

Contestant name: _____

Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival

Contestant Checklist

Applications MUST be postmarked on or before Monday, July 14, 2025 - NO exceptions! All materials required in the application must be received at that time, picture for the newspaper, and completed application.

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___ Proof of Age – Birth Certificate/Driver's License

___ Head and Shoulder Photograph for FB page (PICTURE CANNOT BE LARGER THAN

WALLET SIZE.) can be black and white or color AND cannot be AI generated photos. We want the photo to match you.

___ Entry Fee \$85.00

___ Photogenic Entry (\$10/1, \$15/2, \$20/3) - optional

NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

We accept cash or cashier's check/money order payable to: The Marion Popcorn Festival

We also accept payment by Credit card (Fees apply), please contact Kari for details

Please print your name on the contestant line at the top of each page



The Marion Popcorn Festival Pageant Application

Ms. Marion Popcorn Pageant

Information Sheet

Full Name of contestant _____

Age _____

Birth date _____

Home address _____

Home City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

I understand by signing below that I am applying to be a contestant to The Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. pageant. I agree to make myself available for all Marion Popcorn Festival activities and events. This includes, but is not limited to, the Popcorn Festival parade, entertainment events, and sports events.

I agree to allow the Marion Popcorn Festival and Ms. Pageant committees to act for me and my interests in making commitments for appearances and scheduling events.

Signature _____ date _____

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Application and Contract

I. Introduction

1. In seeking to participate in the Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the program, rules for contestants, and rules and procedures for using funds.
2. By signing this application and contract and submitting it to the Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant, the contestant (or legal guardian) represents and agrees that all facts and representations contained in this contract and application and attachments are true and accurate.

II. Eligibility

1. I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____, _____.
Contestants aged 27 and older as of August 2, 2025 are eligible to compete.
2. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
3. I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.
4. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
5. I understand that inappropriate social media behavior will not be tolerated by the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant. I am attesting by my signature that I have not posted any type of social media; either photos, videos, inappropriate language, or any other actions that would be considered inappropriate behavior. I also understand that if any such materials are brought to the attention of the Marion Popcorn Ms. Pageant committee that I am in danger of losing my title. I agree that it is at the sole discretion of the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant committee to determine that consequences of any such action.
6. I am in good health, and can participate in the competition without causing a health risk to myself or anyone else.
7. I do not consume any illegal substances or abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
8. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the competition or at the Marion Popcorn Festival.
9. I understand that if, at any time, facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition or my reign as a title holder or runner-up should change, the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant committee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition or continue my reign.
10. I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, and pictures for advertising, news, and promotional uses.
11. I understand that if this application was received via electronic mail, I may not make any alterations to this official document. I will be bound by the rules and regulations as stated in the official Miss Marion Popcorn Festival document in its entirety.

Signature _____ date _____

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Application and Contract (continued)

Commitments for service as Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival

III. Obligations and Agreements

1. All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether “still” or “live”, and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsements rights as a contestant, participant, or title holder remain the property of the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant in perpetuity.

IV. Entry Fees

1. All applicants are required to pay an \$85.00 entry fee (can be sponsored) to participate in the Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival competition. **If you raise \$200 in sponsor fees your entry is FREE!**
2. The optional photogenic competition is \$10 for one photo/\$15 for two photos/\$20 for three photos. The fee is due and payable with the complete application packet and **must be postmarked on or before Monday July 14, 2025** for application to participate in the program.
3. NO Refunds allowed.

I understand that if I am to receive the title or place as a runner up in the competition that the facts of eligibility will continue to remain effective until the 2026 pageant date. If at any time, my eligibility may come into question, The Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival Committee in its sole discretion, will have the right to revoke my title, and or any prizes or monetary award I may have received as well as suspend me from any future Ms. Popcorn competitions. On the basis of all these statements and agreements, I request the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant to accept my application to participate as a contestant in the Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant competition. I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this application and contract in its entirety, together with all attachments.

Contestant Signature and Date

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Medical Information Form

***Please be advised that any information provided on this form will be used for the sole purpose of seeking medical care, if necessary, while the contestant is under the supervision of The Ms Marion Popcorn Scholarship Committee. The information will not be used for any other purpose and shall be kept in strict confidence.**

Contestant name: _____ DOB: _____

Home address: _____

Who should be called in case of an emergency: _____

Phone: _____ cell: _____

Medical insurance company name: _____ policy #: _____

Employer or group name: _____

Physician name: _____

List allergies: _____

List any medical conditions and or medications that an emergency doctor should be informed of:

This authorization is valid until September 6, 2025 or one year from the date of the pageant if the aforementioned contestant shall receive the title of Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival or one of the runners up for the title. After the designated expiration date this document will be shredded unless the document was previously used to accommodate medical care. This document serves as a waiver of privacy rights for the disclosure here on and I understand this document may be shared with medical professionals, if necessary. This document may be in the possession of Ms. Marion Popcorn designees as necessary.

I understand it is the responsibility of contestants/parents/guardians to inform the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program if allergies or medical conditions are discovered after the completion of this authorization. I understand that contestants/parents/guardians are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which a contestant participates in Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant activities and Marion Popcorn Festival and Marion City Schools are not responsible for any such expenses.

I certify that the above information that I have provided is true and accurate

Contestant Signature and Date

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General Information

Contestant's name: _____

DOB _____

How do you want your name listed in the program book and in the newspaper

Age on August 2, 2025 _____

Home address, city, state, zip

Home town _____

Home phone _____ cell phone _____

Email address

(That you check regularly)

Contestant Signature and Date

Contestant name: _____

Competition and General Appearance Rules

1. The Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant Committee designs, plans, and facilitates the rules and competition for Miss Marion Popcorn Festival.
2. Five to seven people will be assigned to judge the competitions based on the rules of competition as defined by the Miss Marion Popcorn Ms. Pageant committee.
3. Two people will be assigned to audit the judge's scores; the decision of the judge's is final. Any questions concerning the judging will be directed to the judge's chairperson. In the event of a tie for queen or runners-up, the interview will break the tie, followed by Popcorn Wear if needed.
4. Each contestant is asked to provide their own backstage mom to assist the contestant with changing clothes etc. We suggest a friend or other relative. The backstage mom is required to be over the age of 18. Only ONE backstage mom will be allowed per contestant and it MUST BE a female.
5. Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to the rehearsal, competition, and Marion Popcorn Festival events.
6. The Marion Popcorn Festival Ms. Pageant Committee, the Marion Popcorn Festival and Marion City Schools are not responsible for accidents or injuries, nor are they responsible for lost or stolen personal items.
7. A contestant may only win the title of Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival one time.
8. Dress rehearsal is mandatory. If a contestant cannot attend the dress rehearsal, prior permission must be granted by the program director.
9. No smoking or alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed by contestants while on festival grounds or while in any form of representation of the Marion Popcorn Festival.
10. **Poor attitudes or discipline problems will not be tolerated.**
11. No disruptive behavior by contestants or family members will be tolerated.
12. The title holder and her court (attendants) will have their crowns and sashes available to wear at all events. Crowns and sashes will not be worn on the festival grounds or anywhere else, unless a committee representative is present.
13. Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival and her court are encouraged to participate in any fundraising or community service projects, designated by the Marion Popcorn Festival and the Marion Popcorn Festival Pageant Committee.
14. Clothing will be in good taste and modest. Title holder and her court will be informed of the appropriate clothing to wear at the parade and entertainment events.
15. No flash still photography will be permitted during the competition. If someone is videotaping, no lighting will be allowed and must be set to not interrupt the official program or block the view of any audience members. NO BACKSTAGE PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE PERMITTED. There will be time allotted at the end of the competition for photos of the contestants. All press has first priority to photographs immediately following the competition due to publishing deadlines.

I understand and agree to comply with the competition and personal appearance rules.

I understand that failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification from the competition.

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Community Involvement Information Sheet

Full Name:

Hometown:

Date of birth:

Education: (list all schools attended and courses of study)

Current occupation:

Community involvement:

Accomplishments:

Leadership roles:

Other interesting facts:

Why do you want to be Ms. Marion Popcorn Festival?

Use this sheet as a guide. Answer all questions.

Please return no more than 2 typed pages.

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Competition Rules and Guidelines

Festival Theme: Poppin' to the Music

Pageant venue/details: Saturday August 2, 2025
Marion Harding High School
Cafetorium

Registration: 1:00 -1:30 Pageant at 2:00pm

Pageant contact: Ashley Wilson phone: (419) 834-5599 email: pageants@popcornfestival.com

Entry deadline: All forms, flash drive, and photos (except for photogenic entry) must be postmarked by Monday July 14, 2025 and mailed to:

Marion Popcorn Festival
PO Box 1101
Marion, Ohio 43302

Categories:

• **Interview 40% of total score**

A panel of judges will interview each contestant for a period of 8 minutes. These interviews are conducted on the morning of the program. Please arrive for your interview to check in at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Interviews will be timed by an independent person in the interview room. Appropriate dress is what you would wear for a professional job interview. After your interview, you may leave the school but **MUST** return by 4:00 PM in the dressing room. **NO ONE** may be with you during the interview time. All interview questions will be based upon the Marion Popcorn Festival and the application information submitted by the contestant.

You will be notified by email of your scheduled interview time.

• **Beauty (formal wear) 20% of the total score**

The dress for this category may be full length or street length formal wear.

• **Popcorn Wear 20% of the total score**

This outfit can be of your choice. Have fun with this category. It should be something that promotes the Popcorn Festival, popcorn and/or the theme – **Poppin to the Music**. There will be no description read during your outfit so it is important that the judges and audience can clearly see the relevance to popcorn and the festival. There are no props allowed during this category other than those you can carry while modeling your outfit.

• **On stage Question 20% of the total score**

Contestants will draw questions on stage and judging is based upon the contestant's ability to speak and answer the question appropriately without prior knowledge of the question. The question will be general in nature.

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Competition Rules and Guidelines Continued

- **Photogenic**

This is an **optional** category. This category will have one winner who will receive a prize.

This is an 8 X 10 photo and can be color or black and white. This does not have to be a professionally taken photograph. The criteria for judging will be: quality of photograph, clarity of the individual in the picture, pose, smile, and personality. All photos will be returned to you. The photos and fees are to be turned in at the dress rehearsal on August 2nd. You may enter one photo for \$10, two photos for \$15 or three photos for \$20.

Ms Talent

This is an **optional** category. This category will have one winner who will receive a prize.

There **MUST** be 5 entries. The talent must be tasteful in nature and must be approved by the pageant Director.

Entry fee is: \$25

Court size is at the discretion of The Marion Popcorn Festival Pageant Committee.