

2016 Miss Apple Blossom Festival Scholarship Program

(A local preliminary competition to Miss Virginia & Miss America Scholarship Programs)

August 2015

Dear Contestant,

On behalf of the Miss Apple Blossom Festival Pageant, I'm inviting you to become one of our contestants for our 2016 pageant. Our pageant is now set for Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Daniel Morgan Middle School in Winchester. ***We are looking to award nearly \$10,000.00 cash and in-kind scholarship awards for the contestants placing in the Top 5, along with numerous other gifts and prizes from individuals and businesses of the Winchester community.***

We have only **ONE mandatory full dress rehearsal**, scheduled for Friday, November 20th, at the same school location.

Miss Apple Blossom Festival will be selected from a group of contestants who meet the age and residency requirements set forth by the Miss Virginia and Miss America Organizations. The lady selected must show the qualities and attributes necessary to successfully compete in the Miss Virginia scholarship pageant in Roanoke, VA in June of 2016. She must be a role model, possess leadership capabilities, communicates effectively, be talented, intelligent and energetic.

There are 4 phases of competition: Interview (which will be conducted during the day of Saturday, November 21st), Swimsuit, Talent, and Evening Gown/On-Stage question. You will also be required to submit a platform statement and resume along with other application paperwork.

In order to participate in a local pageant, the Miss America Organization requires each contestant to raise a minimum of \$100 for a local pageant (and \$250 for a state pageant, and \$500 for the national pageant) – this benefits the Miss America Scholarship and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (the official platform of the Miss America Organization). You will need to visit the website at <http://www.missamerica4kids.org/>, click on the new (or returning) contestant button to complete your profile, and begin raising funds! ***Please note - our state field director and I will check to make sure you have completed the \$100 donation before allowing you to compete in our pageant in November. **You must print out and bring a copy of the eligibility form from the CMNH website***

proving your payment when you come to the Friday night rehearsal – that is an eligibility requirement – there will be no exceptions as this is a Miss America Organization rule! If you don't bring the receipt by rehearsal night, you will not be allowed to compete!**

In addition to this CMNH donation, you must continue to support your own personal platform as in the past.

Miss Apple Blossom Festival 2016 will serve as an ambassador and public relations representative of the Miss Apple Blossom Festival Scholarship Program. Miss ABF will have numerous required appearances throughout her reign, and will also serve as the official hostess of the 89th Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival from April 28 – May 1, 2016 – this is a required appearance! She is required to speak at various civic and charity functions about her platform and this organization. Miss ABF may perform for fundraisers, charities, schools, churches, etc., and must be flexible, personally organized, and self-disciplined. In addition, she is required to have her own reliable transportation to travel to her assigned designations, and she must be punctual.

In the pursuit of the title and responsibilities of Miss Virginia, Miss Apple Blossom Festival must be receptive to constructive criticism by the directors and prep team, open to suggestions and guidance from committee members, and have the ability to negotiate in a professional manner on items of disagreement.

Please sign below, accepting acknowledgement of the information in this letter, and fill out the attached preliminary entry form and email it back to me at missappleblossom@yahoo.com. Once we receive your preliminary form, we will send you the complete package of requirements, paperwork and additional information for the competition. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us – we will get back to you as quickly as possible. We look forward to having you as a contestant in November!

Sincerely,

Crystal Pullen, Bridget Aikens & Linda Edwards
Miss Apple Blossom Festival Pageant Co-Directors

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Preliminary Entry Form

Full Name: _____

Home Address, City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

College/University: _____

Current Class: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

What is the title of your talent? _____

Specify talent: Vocal – classical/pop/jazz/opera/blues Other: _____

Dance – ballet/pointe/jazz/tap/contemporary Other: _____

Instrumental – piano/violin/flute Other: _____

What is the title of your platform? _____

Instructions:

Please include a recent headshot photograph with this entry form, which you may send as an attachment on email. The photo will be used in the program book and newspaper and, if it's a hard copy, it is not returnable. Please email the photo if you can, as the printers prefer it in email format. Otherwise, if you need to mail the photos and this entry form, please mail a 4x6 photo to Bridget's address – 711 Apple Pie Ridge Road, Winchester VA 22603. Upon receipt of your entry form and photo, I will send you more detailed information for our competition weekend. Please email all information to missappleblossom@yahoo.com.

Please understand that there may be a limit to the number of contestants we can accept due to time constraints of the program. Once you have reviewed the complete contestant package, and should you decide *not to compete* in our program, please contact Bridget or Crystal so that your space may become available. Please visit www.thebloom.com and click on the Miss ABF tab to familiarize yourself a little bit more about our program.

I understand the information and requirement set forth in attached letter, and I certify that the information I have provided on this form is correct.

Contestant Signature

Date

Please have parent or guardian sign if you are under 18: _____