



# *Pageant Rules & Regulations*

Applications are accepted annually from February 1-March 1.

1. The pageant is open to female entrants of any age and boys ages 0-8 years (as of March 1). Contestant must provide either a copy of his/her birth certificate or driver's license as proof of age if requested. Categories with fewer than three entries will be combined with closest age group.
2. Contestants must reside in Coryell County or live or work within 25 miles of Copperas Cove and intend to continue to maintain residence in this area for a minimum of one year. (Exception for military members and families with PCS orders.)
3. Contestants in the Pre-Teen, Young, or Teen categories must not be married or pregnant nor have been married (or had a marriage annulled). If a titleholder in any of these categories becomes pregnant or convicted of a crime anytime during her reign, she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts and scholarships. If a titleholder in the Miss, Ms. or Sr. Ms. category is convicted of a crime anytime during her reign or becomes pregnant outside of marriage, she will be required to relinquish her title and return all gifts and scholarships. It is expected that contestants in the Miss, Ms. or Sr. Ms. categories may be married and may have children.
4. Contestant agrees if selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder at no time will she smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, or partake of illegal substances while wearing her crown and/or banner. A titleholder may not wear her crown and/or banner in public except at appearance opportunities approved by the pageant director.
5. Contestant agrees if selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder that any visible body piercing will not be worn while representing the pageant or city in any capacity. However, tasteful jewelry appearing in the lower ear is permitted.
6. Contestant agrees if selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder that no tattoos may be visible while representing the pageant or city in any capacity. Tattoos must be covered with clothing or make-up.
7. Contestant agrees if selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder that she/he will not dye his/her hair an unnatural hair color during the year of his/her reign.

**8. Contestant agrees if selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder, he/she will make a minimum of one appearance per month for a minimum total of 12 appearances per year and adhere to the dress code required for each appearance. Exceptions must be approved in writing by the pageant director. All prizes will be released to titleholders once appearance requirements are met. The appearances listed below are REQUIRED appearances.**

- **Participate in the Rabbit Fest Parade (3rd Saturday morning in May)**
- **Participate in the Copperas Cove Christmas Parade usually the 1st Saturday in December**
- **Participate in the Copperas Cove Veterans Day Parade (November)**
- **Participate in the pageant rehearsal (first Saturday in March)**
- **Titleholders must be present at the following year's pageant to crown their successors (fourth Saturday in March)**

**9. Copperas Cove Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders are required to log their volunteer hours earned through appearances and will be eligible for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award awarded quarterly. Titleholders will compete for the opportunity to reign a second year as the Five Hills Scholarship Pageant Ambassador. Selection is determined by the number of hours accrued in addition to personal accountability.**

**10. Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders ages 9 and older are required to develop a platform of service during their reigns with the help of the pageant director. Contestant will be asked about her community service platform during the on-stage question portion of the competition based on what is written on the application. The platform of service is simply a cause the contestant is passionate about that she will support if crowned queen.**

**11. If selected as a Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholder, contestant agrees that he/she may not (from the date of selection) advertise, endorse or in any way infer support for any commercial product or make personal appearances as a representative of the Five Hills Scholarship Pageant without written consent of the pageant director.**

**12. Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders are prohibited from committing illegal crimes or being involved or affiliated with negative or harmful activities that may reflect negativity on the Miss Five Hills Scholarship Program during their reigns.**

**13. Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders must not appear negatively in their public social media and refrain from using vulgar language or posting inappropriate social media.**

**14. All Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders will maintain regular communication with the pageant director confirming attendance at scheduled appearances prior to the start of the month and responding in a timely manner when contacted.**

15. If the Miss Five Hills Scholarship Program board of directors determines that a titleholder has violated the rules of his/her rein or acted in a manner that reflects poorly on the program, the titleholder will relinquish her title including all prizes immediately upon request.

16. The pageant director and the City of Copperas Cove reserve the right to approve all contestants and to determine, without question, their eligibility to participate in the Five Hills Scholarship Pageant.

17. Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders may not compete in the same age category which they previously won. Reigning Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders may not compete in the Five Hills Scholarship Pageant while currently holding their Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titles. They may compete the following year after crowning their successors provided they meet the age category requirements. Five Hills Scholarship Pageant titleholders are not permitted to compete in other pageants while holding their current titles without written exception from the pageant director.

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