

# AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN CONTEST RULES

1. All candidates entering the American Honey Queen contest must have served as local or state honey queen for at least six months prior to the American Honey Queen Contest (i.e. she must have been so designated before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the annual American Beekeeping Federation convention in January in which they are a candidate).
2. Candidates filing applications must be at least 18 years of age on or before January 1, preceding the American Beekeeping Federation convention and no older than 25 years of age on January 1 preceding the American Beekeeping Federation convention.
3. An entry fee of \$100.00 must accompany the application of each candidate. Checks must be made payable to ABF Queen Fund.
4. States entering candidates shall be responsible for their candidate's lodging expense. This is to be paid prior to leaving the convention. Each state will be responsible for the equivalent of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of a room rate, per Item #9.
5. Each state is responsible for meals, transportation, and other incidental expenses that their candidate may incur.
6. Each candidate must furnish an essay of 300 words or less; typewritten, double-spaced on only one side of paper entitled "Honey". Application, essay, and a brief autobiography, along with three (3) printed media photographs (no larger than 5x7) must be filed with the Queen Chairperson before the application deadline. These pictures will be used for publication.
7. One (1) emailed photograph must be sent to the Queen Chairperson by November 15 prior to convention.
8. Each candidate must give a marketing or sales presentation as part of the competition. This presentation must not exceed three (3) minutes in length and may take any form the candidate may choose. The presentation will be given at the American Beekeeping Federation's Auxiliary meeting.
9. The candidates will live in a block of rooms during the convention.
10. The American Honey Queen and Princess must be single and must remain so for one (1) year following her coronation (through the following American Beekeeping Federation Convention). If she marries, she forfeits her title,

- responsibilities and benefits to her alternate.
11. Each candidate must bring a scrapbook of her activities as state queen to the convention.
  12. The newly chosen American Honey Queen and Princess must plan to stay for the entire convention and for the post convention activities the Committee agrees are necessary.
  13. Candidates should include in their wardrobe two (2) long formal gowns and business attire for five (5) days. They should also include their state banner and tiara.
  14. Special seating during coronation is available for parents of Honey Queen Candidates upon request. Parents who wish to attend the banquet meal must purchase tickets through the American Beekeeping Federation Office.
  15. Each state may have one candidate only and she must be approved by the Beekeepers Association as their candidate. She shall hold no other state title or be committed to any other program that would interfere with the American Honey Queen Program.
  16. The first-runner-up of the American Honey Queen shall be named American Honey Princess and may be asked to attend functions which the American Honey Queen cannot attend.
  17. The American Honey Princess may not compete for American Honey Queen if she keeps her title and participates in the Queen program. She will have the option of giving up her title to the second runner-up if she so chooses and will be eligible to compete again if she is named as a state Honey Queen.
  18. The second runner-up may compete again for American Honey Queen if her state is willing to sponsor her again and she has not participated in the Queen program as second runner-up. For reasons stated in the above paragraph (#17).
  19. Conduct at the American Beekeeping Federation Convention shall be discussed with the candidates and rules will be given.
  20. While body art and body piercing are becoming more socially acceptable, it is required that the American Honey Queen and Princess and candidates shall cover and conceal any body art and remove any body piercing that would detract from or demean the wholesome image they project of the product and industry they represent.

21. The reigning American Honey Queen and Princess shall act as hostesses at the convention and shall crown the new Queen and Princess.
22. The reigning Queen will be escorted by the President of the Federation at the Coronation; the reigning Princess will be escorted by the Vice President of the Federation at the Coronation.
23. The American Honey Queen and Princess must be willing to travel by any means of transportation authorized by the Queen Committee in order to meet the schedules set up for her as a representative of the industry. If she chooses alternate means of transportation, she may be required to bear the cost of alternate arrangements.
24. The retiring American Honey Queen and Princess will end their duties as American Honey Queen and Princess upon completion of convention duties. They shall no longer promote the industry as a reigning queen and/or princess.
25. The American Honey Queen/Princess will send bi-monthly reports of her activities to the Queen Chairperson and the Executive Director of the Federation and will be required to promptly answer all correspondence.
26. The Queen/Princess shall keep a record of the amount of time spent on television and radio (listing actual exposure). List names and dates of newspapers carrying articles (identifying all clippings).