Entries for the annual Pekin 4th of July contest will be accepted until May 18, 2012. No late entries accepted.

Any single girl of high school age, including entering the 9th grade or graduating in the class 0f 2012, is eligible.

Contestants may be from any locality.

Previous 4th of July Queens are ineligible.

The contestant must have a sponsor, each sponsor is required to pay $60 as an entry fee. Checks should be made out to the Pekin Betterment Organization. No refund will be given if the contestant drops out after the deadline. The sponsor may be an individual, business, or an organization.

Each contestant will be responsible for her own transportation during the parade either in a vehicle or a float, but no pull behind wagons or trailers. This will be judged during the parade.

Each contestant will be required to attend the first meeting at 6 pm on May 22 at the Pekin Park Shelter House. Pictures for the paper and souvenir books will be taken at this time. Times for the rehearsal date, meeting with the judges and activity meetings will be given at this initial meeting.

Contestants will be required to wear a formal dress during the contest, but will be able to choose their own attire for the parade with approval from the Queen committee.

All contestants must be at the designated place an hour and a half prior to the parade starting.

The Pekin Betterment Organization reserves the right to reject any contestant for immoral or improper behavior as they see fit.

Each contestant must fill out the entry form agreeing to the rules. The forms and fee must be mailed to Darlene Hall at P.O. Box 204, Pekin, IN 47165.