

Bear Paw Festival Pageant 2024 Important Information

Contestants must be a student (Grade 9th-12th **or graduated high school May 24'**) in ASD, Mat-Su SD, Private, or Home School in Alaska.

The pageant is co-ed and is open to both boys and girls.

Important Dates:

Monday July 8th- Time TBD for private panel interviews between 5:00pm and 8:30pm

Location: Eagle River Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday July 9th- Time TBD for pageant between 4:30pm and 9:00pm

Location: Eagle River Lions Club

*Must be available Wednesday July 10th-Sunday July 14th for Bear Paw Festival Activities. Full Itinerary to be given to winners

Fees:

Registration Cost: \$75

Advertisement: \$100

Tickets: \$100 (10 tickets at \$10)

Paperwork: (What you submit)

Letter of Intent to Compete/ Waiver

Resume

Essay

Letter of Community Support (One is REQUIRED, but up to two letters may be submitted.)

Biography and Headshot

Phases of Competition:

Private Panel Style Interview

On Stage Opening Number

On State Essay Presentation with Costume

On State Evening Attire Walk

One Stage Questions

Paperwork: (What you submit)

This is a breakdown of the paperwork. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Samantha Wanner, Bear Paw Pageant Director, at 325-829-5701 or samwanner@msn.com

Letter of Intent to Compete/ Waiver

The form listed below in the packet. Please fill out fully, sign, and submit to Samantha Wanner.

Resume

The format is listed in the packet. Please follow the format. Resume should be 1 page typed, New Times Roman font size 12.

Essay

The 2024 Essay Question is “What is your greatest Alaskan Adventure?” The essay should be 1-2 pages typed, double spaced, New Times Roman font size 12. (A template is shown below) This will be the essay that you are telling on stage, in a costume.

Letter of Community Support (One is REQUIRED, but up to two letters may be submitted.)

This is a letter of recommendation for you. It may come from a teacher in school, extracurricular coach or mentor, an employer or supervisor, or someone who oversights your volunteer work. This person must be an adult in your life, who knows you personally or professionally, and is not related to you. They may submit the letters directly to the pageant director or the contestant may submit them with their application packet.

Biography and Headshot

The headshot should be of approximately your shoulders and up. The focus should be on your face and it should have good lighting. This is the first time the judges will see what you look like. NO SELFIES! Background should be plain and your clothing should represent you.

The biography is all about you and should be 4-5 sentences all about you. This will be used to create our script for the pageant and give the judges some quick information about you.

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Private Panel Style Interview

The interview is your first time meeting the judges. You will be in a waiting room at the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and will be brought into the room with judges. You will introduce yourself and your timer will start. The interview is 10 minutes long, with 30 seconds for closing comments. It is panel style, meaning the judges will rotate asking questions. There are two “standard” questions all contestants will be asked, otherwise the questions are based on your essay, resume, letter of community support, and related to Alaskan high school students. Attire is professional or fashion forward professional. For girls, jumpsuits, dresses, pantsuits, and skirts are all appropriate. For boys, slacks and a button up shirt or a suit are appropriate. Think of this as a job interview, and dress accordingly.

On Stage Opening Number

The entire group will enter the stage and introduce themselves. This is short, but shows the audience your personality. For Attire girls in a black dress and for boys, black shirt and pants.

On State Essay Presentation with Costume

You come onto stage alone to share your essay story wearing a costume that fits your story. This is approximately 2-3 minutes long. After 5 minutes, you will be cut off. Your costume should show effort and reflect your story and match the theme.

On Stage Evening Attire Walk

You will be announced by the MC and will walk onto stage and pose. You will then walk in a pattern that will be taught to you. Then you will begin into On Stage Questions. For this category, you will be wearing “Evening Attire”. This can be a prom dress, pageant dress, formal gown: whatever you feel best in. Must be floor length. For boys, a suit with a jacket and tie or tux are both appropriate.

One Stage Questions

This happens during your On Stage Evening Attire Walk. After you have done your walking pattern, you will stand next to our MC. You will be asked 2 questions total. The first questions will come directly from the judges based on your private interview and you will answer it. The second one will be drawn from a bowl of questions, and you will answer that one. The MC will hand you the microphone each time to speak. There is no required length of speaking, but please remember to fully answer the questions.

Letter of Intent to Compete/ Waiver
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Full legal name: _____

Nickname: _____

Age: _____

Grade/ School: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Social Media Handles: (Insta/Facebook) _____

Extracurriculars: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Please read the following below and sign. If student is over 18, they may sign for both parts.

I, _____, am committing to compete in the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Bear Paw Festival Pageant 2024. I will be polite, truthful, respectful, and kind. If I win the pageant, I will be available to attend Bear Paw Festival 2024 and the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony, in addition to other events. I am aware of the obligations requested of me and will fulfill them to the best of my ability. Samantha Wanner and the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce reserve the right to ask me to leave or not compete based on my behavior or actions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, parent of _____, allow my child to participate in the Bear Paw Festival Pageant 2024. I am aware of the expectations of my child and the obligations to compete and if they are to win. I grant permission to the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and the Bear Paw Festival Pageant to take photos and videos of my child and to use them for social media and news outlets. Samantha Wanner and the Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce reserve the right to ask my child to leave or not compete based on their behavior or actions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Resume

Here is the format for your resume It needs to be 1 page, double spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font, typed

If something doesn't apply to you (Like work experience) delete the slot and leave it blank

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Name:

Education: This would be your grade and school

Scholastic Honors: This is where any AP courses, JROTC, Honor Roll, etc. will be placed

Scholastic Ambitions: Educational goals- like attending college or becoming a nurse

Extracurricular Activities: This is where Cheer/Dance/ Choir Club/Football/ athletics/ etc. will be placed

Leadership Positions: This is where being a teacher's assistant/ Co-coach/ President of an organization would be placed

Work Experience: This is where any paid work experience would be placed, like mowing lawns or babysitting.

Volunteer Experience: Please list all volunteer experience

Awards, Achievements, and Honors: This is where any awards, achievements, or honors not otherwise listed may go, like if you were 1st runner up at Miss Alaska America, or received an honorable scholarship, or you placed top 5 at Nationals for a cheer competition.

Essay

What is your greatest Alaskan adventure?

Here is the format for your essay. It needs to be 1-2 pages, double spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font, typed.

Samantha Wanner

Bear Paw Festival Pageant 2024

What is your greatest Alaskan adventure?

You will start your essay here

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***Example:** My name is Samantha Wanner and I am a senior at Chugiak High School. I am currently enrolled with Alaska Dance Theatre and Eagle River Ballet studying classical ballet and plan to pursue teaching ballet professionally. For my academics, I am the elected president for the World Discovery Seminar Program and direct my cohort of 120 students. My passion for pageantry is rooted in volunteerism and I have spent over 100 hours this year volunteering in Chugiak and Eagle River. In my free time I enjoy baking cookies, reading romance novels, and practicing my yoga technique.

Bear Paw Pageant Questionnaire

(This is to build the pageant script and get to know you!)

Name:

Describe yourself in 3 words?

Favorite summer activity?

Favorite winter activity?

What qualities do you like most about yourself?

Who is your role model?

What is your favorite beverage?

Why did you want to participate in this pageant?

What is your favorite Bear Paw memory?

Checklist

EVERYTHING MUST BE SUBMITTED AND TURNED IN BY JUNE 28TH

You may send things separately, but please always include FULL NAME

Please email everything to samwanner@msn.com

- I. Pay \$75 via Cash or Check to Samantha Wanner
- II. Submit Application Packet before **June 28th**
 - a. Letter of Intent to Compete
 - b. Resume
 - c. Essay (What is your greatest Alaskan Adventure?)
 - d. Letter of Community Support (Up to two)
 - e. Biography and Headshot
 - f. Bear Paw Questionnaire
- III. Sell \$100 Ad Page in Community
 - a. Submit Ad page via Email to Samantha
- IV. Sell \$10 x 10 tickets (You can write names down to keep track)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
 - h.
 - i.
- V. Have fun!