

# 2023 Georgia Watermelon Association

## QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION

The Georgia Watermelon Association Queen Program is an outstanding opportunity for you to grow, be challenged, travel and excel as an ambassador for the association. **This queen program is a part of the overall effort of the Georgia Watermelon Association to increase sales and awareness for the state's watermelon production.**

The Queen spends the year traveling to cities across Georgia and the nation, informing consumers in supermarkets, fairs and festivals of the nutritional benefits and economical value of watermelon. The Queen is available for media appearances, in-store promotions, athletic events, festivals or functions where watermelon is featured. You will be expected to participate in over 40 promotions throughout the state and nation. Some of these will be prescheduled far in advance, some will be short notice.

After reigning and serving for a year as at the state level, the GWA Queen will be required to participate in the 2024 National Watermelon Queen Competition, which will take place in February 21-25, 2024 at the Omni We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center, Scottsdale, AZ!

There is no cost to compete in this queen program contest. Contestants should expect to be sharing a room. The only people allowed in contestants rooms will be other competing individuals/roommates, the Queen Coordinator, and past GA watermelon queens.

For more information contact Dawn Cheplick, GWA Promotion Coordinator, [dcheplick@asginfo.net](mailto:dcheplick@asginfo.net) or call the GWA office at 706-845-8575.

**The 2023 GWA Queen competition will be held on January 27 – January 29, 2023 at the King & Prince Resort on St. Simons Island in conjunction with the Georgia Watermelon Annual Meeting.**



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: JANUARY 6, 2023**

SEND PICTURE AND FORMS TO: Georgia Watermelon Association C/O Dawn Cheplick

251 SL White Blvd, PO Box 1109, Lagrange, GA 30241

706 | 881 | 1507 (cell)

706 | 845 | 8575 (office)

706 | 883 | 8215 (fax)

E-MAIL: [dcheplick@asginfo.net](mailto:dcheplick@asginfo.net)



## Georgia Watermelon Queen Contest Notes & Check List

Deadline is January 6, 2023

1. Complete application and sign contract.
  - a. Print 1 copy to mail
  - b. Email 1 copy to [dcheplick@asginfo.net](mailto:dcheplick@asginfo.net).
2. Email Digital headshot to [dcheplick@asginfo.net](mailto:dcheplick@asginfo.net)
3. Mail two (2) 5x7 headshots
4. Mail copy of driver's license
5. Provide the GWA office with contact information for (3) references.

### **Mailing address:**

Georgia Watermelon Association  
Dawn Cheplick  
PO Box 1109  
LaGrange GA 30241

## **Tentative Contest Schedule**

**(More details and instructions on this will come after all applications have been received!)**

### **Friday, January 27:**

1:30 pm - Contestant orientation - casual  
3:30 pm - Contestant Interview with Judges—business attire  
7:00 -9 PM - President's Reception — outfit provided

### **Saturday, January 28:**

11:00 am - Seed spit contest - Beachside Lawn – promotion wear  
12:00 pm- 4:00 pm - Sportswear, speeches, live auction— sportswear/promotion wear  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Banquet, Queen Selection – formal gown

### **Sunday, January 29:**

Travel Home



# GEORGIA WATERMELON QUEEN CONTEST

## OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

\*GWA 2023 Queen Contestants will receive complimentary room and registration for the event weekend. ONE (1) parent or guardian attending with the queen contestant will receive complimentary registration to the event. Other parent/guardian is offered 'at cost' fees for full conference registration or individual functions. Other immediate family members also receive the 'at cost' rate. To register family members, please call the GWA office at (706) 845-8575 or email [dcheplick@asginfo.net](mailto:dcheplick@asginfo.net). Parent/guardian room stay is *not* covered by the association.

CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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SCHOOL & MAJOR OF STUDY

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Contact Information:

HOME #:

CELL # :

EMAIL ADDRESS:

AGE:

BIRTHDAY:

HAIRCOLOR:

EYE COLOR:

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE? Y/N

IF YES, COMPANY:

IF EMPLOYED, CURRENT JOB/POSITION:

PARENT'S NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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BRIEFLY LIST SPECIAL HONORS OR TRAINING:

HOBBIES/FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: (LONG TERM GOALS)

WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU WOULD BE THE BEST PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GEORGIA WATERMELON ASSOCIATION?

ARE YOU PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH OR PLAN TO BE COMPETING IN ANY OTHER COMPETITIONS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES (sports teams, sororities, clubs etc.) THAT IN WOULD CONFLICT IN ANY WAY WITH YOUR REIGN IF CHOSEN AS THE GEORGIA WATERMELON QUEEN?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:



## 2023 GWA Queen Requirements and Guidelines

- A. During her reign, the Georgia Watermelon Queen is under advisement of the GWA Executive Committee.
- B. Contestants must be at least 18 and no more than 23 years of age by April 1, 2022 and have never been married, never pregnant, and are without children.
- C. Contestants under 21 years of age must have applications signed by parent or guardian.
- D. GWA Reserves the right to monitor any and all social media posts performed by or including the contestant selected as the Georgia Watermelon Queen.
- E. GWA reserves the right to ask for resignation of the reigning Georgia Watermelon Queen upon recommendation from the Georgia Watermelon Promotion Coordinator and the GWA Executive Committee.

### Contract of Understanding

Should I become the Georgia Watermelon Queen, I will represent only the Georgia Watermelon Association for a full year until the new Queen is selected, and I will have no other activities which will interfere with my representation of GWA during my reign. I will do my best to be available for promotions the entire summer and for all other scheduled promotions.

I have read the complete application/contract, and I agree to abide by all the rules set forth by the Georgia Watermelon Association and the Watermelon Promotion Coordinator.

By signing this form, the contestant grants GWA the right to use her photograph and name in the interest of the Association. **Contestants must submit 2 to 5- 5x7 black and white non-returnable photos with entry form.**  
**Contestants must also submit (3) references.**

**Entry deadline is January 6, 2023.**

Contestant's Signature:

Date:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

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## 2023 CONTESTANT AWARDS

### 2023 Georgia Watermelon Queen

- \$5000 scholarship & Award (awarded \$500 at beginning of term, and \$4500 at end of her reign)
- \$60/per diem stipend during promotions, plus mileage and meals.
- Up to \$1000 for wardrobe stipend for National Queen Competition in 2023.
- \$16,000 scholarship from Wesleyan College – awarded each year for four years only.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up

- \$250 scholarship & Award
- \$60/day stipend during promotions on which she is asked to serve, plus mileage and meals
- \$15,000 scholarship from Wesleyan College – awarded each year for four years only.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up

- \$150 scholarship & Award
- \$60/day stipend during promotions on which she is asked to serve, plus mileage and meals
- \$14,000 scholarship from Wesleyan College – awarded each year for four years only.

*\*Due to double booking and the occasional schedule conflict, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up will sometimes be asked to stand in for appearances. Your signing of the queen contract indicates your willingness to serve in her absence.*