

Miss Roanoke Fall Festival
Scholarship Program: Saturday, August 2, 2025
at Roanoke Elementary School in Roanoke, 7:00 p.m.

71st Annual Roanoke Fall Festival, Sept 4-7, 2025
"The Wild, Wild West"

Information packet

Hello! We are so happy you have decided to run for our Miss Roanoke Fall Festival Queen. There are many opportunities that await you for the future! Our new queen will reign over the Roanoke Fall Festival, ride in surrounding parades, and represent our community at other events. If chosen, you will also have the opportunity to run for the Indiana State Festival Association Queen Scholarship Pageant in November and possibly earn more scholarship money! The rules for our local scholarship program will somewhat mirror the rules for the ISFA Scholarship Pageant rules. Here are some details about our scholarship program. Please read this completely and be sure and ask questions.

1. The scholarship program will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Roanoke Elementary School in Roanoke, IN. The interview schedule for the day will be determined by how many contestants we will have. Interviews will be held around 5 p.m. (This time would depend on the number of contestants).
2. Miss Roanoke Fall Festival will reign over the festival on Thursday evening, September 4th, Friday, September 5th, Saturday, September 6th, and Sunday, September 7th. If you are chosen queen, you are required to be there as needed all four days. You must be able to attend all assigned events agreed upon this weekend. Lack of attendance at our festival could jeopardize your scholarship.
3. The deadline to enter is Friday, June 27, 2025, so we can prepare for our first practice. You must email or text the director by midnight, with your intent to run. Your entry items will be due on the first practice. We will have four opportunities (see summer schedule) for workshops in June/July for on stage speaking, interviews, modeling, and clothing choices. We strive to help everyone achieve their goals in this program. We know that vacations and family time are a must during the summer, but it's in your best interest to attend all scheduled practices, as well as the Queen's Tea to the best of your ability.
4. The entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the Roanoke Fall Festival Scholarship Program Committee now in effect or as announced hereafter.
5. The entrant will agree that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Roanoke Fall Festival Scholarship Program Committee, and that the decision of the judges is final.
6. The Roanoke Fall Festival Scholarship Program Committee welcomes young women ages 16-22 to enter the program. If you win Miss Roanoke Queen, the entrant shall be eligible to enter the Indiana State Festival Association Queen's Scholarship Program on November 7-8, 2025, but have not to have her 23rd birthday by this date. (State rule).
7. Entrants can be from Huntington County or any surrounding county near Roanoke, IN. We want to make our scholarship opportunities available to any young woman that wants to represent the Roanoke Fall Festival. Please remember if you live far away, that the attendance requirements are the same as above. (#2).

8. Contestants must be enrolled in high school, or a high school graduate and enrolled in a college, trade school, or cosmetology school by August 1st of the program year in which she will compete.
9. An entrant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes, have not been married, or is not pregnant.
10. An entrant is required to appear in three clothing changes during the competition: opening number festival theme wear outfit introducing your business sponsor, business attire (to be worn for the interview and pageant), and evening gown.
11. Each entrant is required to have one (1) business sponsor of \$100.00 due with your entry packet at the first practice. Have your business make checks payable to the Roanoke Fall Festival. You will then introduce yourself during the program and present a one-minute speech combining your theme wear choice and your sponsor. The festival theme for 2025 is "The Wild, Wild West". (Theme attire will be discussed this summer). Small props with your outfit are allowed. No live animals.
12. Resumé (or application) form. Each entrant will provide one (1) copy of the Miss Roanoke Fall Festival resume (application). You can prepare this on your computer with your activities and achievements with a bullet list style to mimic a resumé. This looks so much more professional and cleaner. Please keep the same format answering the same questions as listed. A sample resume' will be included. If you need help with printing, please feel free to ask! We are happy to accept these resumes via email and print them for you. We are here to help!
13. Judging will be based on the following points:

Interview – 40 points	Introduction of your sponsor- 15 points
Business attire introducing yourself- 10 points	(100 total points)
Evening gown- 25 points	
On stage question/word- 10 points	

The judge's decision will be final. No point sheets will be passed out by the committee, but you can ask the director for tips acquired by the judges if you wish to enter the program next year.
14. Essay contest. (required) This entry will be due on our last practice. Please type a short essay, 1 page or less describing our annual Roanoke Fall Festival. You can get information from any board director, an old/new program, or check our Facebook page Roanoke Fall Festival- Roanoke, IN for ideas. The winner will be announced at the evening Scholarship Program and receive a \$100.00 scholarship! Be creative with clip art or a border. These entries will be on a table for the public to view. Please keep this entry to one 8 ½ x 11 page. We are happy to print these out as well.
15. Scholarship Program amounts for Queen, 1st Runner-up, and 2nd Runner-up will be announced early summer according to the amounts sponsored. Checks will be written the week after the festival to the college/school of choice. Please remember a lack of attendance at our festival could jeopardize your scholarships.
16. The judges will choose a Queen, and runners-up, according to the number of entrants that we have and scholarships that we have available. We will also award a Theme/Business wear winner, an Evening Gown winner, an Essay Winner, Interview Award, and People's Choice.
17. If chosen as Miss Roanoke Fall Festival or a runner-up representing our festival our dress code at public events is as follows: No torn jeans of any kind, no flip flops, no backless tops or dresses, no short skirts, and no undergarments visible. The queen is to wear your crown and sash at every event that you attend as our representative.

Thank you for representing us to the best of your ability!

18. All entries must be in the hands of the scholarship program director by our first practice.

Note: Although we do not want to discourage any young woman to enter other pageants and programs to earn scholarship money for their future, if you are chosen Miss Roanoke Fall Festival, we will expect you to be at as many activities in our community that is asked of you during your reign. Please let the director know if there will be a discrepancy BEFORE the scholarship program date. No one holding another current festival title will be chosen as our queen (that would be eligible to compete in the state program in November), but entrants are welcome to compete for any other scholarship opportunities. If you are the current Roanoke Junior Queen, you must set out a year. Please ask questions about this rule.

Our committee is so excited to meet you, and we strive to instill skills and poise to help you succeed in the business world!

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Note: We will have a call out meeting on Monday, June 2nd at Seminary Church at 7 p.m. Please be sure to attend this informational meeting! Any updates to our summer schedule and scholarship program tips will be available. Keep up to date on all of our scholarship program news at: www.facebook.com/RoanokeFallFestivalRoyalty-Roanoke,IN or you can always call/text/email the director.

If you have ANY questions about the rules or the requirements for this program, please contact the director by email or phone. We also know that not every family has a printer in their home, so please ask if you need help printing out your forms. I am happy to do so! We want all involved to have the best experience and learn life skills through this program and your reign.

Good luck!

Checklist for entries due Monday, June 30th:

_____ 1 copy of your resumé (or application). Type or print neatly. Be sure and list parents' name(s) exactly how they would like to be listed in our program.

_____ \$100.00 sponsor check (please make sure you have the proper name of the business with this check on how they would like their name to be listed in our advertising). Have them write a check to Roanoke Fall Festival.

_____ 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 photo of the contestant for the program and advertising. Your photo will be returned. This should be a head and shoulders shot only. You can also email this photo.

_____ A photo release form signed by your parent or guardian if you are not 18 years old by the scholarship program day. Please contact the director for this form.

_____ Your signed contract. (Parent too, if under 18)

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Although we don't call our meetings "mandatory", it is in your best interest to attend all these activities. We worked hard to set a schedule early in the year so you can plan accordingly.

Monday, June 2nd - Call out meeting at 7 p.m. at Seminary Church, Roanoke.

VIP! Friday, June 27th - Deadline to enter the queen scholarship program by midnight. You must text or email the director on this date with your intention to run so that we can prepare for our first practice. All we need is your name. Your entries will be due at the first practice.

Monday, June 30th- 1st practice at Seminary Church. 7:30 p.m. Resume', sponsorship money, picture, signed contract, and photo release (if not 18) are all due at this first practice. Dress is casual.

VIP! Sunday, July 13th- Queen's Tea. Faith Lutheran Church, 3416 East Co Rd 900 North, Roanoke at 1 p.m. We will have mock interviews and a luncheon for our queens on this date. Sundresses, dress, or dress slacks are required. (no jeans) We will have royalty guests and take pictures.

Monday, July 21st - 3rd practice at Seminary Church. 7:30 p.m. Dress Casual.

VIP! Monday, July 28th- 4th practice at Seminary Church. 7:30 p.m. This is your last practice before the program day. Please attend. Casual dress but bring the shoes you will compete in for practice. **Essays are due!**

Saturday, August 2, 2025. Queen's Scholarship Program Day! Please plan your day accordingly. We will have you busy most of the day before your program in the evening. The Princess and Junior Queen Programs are in the afternoon, and you are required to attend. There will be some free time to enjoy an early supper with each other.

2025 MISS ROANOKE FALL FESTIVAL APPLICATION

Full Name _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

Telephone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Email _____

Parent(s) _____

High School _____ Grade entering in the fall or graduation year _____

College attending (if applicable) _____ Year graduating _____

Career Ambition: _____

School/College activities and honors:

Hobbies, sports, talents:

Work and volunteer information:

Name of Business Sponsor: _____

2025 Miss Roanoke Fall Festival Contract & Agreement

I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Roanoke Fall Festival Board Scholarship Program Committee and be the best representative that I can be for this festival.

I also know that my attendance could affect my scholarship money if I do not attend the scheduled events agreed upon by myself and the director.

I know what's expected by the dress code for the Miss Roanoke Fall Festival Queen and Court and will abide by it.

I will wear my crown and sash, or sashes to all scheduled events.

I agree to conduct myself in a manner that reflects the festival board, committees, and their values.

Signature

Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Sample Resume, if you would like to type one:
(use one page only, Arial font 11 or 12, no pictures or clip art.)

2025 Miss Roanoke Fall Festival Application

Name: Sue Ellen Smith

Date of Birth: 1-1-2000

Address: 111 Main Street, Roanoke, IN 46783

Cell Phone: 111-222-3333

Email: 1234atgmail.com

Parents: Bob & Jane Smith

High School: Roanoke High School

Year of Graduation: 2024

College: Indiana University of Bloomington

Year of Graduation: 2028

Career Ambition and future plans: Upon graduation from Indiana University, I plan to attend graduate school to become a surgeon.

School Activities and Honors:

- Top 10, Class of 2024
- National Honor Society
- Lily Scholar runner-up
- Senior Class Treasurer
- Sunshine Society Historian
- Peer tutoring
- Job shadow with the office of Dr. Steve Jones
- Math, Social Studies, and Science Awards

Hobbies, Sports, and talents:

- Track, basketball, and cheerleading
- 10 year 4-H member, 6 year 4-H Junior Leader
- Quilting, tatting
- Reading
- Music
- Water skiing
- Clogging (dance)
- Camping

Work and Volunteer information:

- 2024- I am currently working at a doctor's office as a receptionist
- 2020- 2022 The Patio Pizza and BBQ- waitress
- 2022- 2024 Jebi's Ice Cream Shoppe- server
- 2-year volunteer for our church food pantry
- Peer mentor at our local kid's club
- Yearly Salvation Army Bell Ringer
- Sunday School teacher

Name of Business Sponsor: Dr. Steven Jones, Roanoke, IN