



2024 Pageant Orientation



Welcome & Introductions

- MYC Commodore Sean Nunes
- QOTC Program and Pageant Committee
 - Chairperson Tobbi Justice, PFL, Maryland YC
 - Vicki Pritchett, Bodkin YC
 - Jeannie Elliott, PFL, Bush River YC
 - Debbie Cook, Crescent YC
 - Melissa Spicknall, IPFL, Crescent YC
 - Suenette Pope, Treasurer, PFL, Eastern YC
 - Lee Budar-Danoff, FC, PFL, Maryland YC
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 - Susan Hermann, PQM, Maryland YC
 - Kate Cramblett, PC, Miles River YC; PFL, CCC
 - Karen Davis, PC, White Rocks YC



Welcome & Introductions

76th Queen of the Chesapeake Hailey Tate

- The Pageant Experience
- 2024 QOTC Pageant Theme Reminder:



- Princess Bonding Events Reminder
 - Movie Night, March 16, MYC, 5:00pm
 - Tea at Miles River Yacht Club
 - April 28, 2024, 1:00pm, Princess & Escorts
 - Escape Room, June 1, Pasadena





Welcome & Introductions

- Princesses will stand and introduce themselves and their escorts.
- Princesses:
 - Eleya Entsminger, Bodkin Yacht Club
 - Ali Mejia-Ramirez, Bush River Yacht Club
 - Emilie McNew, Crescent Yacht Club
 - Tatiana Marcic, Maryland Yacht Club
 - Mia Howie, Neptune Yacht Club
 - Sophia Smith, Otter Point Yacht Club
 - Erika Scarcella, Red Eye Yacht Club



Preview: 2024 Pageant Process

- Pageant Application Packet Checklist

- Princess Information Sheet
- Commodore Contact Sheet
- Medical Information Sheet
- Code of Conduct
- Contestant Waiver Form
- Bio
- Headshot
- Photo Waiver
- Queen's Kedge Ad Ordering Information
- Opening Weekend Passport
- Penny War Jars (due 6/16/24)

Package Submission:

- Application
 - Scoring Breakdown and Criteria
 - Elevator Pitch
 - Six Questions – Short Answer
 - Essay Question – Long Answer
- Achievements List
- Documentation of Achievements
- High School Transcript
- Awards List
- Documentation of Awards
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbook



Preview: 2024 Pageant Process

- Sample Bio info for the Queen's Kedge (**required word count 300-400**):

Hello, my name is Jane Doe, Princess of Special Yacht Club. I am a junior at Notre Dame Preparatory School, where I am a member of the Women in Medicine Club, Environmental Club, Peace Club, and six National Honor Societies. On the weekends and during the summer, I volunteer with Club Umoja, a camp for children from public housing in Baltimore. I am the student leader for this program, so I organize events and recruit volunteers.

My charity is a non-profit, which I am developing, Sea the Future. The mission statement of this organization is to educate Maryland youth about the bay, empowering them to make a difference. I will be traveling around Maryland to give presentations about the Chesapeake Bay and ways to keep it healthy. I am so excited that my charity combines my love for children and the environment. I look forward to seeing everyone around the bay! (sample is 151 words)



Preview: 2024 Pageant Process

- Sample Bios: 150 words

My name is Michelle Studnicki and I have been princess of Bush River Yacht Club for 2 years. I am a Sophomore at New Covenant Christian School. And I am a proud member of my school's student leadership council. I am also involved in the ACE program, a way for high school students to explore the world of Architecture, Construction, and Engineering. I am involved in my school chorus, Latin language club, debate team, and I also take part in the annual science fair each year. Outside of school I participate in the Sea Cadets, an introduction to naval military knowledge. I also swim with Arena Club Aquatics year-round. My charity is Extreme Family Outreach which is a non-profit, Christian organization that seeks to help children in underprivileged neighborhoods. I enjoy spending time with my family on the boat, playing with my dog, and eating ice cream.

PRINCESS MICHELLE

510 words

(9 point Cambria font)

Hello my name is Ellie Hermann and I am the 74th Queen of the Chesapeake and past Princess of Maryland Yacht Club. I am a 2022 graduate of Northeast High School. During my time at Northeast High School, I was involved in Student Government Association (SGA), I served as the Class Vice President. I also was the President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Yearbook Editor, and President of Interact (a division of the Rotary Club). In addition I served on the Anne Arundel County Superintendent's Teen Advisory. I was involved in my school's drama department where I have designed numerous costumes for the Wizard of Oz, The Little Mermaid, The Twelve Incompetent Jurors, Once Upon An Island, and Frozen. I was the Historian for the International Thespian Society as well. In my spare time, I also participated all four years in both Cheer and Track and have been on Honor Roll for all 4 years. As you can probably tell, I firmly believe that sleep is highly overrated.

Over the past 3 years, I have collected over 1,000 dresses to be distributed to students throughout Anne Arundel County under my Pasadena Princess Project. In 2021, I received the Presidential Gold Volunteer Service Award in recognition of my Prom Dress Drive. In addition, I have been a Girl Scout for 12 years, and have received my Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. My Gold Award was in the field of Mental Health. I sit on numerous Mental Health Advisory Boards within Anne Arundel County and the National Board of One Choice. I have also organized several community outreach events including the House of Addictions (2018), the Human Experience (2019), and the Sound of Silence (2021/2022) where I played an integral role in planning and executing the events from start to finish. We highlighted the realities of addictions and mental health and presented recovery and coping strategies. These events have reached several thousand people in Anne Arundel County.

My charity was the Queen of the Chesapeake scholarship fund. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. This pageant has a rich history and tradition, and over the last 75 years, has touched the lives of thousands of young women. The Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant serves to help empower young women, helping them to build self-confidence, through positive experiences within and around the Yachting Community on the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding tributaries. In addition to learning and experiencing Chesapeake Bay Yacht club customs and traditions. The Queen of the Chesapeake helps expand young women's personal growth and inspires self-confidence. Over the past 75 years, Queens have used this experience as a platform to enrich their communities and help support numerous charities.

My hobbies include boating, traveling, scuba diving, paddle boarding, swimming, and spending time with friends and family. I will be attending the University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts (USC) as a Theater Major this fall to pursue my passion in Theatrical Costume Design.

QUEEN ELLIE



2024 Pageant Application Due Date

Completed applications and non-refundable checks for \$300 for Competing princesses must be received or postmarked no later than May 1, 2024.



2024 Pageant Application Due Date

Completed documents and non-refundable checks for \$150 for Non-Competing princesses must be received or postmarked no later than May 1, 2024.



2024 Pageant Scoring Overview

- **Scoring for Interview:**
 - Achievements – 20%
 - Interview – 25%
- **Scoring for the Pageant:**
 - Poise/Presentation: - 20%
 - Essay – 20%
 - Openings Attended – 15%
- Judges will not be members of any Yacht Club being represented by a Contestant or related to a Contestant.
- Judges will choose the Queen and the First Runner-Up.



2024 Pageant Scoring - Achievements

Examples of how to submit Achievements in your packet:

Student Information		Student Information	
Hermann, Elle B	DOB: 5/10/2004	Northeast High School	School: 4115 207th Avenue
1420 Duke Rd	Student ID: 4115000008	7121 Duxell Highway	Phone: (410) 431-7012
Howard Beach, MD 21228	Grade Level: 11	Pasadena, MD 21122	CBCC Number:
	Class of: 2022	Principal: Jason Williams	Connector: Rhonda Lee B

Year	Course	Score	Year	Course	Score	Year	Course	Score
21	Algebra I	95	21	Geometry & Probability 124	95	21	English 11-12	95
21	Geometry I	95	21	Physical Programming 124	95	21	American/US Studies 124	95
21	Algebra II	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 1 & 2	95
21	Geometry II	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 3 & 4	95
21	Algebra III	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 5 & 6	95
21	Geometry III	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 7 & 8	95
21	Algebra IV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 9 & 10	95
21	Geometry IV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 11 & 12	95
21	Algebra V	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 13 & 14	95
21	Geometry V	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 15 & 16	95
21	Algebra VI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 17 & 18	95
21	Geometry VI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 19 & 20	95
21	Algebra VII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 21 & 22	95
21	Geometry VII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 23 & 24	95
21	Algebra VIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 25 & 26	95
21	Geometry VIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 27 & 28	95
21	Algebra IX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 29 & 30	95
21	Geometry IX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 31 & 32	95
21	Algebra X	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 33 & 34	95
21	Geometry X	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 35 & 36	95
21	Algebra XI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 37 & 38	95
21	Geometry XI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 39 & 40	95
21	Algebra XII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 41 & 42	95
21	Geometry XII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 43 & 44	95
21	Algebra XIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 45 & 46	95
21	Geometry XIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 47 & 48	95
21	Algebra XIV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 49 & 50	95
21	Geometry XIV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 51 & 52	95
21	Algebra XV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 53 & 54	95
21	Geometry XV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 55 & 56	95
21	Algebra XVI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 57 & 58	95
21	Geometry XVI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 59 & 60	95
21	Algebra XVII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 61 & 62	95
21	Geometry XVII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 63 & 64	95
21	Algebra XVIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 65 & 66	95
21	Geometry XVIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 67 & 68	95
21	Algebra XIX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 69 & 70	95
21	Geometry XIX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 71 & 72	95
21	Algebra XX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 73 & 74	95
21	Geometry XX	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 75 & 76	95
21	Algebra XXI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 77 & 78	95
21	Geometry XXI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 79 & 80	95
21	Algebra XXII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 81 & 82	95
21	Geometry XXII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 83 & 84	95
21	Algebra XXIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 85 & 86	95
21	Geometry XXIII	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 87 & 88	95
21	Algebra XXIV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 89 & 90	95
21	Geometry XXIV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 91 & 92	95
21	Algebra XXV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 93 & 94	95
21	Geometry XXV	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 95 & 96	95
21	Algebra XXVI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 97 & 98	95
21	Geometry XXVI	95	21	Student Science 124	95	21	Health 99 & 100	95

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Elle Hermann

April 30, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of Elle Hermann for The Queen of the Chesapeake Committee. As the Assistant Principal at Northeast High School, I have the honor of working closely with Elle on a number of academic and service-oriented projects for the school and Pasadena surrounding community.

First, Elle Hermann is dedicated. She is committed and passionate about building relationships with faculty, administration, and the Northeast community at large. She continues to have a positive impact on our school with leadership roles throughout her high school experience:

- Student Government Association
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Yearbook
- Interact - Coat/Prism Dress Drive
- International Thespian Society
- Cheerleading & Troic
- Student Facilitator for Sound of Silence - a conversation about mental health
- Directed Northeast student team on the "Welcome Back to Hybrid Learning" video

Second, Elle Hermann takes on new growth opportunities that address significant needs for our students. She created mental health kits in our main lobby and guidance suite that offers Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Department of Health, and Crisis resources. I believe that Elle has a willingness to learn and serve the community and will be a great asset to any leadership organization.

Sincerely,
Jessica Colberg
 Ms. Jessica L. Colberg
 Assistant Principal
 Northeast High School
jcolberg@aaaps.org

Elle Hermann

Girl Scout Awards:
Girl Scout Gold Award

Hermann has distributed dozens of "mental health kits" to students with links to resources, coloring books, fidget spinners and more as part of a project to earn a Girl Scout Gold Award.

Girl Scout Silver Award

2024 Pageant Scoring - Achievements

Examples of how to submit Achievements in your packet:



2024 Pageant Scoring - Achievements

Examples of how NOT to submit Achievements in your packet:





2024 Pageant Interview Day

Contestants must arrive at the Maryland Yacht Club by 8:30am on Saturday, June 15, 2024, for interviews.

- Dress Code: Professional business attire, tiara, and sash
- Prior to the start of the interviews, a drawing will be conducted to determine the contestants' position order for Interview Day and Pageant Day.
- Judges questions will be based on information provided in the packet, including the elevator pitch.
- Contestants will also choose Miss Congeniality from the pool of princesses by secret ballot.
- Contestants turn in their Penny War Jars and collected funds.



2024 Pageant Rehearsal Day

Friday, June 21, 2024:

- **5:00pm:** Pageant participants arrive at MYC for Pageant Rehearsal. Pageant escorts (Commodores) attendance is required. Bring your pageant shoes to practice the pageant walks.
- **6:00pm-9:00pm:** Following pageant rehearsal, there will be a **Queen's Farewell Pool Party with music.** An a la carte menu will be available. No RSVP required.



2024 Pageant Competition Day

Pageant Day: Saturday, June 22, 2024

- 7:30am-10:30am: Clubs set up and decorate tents. Tent sizes up to 10'x10' are allowed. Set-up locations will be designated by marked paint sticks behind the pageant seating. Tents will be organized in alphabetical order by club name.
- 9:00am-10:30am: Visitors may purchase breakfast on the MYC side patio.
- 9:30am-10:30am: Princess Breakfast in the MYC Board Room.
- 10:30am-11:00am: **Contestants** judge decorated boats and tents.

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- **11:15am-2:15pm: Princesses report to the MYC boardroom, which is reserved for pageant contestant preparations.**
- **11:15am-12:15pm: ONE** person may assist each participant.
- The boardroom will have a place for each to do hair, make-up, etc.
- Outdoor lunch available for purchase.
- Food and beverages will be provided during prep time.
- **2:15pm:** Pageant participants will present themselves for official portraits.



2024 Pageant Competition Day

Required Contestant Attire

- Two long formal gowns to be selected by the Contestant.
 - One white gown, and one your choice of color.
 - The gown must be tasteful without low cuts in the front or back nor high slits in the front or sides.
 - If a strapless is chosen, please ensure proper fit to prevent any discomfort or adjusting during presentation and while on state.



2024 Pageant Competition Day

The Pageant will begin at 3:00pm, which proceeds as follows:

- Individual Contestant Introductions
- Each Contestant reads her essay and answers 3 questions
- Miss Congeniality is announced
- Parade of Contestants
- Final Question
- Awards presented for Best Decorated Boat, Tent, and Penny Wars
- 2023-2024 Queen's Farewell Speech
- First Runner-Up announced
- 2024-2025 Queen of the Chesapeake announced and crowned



2024 Pageant Competition Day

- **5:00pm**: Following the Pageant, photographs will be taken of the Queen, Contestants, and all Princesses.
- After photographs, the traditional Poolside Ceremony and Queen's Cake Cutting will be held. Cake will be served.

2024 Participant Awards

All Contestants will receive:

- Beverage tickets for the weekend
- Breakfast on Saturday
- Dinner on Friday and Saturday
- Food during prep time
- A Pageant t-shirt
- A Professional individual portrait taken in Pageant attire



2024 Participant Awards

Non-Competing Participating Princesses:

- Cost to participate is \$150, nonrefundable
- NCPPs receive:
 - Beverage tickets for the weekend
 - Breakfast on Saturday
 - Dinner on Friday and Saturday
 - Food during prep time
 - A Professional individual portrait taken in Pageant attire



2024 Participant Awards

The Outgoing Queen will receive:

- Everything provided to the Contestants
- A bouquet of flowers
- Verification that she will be awarded her \$2,000 scholarship when she furthers her education beyond high school. **It is the responsibility of the Outgoing Queen to notify the QOTC Scholarship Team which college or technical school she will be attending.** The Committee will hold the Scholarship awarded amount for up to five (5) years after her graduation from high school.



2024 Participant Awards

Miss Congeniality will receive:

- Everything provided to the Contestants
- Miss Congeniality Plaque



2024 Participant Awards



First Runner-Up will receive:

- Everything provided to the Contestants
- First Runner-Up Engraved Trophy
- A \$750 scholarship to be awarded when she furthers her education beyond high school. **It is the responsibility of the First Runner-Up to notify the QOTC Scholarship Team which college or technical school she will be attending.** The Committee will hold the Scholarship awarded amount for up to five (5) years after her graduation from high school.

2024 Participant Awards

The New Queen of the Chesapeake will receive:

- Queen's Engraved Trophy
 - Queen's Crown with Carry Case
 - Queen's Sash with Pin
 - Queen's Flag
 - A bouquet of flowers
 - A \$2,000 scholarship for which she will qualify after her reign is complete. This will be awarded when she furthers her education beyond high school.
- It is the responsibility of the Outgoing Queen to notify the QOTC Scholarship Team which college or technical school she will be attending.**
- The Committee will hold the Scholarship awarded amount for up to five (5) years after her graduation from high school.





2024 Responsibilities of the Queen

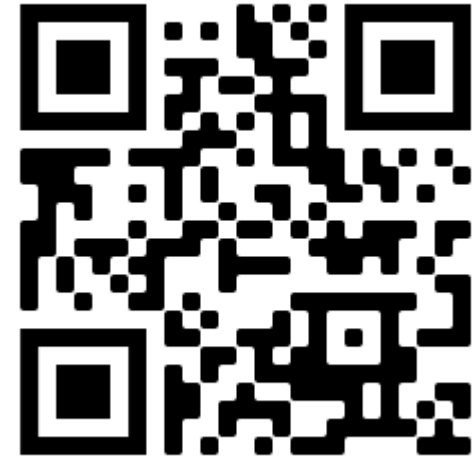
Please review this section in the handbook to understand your responsibilities if you win the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant!



2024 Pageant Docking

Slip fees are waived for:

- ✓ Current Queen of the Chesapeake
- ✓ Each boat bringing a Contestant in the 2024 QOTC Pageant
- ✓ The Ranking Officer for each attending Club
- ✓ Temporary Daytime Event Dockage
- ✓ Please use the discount code QOTC2024
- For all other attendees, use code SPECIALEVENT2024 for 75% off weekend dockage
- Electric charges per day: \$10 for 30A, \$15 for each 50A
- Indicate your eligibility in the Special Requests field when filling out the reservation form.
- For all attendees, slip information and reservations can be made through Dockwa on the MYC site: <https://mdyc.org/transients>.
- Please contact dockmaster@mdyc.org with any questions.





2024 Pageant Apparel

- Orders for Queen Hailey's 77th QOTC Pageant shirt can be made here: <https://chesapeakedistribution.com> . The **order deadline is May 25, 2024**.
- Each contestant will receive one complimentary Pageant t-shirt.

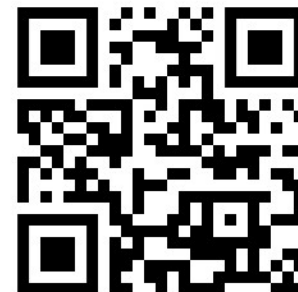




2024 Queen's Kedge Ads

The Queen's Kedge is the official program of the QOTC Pageant. Contestants' bios (part of the application package) and portraits (taken on Interview Day) are included.

- Ads purchased for publication in the Queen's Kedge support the QOTC Program and Pageant, including printing and distribution of this keepsake to attendees at the pageant.
- Please encourage your family, friends, and fellow club members to support you by submitting an ad. Ads are due no later than **May 15, 2024**.
- Details regarding creation and submission of ads, as well as payment for ads, can be found on the MYC website:
- <https://mdyc.org/event-5464688>



Thank you for making time for MYC, and all you do to benefit Junior Sailing, in your role as our Princess. Your selfless generosity and genuine nature will bring you success as you travel through the looking glass into your future. We wish you all the best!



P/C Jon, Lee, Noe, Gil, and Daniel Budar-Danoff

2024 QOTC Pageant Orientation

- Q&A with Queen Hailey
- Thank You For Attending!



2024 QOTC Committee



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