

FLORIDA HONEY QUEEN COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

LOCAL TITLE: _____

SPONSOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PARENT(S) or legal guardian
NAME(S) _____

PARENT(S) or legal guardian ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT(S) or legal guardian PHONE: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED AND YEAR: (put N/A if you are still in high school)

IF POST-HIGH SCHOOL, LIST SCHOOL, AREA OF STUDY, AND YEAR IN SCHOOL:

LIST ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

LEADERSHIP AND/OR PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE:

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU USE HONEY?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HONEYBEE FACT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY BEEKEEPING EXPERIENCE? (not required)

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Florida Honey Queen Program
c/o Beth Fox, Chairman
409 Wild Oak Circle
Longwood, FL 32779
Or, email to:
FlaHQP@aol.com
407-702-2853

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION, PHOTO, SHORT BIOGRAPHY, & ESSAY IS OCTOBER 1.

Note: Upon arrival at the FSBA convention, you will submit your scrapbook to the honey queen chairperson. Failure to submit this form or other items on time may result in the disqualification of a candidate. If you have any questions regarding this form, contact the Florida Honey Queen Committee.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR FLORIDA HONEY QUEEN AND HONEY QUEEN CANDIDATES

The Florida Honey Queen serves in a professional role as the spokesperson, marketing representative, and educator working on behalf of the Florida Honey Producers. Her main goal is to promote the Honey and Beekeeping Industry. The Florida Honey Queen is the single most visible person of the Florida Honey Producers Association throughout the year; therefore, appropriate clothing is required to promote in a professional manner.

Appropriate dress for a Honey Queen while in crown and banner:

- business suits (approximately knee-length skirts)
- simple high heeled shoes with **closed toes**
- flat shoes with closed heels and toes that are good for walking
- sweaters and skirts
- pants suits
- evening gown when appropriate
- simple dresses
- dress coat
- plain colored coat in the winter
- skirts (at least knee length) with professional blouses and/or jackets
- professional looking dresses
- small earrings and other simple, non-distracting jewelry

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Inappropriate dress for a Honey Queen while in crown and banner:

- shorts
- t-shirts, polo shirts
- jeans, khaki pants, or casual pants (pants are okay if part of a pants suit)
- provocative, overly revealing tops (e.g. no bare midriffs, backless tops, etc.)

- chunky sandals or clogged heels
- tennis shoes
- clothing that is too tight
- mini skirts or very short skirts
- tank tops (unless accompanied **always** by a blazer)
- sweatshirts
- casual street wear
- large jewelry that may detract from crown and banner

The most appropriate, common attire for a honey queen should be business suits, nice dresses, or what one may wear in a formal business environment. Shoes should be functional and comfortable, yet professional for the queen, as she attends a variety of events throughout the year. Honey queens should also consider that large jewelry or excessive amounts of jewelry (e.g. multiple bracelets, multiple necklaces, etc.) is distracting. Body piercings, other than earrings, should be hidden. In addition, tattoos or other “body art” should be concealed at all times.

If you have any questions regarding this list, please contact the Florida Honey Queen Committee at (407) 702-2853 or FlaHQP@aol.com.

FLORIDA HONEY QUEEN GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Florida Honey Queen shall represent the Florida State Beekeepers Association (FSBA) as an official spokesperson in an endeavor to educate the public on and promote all aspects of the Beekeeping Industry. Promote the use of honey, honey products and beekeeping to the general public and consumers

Contestant’s Responsibilities

1. She must prepare an essay on honey or honey promotional ideas and present it to the state queen committee by date of deadline.
2. She must prepare a short autobiography and present it with a photo of herself to the state queen committee by date of deadline.
3. She must attend the state contest finals.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR FLORIDA HONEY QUEEN CONTESTANTS:

- 1 Any single young lady who has reached her 17th birthday by January 1 and has not passed her 24th birthday on that same date preceding the FSBA Convention in November.
2. Contestants shall be single, shall never have been married, nor had a marriage annulled, nor have cohabitated with a male in lieu of a marriage contract. Contestants who are pregnant or have been pregnant are ineligible.
3. Must have a proper sponsor.
4. Must be a high school graduate, in high school, or home schooled.
- 5, Must be an American Citizen and legal resident of Florida.

SPONSOR:

A sponsor can be any Florida Honey Producing or Beekeeping Organization, any individual Florida Honey Producer, any Florida Honey Packer, any Florida Beekeeper, or interested organization in Florida, (i.e. Campfire Girls, Exchange Club, VFW, etc.).

DUTIES OF A SPONSOR:

1. Responsible for the contestant's expenses to, during, and from the FSBA Convention.
2. Responsible for contestant entry fee when required.
3. Sponsor shall make sure their contestant has basic beekeeping knowledge and is prepared to be the Florida Honey Queen.
4. Provide a Chaperone (not boyfriend) for the contestant during state convention.
5. Pay for membership for local and state, if she is not already a member.

FLORIDA HONEY QUEEN RULES:

1. The Florida Honey Queen will be called upon to present programs to all ages (i.e. schools, museums, civic organizations, beekeeping association), give interviews to news media (i.e. TV, radio, newspapers), and make personal appearances at fairs, parades, store openings, etc.
2. Must be available for promotional activities as much as school, work, and personal schedule allows.
3. Provide the Honey Queen Chairperson with school, work, and major personal activities schedule.
4. Be responsible for her wardrobe.
5. Promptly correspond with messages of appreciation when the occasion warrants.
6. Promptly acknowledge all correspondence with the approval of the Honey Queen Chairperson
7. Changes in itinerary, expenditures, and official correspondence must be approved by the Honey Queen Chairperson.
8. Keep a record of the amount of newspapers that published the articles and identify all articles.
9. File a monthly activity report with Honey Queen Chairperson and the FSBA Newsletter Editor for publication.
10. Maintain a scrapbook of activities.
11. Present a monthly itemized statement with receipts of all previously approved expenditures to Honey Queen Chairperson for payment.
12. Must be single and remain so for one year following her coronation. If she marries, she forfeits her title, responsibility, and benefits, i.e. scholarships, etc.
13. Must be willing to compete for the title of American Honey Queen at the American Beekeeping Federation Convention in January following the end of her reign.
14. Shall not be committed to any other program that will interfere with the Florida Honey Queen Program or prevent the Queen from accepting invitations for promotions.
15. Wear crown and/or banner to all promotional events.
16. She should be dressed in clothes appropriate for the occasion in order to cultivate the professional look; however, as a FSBA representative, her clothes should be appropriate for each type of travel.
17. The Queen is requested to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco while wearing her official attire. (Note: legal drinking age in Florida is 21 years old)

State Association's Responsibilities

1. Provide a panel of not less than three persons to judge the state contest.
2. Arrange for all the advertising and promotion for the queen contest during the

convention.

3. Sponsor the successful State Honey Queen in the national American Honey Queen contest.

Judging or Choosing a Representative

Contestants will be judged on general communication skill, public speaking ability, extemporaneous (without preparation) presentation, knowledge of subject, poise, and confidence in dealing with people, and/or any other criteria as outlined by the State Queen Committee.

JUDGES SCORE CARD

Essay 15%

Scrapbook 10%

Personality, Charm, Poise & Dignity 15%

Quality of Expression & Congeniality 25%

Knowledge of beekeeping and honey production 25%

Appearance, grooming, neatness 10%

QUEEN EXPENDITURES TO BE PAID BY FSBA:

1. Transportation to and from all functions representing the FSBA; current 30 cents a mile and subject to change with inflation rates.
2. Telephone calls (between Queen and Chairperson only)
3. Stationery expense (postage, stationery, business cards, etc.)
4. Recipe folders
5. Promotional Photos
6. Scrapbook expense
7. Food and lodging when participation in activities representing the FSBA and/or at the request of the FSBA Executive Committee.
8. Chaperon expenses when the committee sees a need for one.
9. All expenses to compete in the American Honey Queen Competition.
10. Initial Honey Queen Committee expense ... crown, banner, etc.

QUEEN EXPENSES TO BE PAID OR PROVIDED BY HOST OF A PROMOTION:

1. Transportation while at a promotion.
2. Food and lodging and/or allowance for.
3. Provide a proper chaperon as approved by the Honey Queen Committee.
4. Promotional photos, literature, demo supplies, or special needs for that promotion.