

## Sweet 16 Contest Rules & Guides

- 1 Contestants must be 16 on or before September 26, 2020.
- 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 two containers and leave an opening for people to place donations in and a way for the funds to be taken out for deposits if too full. The container should show the voters a little about you and have **your name** visible for the public.  
(Example: If you like cats, flowers, cheerleading, etc., decorate with a theme to reflect your interests. A picture of you is always a good idea.)  
(Container example: shoe box, oatmeal container, coffee can)  
Have fun and be creative! **There will be a prize for the best decorated container.**
- 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 on page 2 regarding checks.)  
The Friends will provide you with receipts to offer people for donations if needed. The Friends of the Library is a 501©3 tax exempt organization. This means any donations given to the Friends may be tax deductible. Some companies match gifts that are given to the Friends.  
For more information regarding this, contact Nicole Vlcek at 913-687-9614.
- 5 First & second runners up will also be selected. In the event that 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 containers need to be at the library by 5:30 pm on Monday, August 24, 2019, unless other arrangements are made. Late entries will be accepted but the participant will just miss her loss of time & opportunity.**  
For security reasons, the cans will be placed in the Landmark National Bank and the Mid-America of Wellsville, on August 28th.  
On Saturday, Sept. 26, due to the banks closing before the voting cut-off time the cans will be placed at a booth with the location yet to be determined and in the library meeting room. Contestants can collect funds on their own and be responsible for turning them in anytime to either of the banks, or at the library.  
**NO VOTES COUNT AFTER 3:00 P.M.!!!!!!**  
**You CAN NOT make additional containers.**
- 7 **The winner will be announced on Main St. at the bandstand September 26. The ceremony will be an estimated time of 7:15 pm.**  
(Several community announcements will then be made first and the Sweet 16 Ceremony.)  
(In case of bad weather the winner will be announced in the library meeting room.)

- 8 The contestants need to find an escort.  
(The escort of choice will be required to be in nice attire. Examples: nice shirt or football jersey, or cross country shirt, no negative or promotions will be allowed, nice jeans/slacks/shorts.)  
Any escort wearing inappropriate attire deemed by the Friends will not be allowed to participate.
- 9 The contestants' attire for the evening should be a nice dress.  
(Not formal, but a casual meeting or a "Sunday" dress.)  
Please don't buy anything for the occasion. This is a **fund**-raiser provided for your enjoyment.  
Don't make this into anything but **fun**.  
(Anyone showing up not dressed appropriately will be asked to change, or will not be allowed to represent the Friends on stage. This includes undergarments. Since you might be on a raised stage, remember that wind can be embarrassing if you are not prepared for such an event.)
- 10 **Contestants and their escorts need to be at the Wellsville Library by 6:45 pm, Saturday, Sept. 26.**
- 11 If enough are interested, we will participate in the Wellsville Days Parade.  
The contestants will be contacted with the details of the parade as this event draws closer.
- 12 We ask that after the announcements on Main St., the contestants, escorts, and family return to the library for pictures. Family is encouraged to be here to take pictures as well.

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

- \* **Reasons to be disqualified from the contest &/or lose the title of Miss Sweet 16:  
The new Miss Sweet 16 will be announced in the paper therefore announcing the disqualification of the old title.**
- Pregnancy  
(You cannot have been pregnant any time before, or during the contest, or if titled Miss Sweet 16.)
- Marriage
- Participation in illegal activities
- 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, and will be a direct subtraction of points from the contestant, and could cost them their titles earned.