To: Prospective 4-H Queen Candidates Re: 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant

Dear 4-H Member,

2025 marks the 65th year for the Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant, and the committee would like to invite you to be a part of this year's pageant.

We are looking forward to having many participants this year. The contest provides an excellent opportunity to make lasting friendships with other contestants throughout the county. It is our desire that the events leading up to the pageant will be some of your most meaningful 4-H memories.

Participation in the pageant activities will require your commitment to attend the practices.

To be eligible, a contestant must be 16 years old and no more than 20 years old by June 1, 2025. To be eligible, a contestant must be a current member of Hamilton County 4-H or completed her previous year in Hamilton County 4-H. No professional model is eligible for the State Contest. A professional model is someone who earns her livelihood by modeling. A contestant who works for a high school or college fashion board is not considered a professional model. A contestant who has competed at the State Fair finals cannot compete again.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of personality and beauty. This judging is divided into three (3) categories with a total of 200 points as follows:

Category I	Professional Wear- Black dress bottoms and white dress shirt (40 points)
Category II	Five minute interview with judges only (100 points) Categories: Ability to converse, professionalism
Category III	Formal Wear (60 points) Categories: Modeling, stage presence, poise *Please note, at least one portion of the dress must touch the floor.

This year's pageant will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. All the representatives will be <u>expected</u> to attend the daily events throughout the week of the 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 17-July 22. As the representative of Hamilton County 4-H, they will be expected to attend 4-H functions during the year until the next Hamilton County 4-H Fair Representative is selected.

Practice dates for this year's pageant are attached.

Our first meeting will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00pm in the dining hall with desserts served. This meeting is for contestants only.

If you would like to enter the pageant, please return the <u>entry form</u> by May 15, 2025. If you have any questions concerning the pageant, please contact one of the committee chairpersons.

Sincerely,

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