

Historical Costume Contest

Step into Lancaster's history for the day! Whether you're channeling a colonial soldier, a 1920s flapper, or another era from Lancaster's past, come dressed to have some fun and celebrate the people and history that shaped our community.

How to Enter

No pre-registration required just show up in costume! Check in at the Hamilton Stage in Penn Square at 11:30am on Saturday, September 26, join the parade at 12:00pm, and gather for judging at 12:30pm. Open to all ages, so bring the whole family.

Categories

- **Most Historically Accurate**
 - For the entrant whose costume best captures a real figure, uniform, or fashion from Lancaster's past.
- **Most Creative**
 - For the most original or unexpected take on a historical look.
- **Best Overall**
 - The single standout costume of the day, judged on craftsmanship, creativity, and presentation.
- **Best Couples Costume**
 - For pairs who coordinate a shared historical theme.

Judging & Prizes

A panel of local judges will review each contestant's costume. Every award winner receives a ribbon and bragging rights as an official Lancaster Capital Day Costume Contest champion.

A Few Ground Rules

- **Costumes must be family-friendly and appropriate for a public community event.**
- No costumes involving real weapons, sharp objects, or anything that could be mistaken for a real threat.
- By entering, you agree Lancaster Capital Day can photograph you in costume and share it on our social media and website with credit to you.
- One entry per category, per person, but you're welcome to enter more than one category (except Best Couples, which requires a partner).

Questions? Email info@lancastercapitalday.org