

## MALE 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.**

1. Preston High School scholarship committee will select up to 11 boys in their junior year at Preston High School to participate as escorts in the Festival 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. King Buckwheat applicants not selected as King Buckwheat or his runners-up will become escorts. The remaining escort positions will be filled from the applications received.
4. Escorts and King Buckwheat applicants will have a GPA of **3.00** at time of application. Applicants can never have been expelled or suspended internally or externally from 9<sup>th</sup> grade till present, and will not be expelled or suspended internally or externally during their festival participation.
5. Participants will be single and never have fathered a child.
6. 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.
7. Should a candidate leave the county prior to the festival, an alternate will be appointed to fill the vacant position. Royal court members **MUST** participate in the Royal Pageant or be permanently replaced by an alternate.
8. Each participant should be able to represent Preston High and the Preston County Buckwheat Festival in public appearances such as on television and radio.
9. Escorts and King Candidates must be free for rehearsals, the pageant, coronation activities, the Royalty Banquet, and parades.
10. Escorts and King Candidates are required to pay a fee of \$150.00 for their tuxedos.

11. King Buckwheat is chosen on his contribution to agriculture as well as scholastics achievement, poise, personal interview, and prepared speech.
12. King Buckwheat will be awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship for post-secondary education. Escorts for the Maids of Honor will be awarded \$250.00 scholarships.
13. King Buckwheat will be honored with an official portrait chosen by the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department.
14. The tuxedo for the King will be rented for the entire year.
15. The King will wear or carry the crown that is provided for him at all functions to enhance the King's attire.
16. Visible piercings or tattoos must be removed/covered during **all** festival related activities.

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