

**Ephraim Bee Festival's Queen Bee/Teen Bee Pageant
Agreement of Rules and Regulations**

1. Contestants must be
 - a. 16-21 for Queen, 13-16 for Teen, as January 1, 2025
 - b. legal resident of West Virginia
 - i. Teens must be a resident of Doddridge, Gilmer, Lewis, Tyler, Harrison, Wetzel, or Ritchie counties.
 - c. Female, never married, not pregnant or ever had children.
2. Contestants must be of good moral character, and have never been convicted of a crime.
3. Contestants will demonstrate good sportsmanship, be responsible for their possessions, and respect the belongings of others. Festival and pageant staff will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
4. Dressing room rules
 - a. No camera or cell phone use
 - b. No food or drink except water
 - c. Only contestants and pageant staff will be in the dressing room
5. Winners will attend the Ephraim Bee Festival on Saturday, Sept 7, 2024.
6. Winners are expected to promote the Ephraim Bee Festival. This can be as visiting royalty at pageants and parades, attending Chamber of Commerce sponsored events, or in other similar activities as much as possible. In particular, winners should plan to attend parades for Doddridge County Homecoming, Salem Apple Butter, West Union Veterans Day, and Christmas in Doddridge.
7. The selected queen winners will receive
 - a. crown, sash, flower bouquet, and a gift basket
 - i. Queen \$1000, Teen \$500, half awarded at the pageant, remainder at the 2025 pageant.
 - b. The Doddridge County Chamber will pay the entry fees and accommodation for the Queen to represent the Ephraim Bee Festival at the WV Fairs and Festivals Convention in January 2025. If the selected Queen is unable to attend, the first runner-up will be given the opportunity.
8. The selected Queen is allowed to participate in other pageants, except for other Fairs and Festival titles for the current year. If another title interferes with representation of the Ephraim Bee Festival, she will forfeit her title and remaining prizes to the first runner-up. The Teen Bee is allowed to participate in other pageants, including Fairs and Festivals titles, but if she becomes a Fairs and Festivals Queen, the Ephraim Bee Festival may assign the remaining Teen Queen duties and money to the first runner up.
9. The Queen and Teen are expected to present themselves, the Ephraim Bee Festival and the Doddridge County Chamber in a positive manner when in public and when posting to social media sites. The pageant committee may request inappropriate communications be removed from social media.
10. Decisions by the director and the pageant committee are final.

I have read and had the opportunity to discuss these Rules and Regulations. I agree to abide by these rules, and hold harmless, the Ephraim Bee Festival, the pageant committee, and the Doddridge County Chamber of Commerce.

Contestant

Date

Guardian (if under 18)

Date