



Linden-Peters Cherry Festival Queen Contest

Rules and Requirements



(Keep this portion for your records)

The Contest will be held at 2 p.m. at the Linden Fraternal Hall, 4971 Mill Street, Linden. Contestants will be asked to arrive around noon for their personal interviews with the judges. The contestants will be judged on their speech (re: Linden and Me), personal interview, impromptu question, poise and appearance.

Please refer to the Chamber website (www.LindenChamber.net) for specific dates and times regarding the contest and application deadline.

The rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Entrants must agree to abide by all the rules of the Linden-Peters Chamber Cherry Festival Queen Contest, in the effects or as announced hereafter.
2. Entrants must agree to the time, manner and the method of judging, which will be under the direction of the sponsoring group, and must agree that the decision of the judges will be final. The number of young ladies who qualify as contestants will be limited to 8. If more than 8 applications are received the essays will be judged by 3 committee members to determine which applicants will participate in the program. On the day of the contest, based on the judging results, a queen and first runner-up will be chosen from the contestants, and the remaining contestants will serve as princesses for the festival. Any contest protest must be voiced to the chairperson prior to the announcement of the contest results.
3. Applicant will submit a minimum 250-word essay on “How the Cherry Industry Impacts the Linden Community.” This essay must accompany the completed application form. Submitted essays will be used by the contest committee as a means to qualify the number of contestants in this year’s contest. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and will be judged by the committee on content, style and grammar.
4. Entrants must be between the ages of 16 and 20.
5. Entrants must live within the Linden Unified School District or attend Linden High School.
6. Entrants must be single, must never been married, divorced or have had a child.
7. Entrants must be of good moral character, possess poise, personality and intelligence.
8. Contestants will appear in a semi-formal, knee-length dress for competition.
9. Contestants will participate in an interview, answer an impromptu question, and give a 5-minute maximum speech on the topic “Linden and Me.”
10. The winner agrees to preside over the Linden Cherry Festival events and represent the Community for the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce throughout the year (i.e. Linden Lions Club Reverse Raffle, Linden Day at the Stockton Ports, The Linden Community Christmas Tree Lighting, and other events as deemed needed by the Linden Chamber of Commerce).
11. The winner agrees to participate in the Queen Contest of the following year.
12. The Linden Cherry Festival Queen will be announced and crowned at the conclusion of the contest.
13. All contestants will participate in the events of the Linden Cherry Festival including the breakfast, parade, presentation of awards, and any duties as assigned for the benefit of the Linden Cherry Festival.
14. Entrants must enclose one-wallet size photo with application.

Applications are to be turned in to the Linden H. S. Career Center. Scholarships and awards will be presented at the contest. Scholarship sponsors will be recognized during the contest program. The contest is sponsored by, and under the direction and authority of the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce.