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**Mermaid Festival Queen of Lakes Pageant**

**Sponsored By: North Webster Lions Club  
& Shoop Sports & Youth Foundation, Inc.**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**2025 Mermaid Festival Theme:  
Circus Under The Big Top**

**Early Registration is Saturday, May 10, 2025.**

**All items listed below must be received by 10:00am Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

1. Pageant entry form along with Registration Fee from sponsor. Entry fee should be made payable to and mailed to:  
**North Webster Lady Lions Club, ATTN: QUEENS, PO Box 450, North Webster, IN 46555.**

Registrations received by Saturday May 10, 2025; the fee is \$130.00. After Saturday May 10, 2025, \$150.00.

**The final deadline for receipt of registration is 10:00am Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

2. Completed Parade entry form.
3. Signed copy of pageant regulations.
4. Production Video Consent Form

**Lake Choices are done by 1<sup>st</sup> requested with complete Registration. Please Submit Registration W/ Payment A.S.A.P.**

**QUEEN AND HER COURT SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY SHOOP SPORTS AND YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

Judging is divided into interview; theme wear and formal gown. Four finalists will be chosen Princesses for 2025. The Queen will be chosen from the four finalists following the final question. The winner will hold the title of Queen of Lakes for one year. Prizes are as follows:

<b>Queen</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**MERMAID FESTIVAL PARADE QUEEN'S CONVEYANCE PARADE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROVIDED BY SHOOP SPORTS AND YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IS PROVIDED BY THE NORTH WEBSTER LADY LIONS CLUB**

**The Community Service Award winner will receive a monetary cash prize of \$100.** The recipient will be selected following a review of the community service information provided on the application. Community service is very important to the members of the North Webster Lions Club.

**QUEENS PAGEANT EVENT CALENDAR – It is highly recommended that you attend this meeting.**

- **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am** at Ken Strong Productions' Studio located at 1700 Kimal Trail, Warsaw, IN 46580  
Please come dressed for success and prepared for the recording of what will be played while you are walking on stage during the pageant. Corie Strong will be taking pictures to be used for the pageant that day also. The meeting will include information you will need to know to make you a successful participant. There will be time for questions and a brief rundown of the events. You are encouraged to bring your legal guardian or support person with you to the meeting, preferably a family member.
- **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am Queen of Lakes Pageant Activities** North Webster Community Center
- (SR 13) – 301 N. Main Street, North Webster IN 46555. Entrance at rear of building.  
**You MUST come dressed for interviews!! Dressing facilities will not be available until later in the day.**

10 AM to Noon	Interviews & Modeling Practice
Noon to 12:30 PM	Light Lunch
12:30 PM to 2 PM	Pageant Practice
2:00 PM to 3 PM	Prepare for Parade
3:00 PM	Release Ladies for Parade
4:00 PM	Parade Line up at South End of Town
5:00 PM	Return to Community Center following parade, eat & prepare for theme wear competition.
6:45 PM	Line up ready for the theme wear competition.
7:00 PM SHARP	Pageant Begins ( <b>Admission Fee to Pageant is 5.00 for Adults and 2.00 for Children</b> )

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See Facebook at “Queen of the Lakes Pageant” for further information.

## **GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION**

The contest is open to any unmarried young lady who is 15 to 23 years of age. The contestant cannot be married, have ever been married, or have had a child or be with child. Contestants cannot be professional models (that is to earn your living by modeling). Each contestant will be known at the festival by the name of an area lake of her choosing. Lake names are awarded on a first come basis. A school, sorority, community, Chamber of Commerce, Lodge, Jaycees, Lions, business, or similar organization must sponsor each contestant.

## **PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

On contest day, please come dressed in job interview attire for the interviews that will start shortly after 10 AM. Dressing room facilities will NOT be available until later in the day. You will want to project a professional image to the judges. Be sure to let your personality shine through being friendly and making eye contact with the judges. Your time with the judges will go much easier if you practice good communication skills with the judges.

## **THEME WEAR**

Contestants will appear in theme wear that best suit their personality, fitting with the theme. Theme wear should be designed to show your personal style and creativity. Outfits with low-cut bodices are **not acceptable and will cause loss of judging points. The contestant should be comfortable, and the outfit should be modest. You will be required to decorate your own collection bucket for money from the audience for your People’s Choice Theme Wear. The audience will have the opportunity to place cash in the bucket of their choice. The Contestant with the most cash will be awarded the People’s Choice Theme Award. Contestant will receive ½ of the cash collected over \$5.00, back in the form of a check from the North Webster Lady Lions. The Lady Lions Club will keep the other half of the money to help with Pageant expenses.**

## **GOWNS**

Contestants will appear in full-length evening gowns. The gown should reflect the contestant’s individual personality. It is important that the gown be comfortable to keep poise and confidence. No hoop skirts! The stage is crowded, and hoop skirts can make movement very difficult thus reflecting poor poise. Gowns with skirts split **above the knee and/or low-cut bodices are not acceptable.** These features will cause loss of judging points. Please keep in mind that the spotlights are very bright. Please bring a slip, particularly if your gown is either sheer or light in color. Neutral undergarments are strongly suggested.

## **MODELING INSTRUCTIONS**

Walking and turning instructions for theme and the evening gown competition will be given during the practice session prior to the judging. Remember good posture is a must. Please practice walking slowly and gracefully. Practice walking in the shoes you plan to wear before the contest so you can put your best foot forward. Practice smiling because a sincere and easy smile encourages people to smile back.

## **MAKE-UP**

Make-up is recommended for the competition, even if you normally do not wear makeup. Because of the lighting, you may look pale if you do not wear some. However, don’t overdo with excessive makeup or tanning. Perhaps your hairdresser or a cosmetologist could help in this area before the day of the contest.

## **HAIR**

Please keep in mind there is only 15 to 20 minutes between the theme wear and evening gown competition to change thus there will not be much time to deal with a fancy “do.” The judges want to see what you really look like and will be looking for a natural and lovely looking contestant.

## **JEWELRY**

Minimal jewelry such as small earrings, or a lightweight necklace could be worn. Don’t let your jewelry outshine you.

## **JUDGING**

Judging for theme wear and evening gown competition will be on a point system based upon 2 through 10 points for each of the following four categories:

**The theme Wear and Evening Gown** judging will be based upon the following four categories:

1. Poise and self-confidence.
2. Stance and hand position
3. Carriage
4. Appearance

**Personal interview points** will be based upon the following four categories:

1. Attitude
2. Ability to converse
3. Friendliness
4. Poise and self-confidence.

**FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE IS 10:00am Saturday May 31, 2025**

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## Queen of Lakes Pageant Entry Form

Early Registration Date Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE IS Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Sponsored By: *The North Webster Lions Club*

(Print or Type legibly - Judges WILL see this form. You may recreate it electronically.)

Name of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Numbers will be needed for the Queen & Court & Parade winners & will be obtained later.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip  
City State

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST BOTH PARENTS IF YOU WANT THEM INCLUDED IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Parent's / Guardian Address (if different than yours)

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Contestant to be known as 'Miss' (Area Lake): **Names are on a first come basis.** You will be asked to change.

If there is a duplicate of the area lake you select. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school and grade of school JUST completed or if you have graduated:

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Future Education Plans:

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of sponsor (only one business per candidate)

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For the Lady Lions Club **Community Service Award**, please list any community service projects in which you have been involved. Also, please list reference names and phone numbers for verification of information. Please attach a separate sheet with the information requested if needed.

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Other Activities, Interests, and Awards you have received: Please attach a separate sheet if needed.

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## **Queen of Lakes Pageant Regulations**

I understand that this is a **SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT** all awards are given in the form of a **SCHOLARSHIP** except were otherwise noted.

1. I understand I must have a parade entry.
2. I understand that on the day of the pageant I must register at the North Webster Community Center no later than 10 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025, for the day's activities. I understand I must remain in the building until dismissed for the parade.
3. I understand I must take care when using curling irons, sprays, etc.... in the Community Center.
4. **I understand that NO family members, friends, or hairdressers will be allowed in the Community Center Pageant Dressing room or the general area on the day of the pageant.**
5. I understand that **NO cell phones are allowed.** If an emergency arises, a phone will be made available.
6. I understand I can have only one sponsor.
7. I understand and attest that I am between the ages of 15 and 23 and meet all requirements to be in the pageant.
8. I understand I cannot be a professional model being paid to appear in any photography.
9. I understand I cannot have ever been married or ever had a child or be with child currently.
10. **I understand that inappropriate theme wear, or formal gown will cause me to be disqualified.**
11. **I understand that NO smoking, drugs, or alcoholic beverages will be permitted at any time!**
12. I understand that inappropriate conduct on my part, the part of my family members, friends, or sponsors will not be tolerated and will result in my immediate dismissal.
13. I understand that I must represent the Queen of Lakes Pageant with the highest moral character and certify that I have not been arrested or convicted of any felonies and shall not and have not engaged in any illegal, immoral, unethical or questionable behavior, including but not limited to inappropriate media or internet postings.
14. I understand that body piercings must be removed and that tattoos must be covered.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I ATTEST AND AFFIRM THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE REGULATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BREAKING ANY REGULATIONS COULD CAUSE LOSS OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP OR AWARD.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contestant's Signature\*\***

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**Parent's Signature if under 18\*\***

**\*\*This form must be signed and returned with the registration fee of \$130 by May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to the North Webster Lady Lions Club, Attn: Queens, PO Box 450, North Webster, IN 46555.**

**Registration fees paid after May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, are \$150.00.**

**All registrations must be received no later than Saturday May 31st, 2025 by 10 am to be included in all promotional advertising that is done in conjunction with the pageant. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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Early Registration Date Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE IS Saturday, May 31st, 2025  
The Mermaid Festival Parade will be on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

You must be in the parade in order to participate in the pageant.

## QUEEN OF LAKES

### MERMAID FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY

Theme: Circus Under The Big Top

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your parade entry for the parade MC to read, as you pass by the reviewing stand:

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You and/or your sponsor will be responsible for your parade entry. The entry must be fully decorated by the contestant, sponsor, and/or friends. The lake name, which the contestant will be known as at the pageant, must be on this entry form and on the actual parade entry, along with the sponsor's name and contestant's name and contestant number. We suggest you have some kind of sign with the following information as it applies to you. Miss Webster Lake, Susan Jones, sponsored by Boat Works, Inc. & your contestant number. The parade will line up at the south end of North Webster. Parade dress is your choice; however, most contestants dress in accordance with the festival theme. You are encouraged to be creative with your family and friends following Circus Under The Big Top theme to come up with a winning idea. You may enter a float, walk, or ride through the parade. This is a great opportunity for scholarship prize money available only to Queen Contestants! You will need transportation from the Community Center to your parade entry. You will be dismissed at 3:00pm to ensure plenty of time to get to your parade entry.

## Ken Strong Productions Video/Photography information

Dear Contestant,

The Queen of the Lakes Pageant includes a significant amount of multi-media enhancement with videos featuring each contestant. These interludes will include video interview segments combined with personal photographs and will play in the background while you are on stage during the pageant. This gives the audience a chance to learn more about you, in your own words. You are welcome to provide photographs or short home-video segments that you would like included in your personal montage. If you speak of a specific person or activity during your interview, we strongly encourage you to provide photographs of the person or event to be included in your finished video.

In addition to the video interviews for this year's Queen of Lakes pageant, Corie Strong Photography will be providing a professional digital photography session for all Queen of Lakes contestants. This will ensure that all contestants have professional images as head shots for the local news media and professional images to incorporate into the video montages during this year's pageant. The cost for photography has been included in this year's sponsor fees. Each contestant will receive all of their own, professionally edited, digital images following the pageant. Contestants are more than welcome to provide their own headshots, as well, if preferred.

Your video interview and photo session will take place on Saturday May 31st, 2025, immediately before or following the Queen of the Lakes contestant meeting at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to bring a change of clothes if you would like to change your look between the video and photo sessions. Those who cannot make the May 31st meeting will have re-schedule opportunities.

The Ken Strong Productions studio is located at 1700 Kimal Trail in Warsaw, IN 46580. Kimal Drive is accessed off of Anchorage Road, directly across from the Warsaw Goodwill store. Proceed through the private lane gate onto Kimal Drive and continue for 1/2 mile. Approximately halfway down the lane you will encounter a blue "KSP Cinematic/ Corie Strong Photography" sign on your left. Take this left onto Kimal Trail, which will lead you out onto the peninsula and to the home Studio. You will pass a large production warehouse on the right, just before the house. The address may also be found on Google maps.

Please come prepared for the filming and have the attached video consent form completed. Also, if you have photographs or videos you would like to submit, please bring them along with you to the interview. Materials should be in a digital format as described below:

### Photographs: (recommended)

*We recommend providing 6-10 of your favorite photos, which may be provided in any digital format. (The larger the file, the better) These photos may include you with family and friends or just your favorite individual portraits. Printed photos can easily be scanned at any CVS, Wal-Mart, or similar photo center and put onto a USB. Photos should not be copyright protected by any other photographer and should not contain copyright "watermarks" of any kind.*

### Video Clips: (optional)

*Feel free to provide video clips, displaying your talents, in digital format (preferably MP4, AVI, WMV or MOV files). Clips should not be any longer than 5 minutes in length. Remember, only 3-10 second clips will be used so, if possible, narrow the video down to your favorite section.*

All digital media will be copied to the editing hard drive at the time of your interview. Therefore, we request that such files be brought on a flash drive, or similar external USB media storage device. Furthermore, please place all digital files in a single "folder" on the storage device and have the "folder" labeled with your name for quick access and easy organization.

Please contact Ken Strong Productions at 574-518-5188 or at [QueenOfLakes@kenstrong.com](mailto:QueenOfLakes@kenstrong.com) with any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Here's a quick checklist to help you prepare for your video interview:**

- 1. Dress for success and have your hair/make-up ready for the cameras. Remember, these video interviews and photographs will be playing in the background while you are on stage. Feel free to bring a change of clothing to allow a variety of looks throughout your video/photo montage.
- 2. Bring along your signed video consent form.
- 3. Bring 6-10 personal photographs in digital format.
- 4. Bring along any digital video clips you would like to include. (optional)
- 5. Keep eye contact with the interviewer through the interview. There will be multiple cameras from different angles recording your interview. Keeping eye contact with the interviewer will help you keep your focus and prevent your eyes from shifting from camera to camera.
- 6. Answer all questions in complete sentences. The audience will not hear the questions being asked. They will only hear your answer. For example, for the question “What Lake are you representing in the pageant?” a complete answer would be “I am representing Webster Lake.”
- 7. Speak loud and clear. Have no fear if you stumble on your words or lose your train of thought. You will have an opportunity to go back, and re-record as needed.
- 8. Be prepared to have fun with it! The video interview is not a high-pressure setting. Relax and let your personality shine through. The pageant audience wants to know more about you. This is your chance to tell them who you are.

### **Here are some sample Video Interview Questions:**

1. What is your name, where are you from, and what Lake are you representing in the pageant?
2. Why have you become a contestant in the Queen of the Lakes Pageant?
3. What are your plans for the future?
4. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
- \*5. Is there anything you would like to share about your Theme Wear? \*
- \*6. Is there anything you would like to share about your Evening Gown? \*
7. What is your hidden talent or something most people don't know about you?
8. Who or what has been your greatest inspiration?
9. What is your most memorable experience?

***\*Please ONLY share about your theme wear attire or evening gown if you are 100% certain of your selection. Your interview is edited weeks prior to the pageant and, therefore, last-minute changes are difficult to make.***



## Photo/Video/Audio Consent Form

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent to the use by Ken Strong Productions and Corie Strong Photography of my image, voice, or both, in (1) any video, photography, or audio taping; and (2) any video, photography, or audio tape reproduced either in whole or in part: regardless of whether these materials are used for fundraising, advertising, publicity, or any other purpose on behalf of Ken Strong Productions or Corie Strong Photography.

In addition, I waive all claims to compensation or damages based on the use of my image, voice, or both, by Ken Strong Productions or Corie Strong Photography. I also waive any right to inspect or approve any finished photograph, video, or audio file.

I agree that all such portraits, pictures, photographs, video and audio recordings and any reproductions thereof, and all negatives, recording tape, and digital files shall remain the property of Ken Strong Productions/ Corie Strong Photography.

I understand that this consent is perpetual; that I may not revoke it, and that it is binding on my heirs and assigns.

**Printed name of participant:**

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**Address of participant:**

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**Telephone number of participant:**

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**Email address of participant:**

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***If over 18:***

I guarantee that I am at least 18 years of age and that I am competent in my own name as far as this consent is concerned. I further attest that I have read this consent form and fully understand its contents.

**Signature of participant:**

**Date:**

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***If under 18:***

I guarantee that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above listed participant. I am at least 18 years of age, and I am competent in my own name as far as this consent is concerned. I further attest that I have read this consent form and fully understand its contents.

**Signature of parent of legal guardian:**

**Date:**

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Videography / Photography Company:

**Ken Strong Productions/ Corie Strong Photography**

**1700 Kimal Trail, Warsaw, IN 46580**

**[QueenOfLakes@kenstrong.com](mailto:QueenOfLakes@kenstrong.com)**

**Call or text (574)518-5188**