

# 2023 ROUND LAKE BEACH ELOTE FESTIVAL PAGEANT



Hello!

We are so excited that you have registered or expressed interest in the Round Lake Beach Elote Festival Pageant!

**We will be hosting an INFORMATIONAL MEETING on August 3rd at 6:30pm** at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center to cover all pertinent information and to answer questions.

Other Important Dates:

- Rehearsal August 22 6:30pm - 8pm Round Lake Beach Civic Center
- Pageant August 25 Doors Open at 6pm. Pageant starts at 6:30pm. Round Lake Beach Civic Center

So, What do you need to do now?

1. Submit registration form by August 10<sup>th</sup> (from website [www.roundlakeareapageant.weebly.com](http://www.roundlakeareapageant.weebly.com))
2. Headshot (photo) for program is Due August 19 (does not need to be professional)
3. Start working on Emcee form (see enclosed) Due August 19
4. Start writing your speech

Lastly, please know that if you have any questions at any time, you can email or text us. When texting, please text both Ms. Jill and Ms. Julie to ensure you get a timely response as we both work full-time.

We look forward to getting to know all of you!

Kind Regards,

Elote Festival and Miss Round Lake Area Pageant Directors

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## Pageant Overview

The judging panel will be a group of qualified men and women who are genuinely interested in you. They are serious, yet fun-loving people. They want to enjoy this experience as much as you. Be yourself!

The pageant will be composed of two categories on which the contestants will be judged. Each category is judged and scored independently from all other categories. Speech and Communication= 60 points. Pop Question and Formal Wear= 40 points. Total= 100 points.

The pageant will start with each contestant introducing themselves on stage. This will NOT be judged. The Opening introduction gives you a chance to get on stage, have fun and relax a little before your speech. It is also designed to give the audience a chance to meet you, so relax and have fun.

The pageant will be on Friday August 25, doors open at 6pm and pageant will start at 6:30pm, at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center. Candidate agrees the time, manner, and method of conducting and judging a contest shall be solely within the discretion of the pageant officials and the decisions of the judges are final.

### **SPEECH**

Speech Time Limits and Subjects are:

Miss: 1 minute Explain why you believe diversity is important in the Round Lake Beach community and Why? **OR** Tell us why the Round Lake Area is a great place to grow up and why.

Little: 30 seconds Tell us about a tradition your family has or does, and why it is special to you. **OR** Tell us your favorite thing to do with your family and why.

**FOR ALL SPEECHES:** This is your opportunity to tell the judges something about yourself and your thoughts. No props, poems, or singing is permitted. It is imperative that you memorize your speech and that you do not go over the time limit.

Practice, practice, practice is the only way to get it right. To help memorize your speech, write out an outline of the key points on a card and review it many times. If you happen to forget a line, thinking back to that card will help you remember what your next line of your speech is. If you do forget a line, take a deep breath, think and then start your speech where you stopped at. Judges know that public speaking is one of the hardest things to do. It's how you handle the situation that is the most important. Remember they don't have a copy of your speech, so they won't know if you forgot a line, so keep going, and if you do stumble, do it gracefully.

While doing your speech remember to make eye contact with the judges throughout your speech, not just the beginning and the end.

Speech Attire:

Miss- Speech attire should be an outfit you would wear to a job interview, to church or a nice event. Remember you will be up on a stage so if you choose to wear a dress, it should not be too short.

Little – Attire should be an outfit that would be worn to a nice party or church.

### **POP QUESTION**

During the pop question portion of the pageant, each contestant will model their formal gown. Little contestants will be asked one question, Miss contestants will be asked two questions.

Evening gowns- The contestants' outfit is a chance to make an on-stage statement of her personality, and to demonstrate her gracefulness, moving with poise and confidence. Choose an Evening Gown that reflects your own individual style. Judges are told monetary value of clothing has no value in selecting a queen. Choose one in your best color that compliments you and makes you feel like a queen; but follow these guidelines:

- Dress should be age appropriate.
- Make sure to practice in your gown, including short flights of steps and simple pivots/turns. You should be able to walk without stepping on your dress.
- Choose accessories to enhance your look, not overwhelm you.
- For Miss - Shoes should have a back and a heel that you are comfortable walking in and works with your dress.
- Little contestants should wear age-appropriate shoes they are comfortable walking in and are appropriate for their dress.

Practice walking in your dress and your shoes. Your dress should skim the floor but should not be so long that you need to carry it or trip on it. Practice on a wood or tiled flooring as carpet will be different than walking on the stage and your dress will move differently on carpet than on stage also.

#### MAKE UP & HAIR

Hair extensions may be worn but should look natural. Please check with directors if in question.

Hair should be kept out of your eyes but this does not necessitate an evening updo. For Miss Contestants, you may wish to use a little more color/makeup during the stage portion of your competition as the lights will wash you out. There will be limited time between the speech and pop questions so you should style your hair in the way that works with your speech and evening dress and makes you feel like a queen!

For younger girls, hair should also be worn in the same style for all phases of the competition. No makeup is allowed for girls under 12 other than lip gloss. Light Make up is allowed for contestants from 12-14.

Each contestant will be allowed one Dresser backstage to assist in changing of outfits. Dressers are optional for Miss contestants but are mandatory for Little contestants.

Nails should be kept simple with natural, nude or light color polish. Length should be short to moderate.

If you plan to get a spray tan for the pageant and have not had one in the past, we suggest you get one now so you will know how it will look on you.

To help keep things organized backstage, it is best to bring all items in a single tote, laundry basket or such. Only one storage item per contestant is allowed.

For any questions regarding attire, please reach out to Julie or Jill.

Remember, the Pageant, in essence, is a job interview, and you need to "dress the part". As you make your clothing selections, they should fit the description of "classic", "elegant", "stylish".

#### **MAKE CERTAIN TO TRY EVERYTHING ON AT LEAST THE WEEK BEFORE THE PAGEANT.**

The Elote Festival Pageant or the Round Lake Civic Center are not responsible for lost or stolen articles or money. Any personal articles, i.e. makeup, clothing, etc. that are left at the Round Lake Civic center after the contest will be kept by the Directors for ONLY 14 days. After that time, the Director will not be responsible.

Additional Notes:

Cell phones, I Pods, etc are not allowed in the dressing room and cannot be used by contestants during the pageant.

No one other than contestants, designated dresser, and committee members are allowed in the dressing rooms during the day of the pageant.

Contestants must follow all the above rules and obligations incurred as Elote Festival Queen, attending all practices starting at the scheduled time and continuing until the session is over.