, the first runner up will be asked to step in to attend events and represent the ISFA.

By signing this contract, you are agreeing to all of the above guidelines.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Parent / Guardians signature if contestant is under 18

Date