

Sweet 16 Contest Rules & Guidelines 2022

1. Contestants must be 16 on or before September 24, 2022.
2. All contestants are to reflect a positive, polite, and respectful attitude. Any inappropriate behavior may be considered cause for disqualification.
3. You will need to decorate a sheet of paper that fits an 8 x 10 (Landscape) frame with your name, photos of yourself, and your interests. (Example: If you like cats, flowers, cheerleading, etc., decorate with a theme to reflect your interests.) Have fun, be creative! The sheets need to be brought to the library by 5:00 pm, August 29, 2022. Late entries will be accepted but the participant will lose the time of donation opportunity. The containers will only be at the Wellsville City Library at 115 W. 6th St. in Wellsville, KS. Contestants may collect funds on their own and be responsible for turning them in by 3:00 pm, on September 24, 2022. You CANNOT place containers at other locations due to the liability of the containers. If the containers become full, the Friends will remove the funds for deposit only to allow for additional fundraising for contestants. Voting ends at 3:00 pm, on September 24, 2022!!!
4. Each vote is earned by someone giving a penny donation to the Friends of the Library Foundation. (Example: If someone places \$5.51 in your container you earn 551 votes.) Checks are accepted but need to be made payable to the Friends of the Library Foundation. (*See disqualification list regarding bad checks.) The Friends will provide the container for donations. The Friends of the Library Foundation is a 501 ©3 tax exempt organization. This means donations given to the Friends may be tax deductible. Some companies match gifts that are given to the Friends. The Friends will provide receipts for donations received if requested with proof of donation. ***Something new this year is that the Friends of the Library Foundation is also able to accept votes (donations) through the library's website (www.wellsvillelibrary.org) with a credit card. Please designate that the gift is for a specific contestant and that it is for the Friends of the Library Foundation. The voting online will stop counting as of 3:00 pm. Donations made after 3:00 pm, will be accepted as a donation to the Friends of the Library Foundation only and WILL NOT count as a Sweet 16 Vote.***
5. There will be a Miss Sweet 16 winner, a first runner up and a second runner up announced. In the event that the Miss Sweet 16 cannot serve out her term, the first runner up will become Miss Sweet 16. (See * at the end of the rules for reasons for forfeiting the title of Miss Sweet 16.)
6. The stage announcements will begin at 6:45 pm. The ceremony will take place on main street during this time. The contestants are responsible for finding their own escort. The contestants and their escorts need to be at the library by 6:15 pm. The contestants attire for the event should be a nice dress, or pants. (Not too formal.) Remember this is a fund-raiser for the community provided for you to enjoy. Please do not make this anything but fun. The escorts need to be dressed in a nice shirt or school sport jersey/t-shirt with pants or shorts. (Anyone showing up not dressed appropriately will be asked to change or will not be allowed to represent the Friends of the Library.) The contestants are to return to the library for pictures to be taken. Family will also be included in some of the pictures. In case of bad weather, the winner will be announced in the library's meeting room.

7. The Friends of the Library Foundation will post pictures to the Wellsville City Library's website (www.wellsvillelibrary.org) and to the library's Facebook page. If possible pictures will be sent to the local newspaper.
8. The contestants are asked to be in the parade. If unable to be in the parade, please let us know as soon as possible. This year is a pirate theme: **It's a Pirate's Life for Me.** We will email you the details of the parade.
9. It is encouraged for each contestant to use the Friends of the Library Foundation as a reference for future needs such as job resumes, and college applications. This is a very big contribution to our community and your service is highly valued.

The Friends of the Library Foundation thank you for all your support and dedication to the improvement of the library.

*Reasons to be disqualified from the contest &/or lose the title of Miss Sweet 16:

1. Pregnancy-You cannot have been pregnant any time before the contest, during the contest, or while titled Miss Sweet 16.
2. Marriage
3. Participation in illegal activities.
4. Inappropriate behaviors determined by the Executive Board of the Friends of the Library Foundation.

*The check writers will be responsible for all fines incurred for any and all check(s) that does not clear the financial institution. This will be a direct subtraction of points from the contestant and could cost the contestant any title earned.