

2016 Frequently Asked Questions

Who sponsors the Separation Day Beauty Pageant? The New Castle Jaycees

Who are the Jaycees? The Jaycees are individuals 18-41 years old who are passionate about their community and want to improve themselves personally and professionally through leadership and individual development programs, as well as networking opportunities and social aspects.

Is this the first pageant organized by the Jaycees? No. The Jaycees annually run the Beautiful Baby Contest during Separation Day and in recent years added this pageant open to ages 2-18. This year the categories will include all ages.

When is the Pageant? Saturday, April 30, 2016. Registration at 9am, Pageant at 10am

Where will the Pageant be held? The New Castle School, 903 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE

How do I register? Complete an application online and mail payment to the Jaycees or register on pageant day. Applications may be found on-line at www.SepDayDE.com.

Why would I register in advance? You can save money.

What are the Pageant entry fees? If you register by April 20th the fee is \$20 afterwards the fee will be \$30.

What other costs can I expect? The Jaycees strive to keep our Pageants affordable. We ask that all spectators pay a \$2 admission fee to fund the cost of the indoor hall. \$1 of the admission fee will be part of a 50/50 drawing, which means one lucky spectator will win half the money in that pot at the end of the day.

How do I remit payment? The Jaycees can accept money orders or checks by mail to PO Box 11484, Wilmington DE, 19850. On pageant day, cash/checks only, please.

Who can participate in the Pageant? Delaware residents, girls ages 24 months and older and boys ages 24 months to 47 months.

What time do I arrive? Please arrive between 9-9:30am to register. Registration takes only a few minutes. However, before the Pageant begins at 10am, contestants are welcome to walk on the runway to become comfortable with the stage.

When will the Pageant begin? 10am sharp.

What do I wear? This Pageant is meant to be a simple, affordable, local pageant to build confidence and self-esteem. Extravagant pageant gowns & tuxedos are not required. Simple Easter-style clothing up to a full pageant gown is acceptable.

How are contestants judged? Each contestant is scored on their appearance (such as age appropriate clothing, shoes & make-up), attitude/personality (willingness & ease on stage), physical beauty and overall presentation.

Who are the judges? The judging panel is made up of 4 men & women from outside the immediate area. They are not paid, nor are they professional judges. They are community leaders volunteering their time.

What prizes will be awarded? The top winner in each category will receive a tiara/crown, flowers and sash along with the opportunity to ride in the Separation Day Parade. The 1Runner-Ups will receive a medallion and certificate.

Why should I provide my email address? Providing your email address will get you information about future pageants, a direct contact to answer questions and a confirmation of receipt of your application.

Why should I list my school, future goals and hobbies? This will give the announcer something to talk about while you/your child are on stage. If your child is too young for school, goals or hobbies write in something cute; first words spoken, things they like, favorite toy or song, etc.

If I read all of these FAQs and still have a question, how do I contact someone? Feel free to email Pageant@SepDayDE.com for any questions.