



2026 Oak Harbor Apple Festival Royalty Contest

It's that exciting time of year again! The search for our next Apple Festival Royalty Court is officially underway! On behalf of the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce, Oak Harbor Apple Festival and our reigning court, we're delighted to invite you to be part of this cherished tradition.

The Royalty Court will proudly represent the Oak Harbor & The Oak Harbor Apple Festival for one year, enjoying opportunities to travel, explore other communities across Ohio, meet new friends, and build valuable public speaking skills while sharing the story and spirit of our festival.

The Apple Festival Royalty Court consists of an Apple Queen and a 1st Attendant (Grades 9-11), Princess (Grades 6-8), Junior Princess (Grades 3-5), Johnny Appleseed and Apple Blossom (Grades K-2). *All court members must attend the Benton-Carroll-Salem School District.* Past Royalty members which have previously held a title (this excludes runners-up) may not compete for that particular title again. They may however compete for a different title.

Upon the successful completion of their reign, the Queen receives \$300.00, the Princess and Junior Princess receive \$100.00 each, and Johnny Appleseed and Apple Blossom receive \$50.00 each.

All contestants must complete the attached application. Please also add a wallet size photo to the application (not to be returned). The application must be turned in to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce by **Friday, September 18th, 2026 no later than 3:00pm**. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

The Preliminary Interviews will be held on **Monday, September 21nd, 2026 starting at 5:30pm** at Shoreline Church, 769 N. Locust Street, Oak Harbor, OH 43449.

Enclosed you will find a schedule of events for preliminary judging and the day of the festival. Please be on time to ensure a relaxed and enjoyable evening. These interviews will determine the winners. The interview will consist of a variety of questions, including but not limited to those on the Royalty application. Scoring will range from 1-5 in the following categories: Introduction, Speaking, Personality, Appearance, and knowledge of the Apple Festival and the Community. All scores are and will remain confidential. The Oak Harbor Chamber and Royalty Committee reserve the right to make final decisions regarding reigning members of the royalty court. The Royalty Crowning is judged by independent judges from outside of the community: they are non-biased and their decision is final.

Please dress in nice, age-appropriate clothing; interview attire. No formals, jeans, flip-flops or tennis shoes are permitted.

Being a part of The Apple Festival Royalty Court is a big responsibility and it is very important that the potential royalty member and their parents and/or guardians understand the commitment that will be expected. A complete list of Rules and Guidelines for the Apple Festival Royalty may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce Office.

If your child is selected as a winner, you must attend opening ceremonies on **Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at 8:45am**. The Queens luncheon and parade are to follow.

Contact Tabitha Davis at Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce with any questions. 419-898-0479 or Office@oakharborohio.net

Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce
161 West Water Street, Suite A
Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

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5:30 pm	Contestants arrive for registration
6:00pm	Johnny Appleseed/Apple Blossom/Jr. Princess Interviews Begin
7:00pm	Johnny Appleseed/Apple Blossom/Jr. Princess finalist announced & released
7:00pm	Princess & Queen Contest immediately following
8:00pm	Announcement of Princess & Queen Finalist

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8:45am	Finalists check in at the chamber office
9:15am	Royalty Court Members will be crowned
9:30am	Group Pictures
10:30am	Luncheon at the High School
1:30pm	Report for parade line-up in front of the old OHMS

****Please keep in mind that all times are tentative!***

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Royalty Court Application

Please check the title you are applying for:

___ Queen ___ Princess ___ Junior Princess ___ Johnny Appleseed ___ Apple Blossom

Name_____ Date of Birth_____ Age_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ E-mail Address_____

Parent (Guardian) Name_____

School_____ Grade_____

Please answer the following questions, there are no right or wrong answers and responses will not exclude you from being chosen. Feel free to use extra paper should you need to.

What strengths and gifts do you have that will help you be the best representative for the Apple Festival and Community?

What types of community service do you participate in?

What are your hobbies and interests?

What are your goals and ambitions? (What do you want to be when you grow up)

Please list your Special achievements, sports, academics, honors, etc.

Being a member of the Royalty is a huge family commitment, how does your family plan to support you in your in role?

What is one thing you would add to Apple Festival weekend?

Part of being a good court member requires being a good community member. As such, provide the name, organization and contact information for three references on the next page. This could be a teacher, pastor, Boy Scout, Girl Scout or 4-H leader, coach or work supervisor as examples. Family members are NOT.

Your answers to the following questions do not affect your eligibility to hold a title

Do your parent(s) own a vehicle capable of towing the float? _____yes _____no

Are you parent(s) willing to take turns with other court members to pull the float to various festivals and parades?

_____yes _____no

Please attach a current photo (non-returnable) here:

Oak Harbor Apple Festival Royalty
Community Reference

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Email address: _____

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