

METHOD OF SELECTION FOR THE TYLER COUNTY DOGWOOD QUEEN

ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS: Any unmarried (not having been married or having had children) senior girl that has been enrolled in a Tyler County High School from the beginning of the school year is eligible to enter the contest for Dogwood Queen. If for some reason there is no senior girl who is eligible or interested in trying out for Dogwood Queen, then all junior girls who meet the guidelines may try out. If the junior girl is chosen as the Queen, then she is not eligible to try out her senior year. If she is not chosen Queen, then she may enter the contest again her senior year.

ROYAL DUCHESS: Any senior girl that is the daughter or granddaughter of a former Dogwood Queen is eligible to be a Royal Duchess. You can either try out for Dogwood Queen or be a Royal Duchess, but not both. You must decide what you want to do before the first judging. If you participate in the first judging, then you are no longer able to be a Royal Duchess.

JUDGING PROCEDURES: The Kingsmen's Committee of the Dogwood Festival will judge contestants on the basis of beauty, poise, and personality through individual interviews. During these interviews, the contestants will be asked questions which strive to determine not her knowledge of particular facts, but rather her ability to communicate her ideas on a variety of subjects. The judges will vote by secret ballot with equal value placed upon points earned for beauty, poise, and personality.

2010 JUDGINGS: All judgments will be held at the Woodville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Contestants will need to be there at 6:15 P.M. and the judging starts at 7:00 P.M. The first and second judging will require the contestants to wear a nice church dress or skirt (no pants). The final judging (for Princesses only) will require a formal dress.

FIRST JUDGING: Thursday, February 4, 2010 – Each contestant will come dressed in a church dress. Every girl entered in the Queen's contest will participate in the first judging. After the interviews, contestants will be selected to participate in the second judging on February 11, 2010. The selection for each town will be made using the following scale:

- 1 to 4 girls – 2 contestants
- 5 to 7 girls – 3 contestants
- 8 to 10 girls -- 4 contestants
- 11 to 15 girls – 5 contestants
- 16 or more girls – 6 contestants

Every girl that participates in the first judging will be invited to the Kingsman's Ball on Friday night, April 2, 2010.

SECOND JUDGING: Thursday, February 11, 2010 – Contestants should wear a church dress. During the judging, a Princess will be selected from each town to represent her community. Every girl invited to the second judging who is not selected to be Princess will be one of the Ladies-in-Waiting.

THIRD JUDGING: Thursday, February 25, 2010 – Princesses will wear a formal of their choice in any color other than white. During the third judging, the Queen of the 2010 Tyler County Dogwood Festival will be selected from the five Princesses. The identity of the Queen will remain a secret until the coronation activities on April 3, 2010.

ESCORTS: All Ladies-in-Waiting and Princesses will need an escort. Choose your escort very carefully. He must be a senior young man from your school. He will be required to attend all rehearsals and activities that the Dogwood Festival has planned for you.

