



Fall Fest Pageants



Girls seeking to wear a crown need to look no further than the Obion County Fall Fest pageants each year.

Six young ladies, who have advance to state competitions through the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageants, were crowned when Fall Fest sponsored the Miss Fall Fest and Miss Northwest Volunteer pageants for girls ages 18-26, Miss Fall Fest Teen Volunteer and Miss Northwest Teen Volunteer pageants for age 13-17 and Miss Fall Fest Iris Teen and Miss Northwest Iris Teen for age 13-19 Aug. 6 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Union City.

Contestants could be no younger than 17 at the time of the local competition and no older than 24 by Dec. 31 of the year they might go on to be crowned Miss Tennessee Volunteer.

Miss Fall Fest Volunteer and Miss Northwest Tennessee are required to be high school graduates or the equivalent by June 30, 2022, and must have been residents of Tennessee for at least six months before the pageant, in addition to being a United States citizen.

Contestants are required to be female and must have never been married or pregnant.

Finally they must fit into one of the following situations:

- a full-time registered student within the franchise area of the pageant for at least six months;
- employed for a minimum of 32 hours per week within the franchise area;
- employed a minimum of 16 hours per week and enrolled for a minimum of six hours per week in school for at least six months prior to the competition date.

Contestants had to agree to clear their calendars to the extent that they are able to carry out Miss Fall Fest Volunteer and Northwest Tennessee duties, as well as the responsibilities should she move on to win Miss Tennessee Volunteer.

This event allows young women to compete for scholarship money and a chance to move on to the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant for even more monetary support for their educations.

Additionally, cute little girls and gorgeous young ladies walked across the stage at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Union City Sept. 17 competing for the title of Miss Obion County Fall Fest in their age categories, which included Wee Baby for girls ages birth to 12 months, Baby Miss for ages 13-23 months, Tiny Miss for ages 2-3, Petite Miss for ages 4-5, Young Miss for ages 6-7, Little Miss for ages 8-9, Junior Miss for ages 10-12, Teen Miss for ages 13-15 and Miss Fall Fest for ages 16-21. Crowns were provided by Steve's Jewelers.

All divisions had one queen and three alternates. Queens in the 6-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-21 divisions are eligible to compete in the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Pageant. All WTSF rules apply. Queens are responsible for their own float and entry fee.

Queens of the 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-21 categories will be required to participate in activities designated by the Fall Fest Festival Committee. Those queens are required to attend the Pride of Obion County Luncheon on Oct. 5 at Discovery Park of America and the Fall Fest Family Day event at the Obion County Public Library on Oct. 8.

* The Miss Obion County Fall Fest pageants were held after the print deadline, but before the release date, for this publication.



Photo by Trish Dial Photography

SIX QUEENS — Obion County Fall Fest recently hosted a Miss Tennessee Volunteer preliminary pageant at the Union City Civic Auditorium. Among those crowned were (from left) Miss Fall Fest Iris Teen Rebecca Powers of Martin, Miss Fall Fest Teen Volunteer Marlee Kellough of Alamo, Miss Fall Fest Volunteer Emma Martin of McKenzie, Miss Northwest Tennessee Volunteer Emily Pennington of Mc-

Minnville, Miss Northwest Teen Volunteer Avery Stockton of Martin and Miss Northwest Iris Teen Piper DePriest of Atwood. Miss Fall Fest and Miss Northwest Volunteer winners received \$1,000 scholarships, along with prize packages from local businesses. All four teen winners received prize packages from local businesses. The winners will compete in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer state pageants July 23-29, 2023.

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