

FEMALE SENIOR COURT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

General rules and regulations established by the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) for those participating in the Preston County Buckwheat Festival (the Festival).

Applications for Senior Court are due January 21, 2022 BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY- late applications will not be accepted or considered. Please return to Kim Metheny in the guidance office.

***A mini-pageant will be held in The Mill Room on *Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2:30pm*. Please arrive at 2:00 so we can have a short walk through. Each candidate running for Queen Ceres/ Senior Princess will participate in three phases of competition: a brief interview, **THIRTY SECOND** costume speech (no costume will be worn during the mini-pageant), and street wear (business casual- suit, dress, etc. Attire should be similar to something worn to a job interview). At the mini-pageant 11 female participants will be selected to compete for the title of Queen Ceres. **The mini-pageant is closed to the public.** Those selected at the mini-pageant should be prepared to pay the expense of \$200.00 non-refundable for their Buckwheat Festival gowns.

1. The participants will be from the junior class at Preston High School and will participate when they are in the senior class. Participants **MUST** remain enrolled at Preston High School through the conclusion of the 2022 Buckwheat Festival.
2. **In addition to the application, interested candidates will submit a **resume of accomplishments** and activities.
Interested candidates will also provide **two letters of recommendation; one recommendation will be from a community member and the other letter of recommendation shall be from a representative of the school system. **Three copies of the required information will be submitted along with the application to the Buckwheat Committee.**
3. Participants will have a **GPA of 3.00** at time of application. Applicants can never have been expelled or suspended internally or externally from 9th grade till present, and will not be expelled or suspended internally or externally during their festival participation.
4. Participants will be single and not pregnant nor ever have been.
5. Participants should possess high ethical standards, good moral conduct, be willing to work with others, and represent their school, community and county with pride. These standards also apply to all forms of social media.
6. Should a candidate leave the county prior to the Festival, an alternate will be appointed to fill the vacated position. Royal court members **MUST** participate in the Royal Pageant or will be permanently replaced by an alternate.
7. Each participant should be able to represent Preston High and the Preston County Buckwheat Festival in public appearances such as on television and radio.

8. Participants must be free for rehearsals, the pageant, coronation activities, the Royalty Banquet, and parades.
9. Participants for princess, maid of honor, and queen will be judged on scholastic achievement and leadership, poise and personality, street wear, personal interview, and a 30 second costume speech.
10. Queen Ceres will be awarded \$1,000 academic scholarship for post-secondary education. The Maids of Honor will be awarded \$250.00 scholarships.
11. Queen Ceres will be honored with an official portrait chosen by the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Returning applications:

Please turn in all required information in a manila envelope- **provide 3 copies of each-** to Kim Metheny in the PHS Guidance Office **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 21, 2022.**

- Application
- Resume
- 2 Letters or recommendation

Applications WILL NOT be accepted after the due date.

*In the event of a snow day or early out, packets will be due on the next school day by the end of school.

Questions can be directed to Tina Turner (304) 288-3024