

717 East Main  
Blytheville, AR 72315

Dear Entrant:

This letter will introduce you to the Miss Northeast Arkansas Pageant. It is an official preliminary to the Miss Arkansas Pageant and the Miss America Pageant. Accordingly, we are governed by the same rules and operate under the same franchise as they do. The Miss Northeast Arkansas Pageant is open to women who live, work, or attend school in Clay, Greene, Mississippi, Cross, Craighead, Poinsett, Randolph, Jackson, Sharp, Lawrence, Independence, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, Woodruff, Fulton, and Crittenden Counties.

We are looking forward to a great pageant this year, and are so glad you plan to be a part of it. The winner of this pageant will receive a \$1000 scholarship and an official crown and sash. She will also receive guidance needed to prepare her for her competition in the Miss Arkansas Pageant in Hot Springs in July, plus many other prizes and awards. The 1st Runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship and sponsorship into the Miss Lights of the Delta Pageant. The 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$350 scholarship. If there are enough entries we will also give a \$250 scholarship to the 3rd Runner-up, and a \$150 scholarship to the 4th Runner-up. Mississippi County residents or Mississippi County students will be eligible for the Arkansas Northeastern College Scholarship award of 12 college hours.

TO ENTER THE PAGEANT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Read the Official Rules and Regulation and Entry Contract, make sure you qualify, sign, date, notarize and return this form. **We only need through p.16.** You do not have to fill out the Attachments.
2. Fill out the Official Entry Form, SIGN AND RETURN. Be sure to be specific in filling out this form, as this is what the judges will be referring to during your interview. TYPING is strongly recommended.
3. Secure a business concern to sponsor you in the pageant. They will get advertising for the sponsorship, and you will need to get a check from them for \$75.00 payable to the Miss Northeast Arkansas Pageant. **DO NOT SEND YOUR OWN PERSONAL CHECK.**
4. Enclose a portrait picture of you, WAIST UP, OR HEAD AND SHOULDERS (billfold size or larger) to be reproduced in the program. It will be returned to you.
5. Copy of Birth Certificate

6. Latest school transcript
7. Indemnity Release
8. 2 proofs of residency (if eligible by residence) or enrollment verification if eligible by school attending
9. Queen's Contract Intention Form (found on our website)
10. Confirmation of \$100 raised for the Children's Miracle Network, Miss America's National Platform. You must set up a web account at [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) . At that website go to the "New Contestants" link if you do not already have an active account.

Forms are available on the web by going to [missarkansas.org](http://missarkansas.org), then clicking Ed tools, then forms. Under local forms, the ones that we will use are #1 - fact sheet, #2 - critical issue, #4- contract, #5- release. If you do get your forms online, please email me at [vjerome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vjerome@sbcglobal.net) so that I can keep up with how many entries to expect. It will help me better plan for the pageant. Send all entry info to: 717 E. Main, Blytheville, AR 72315.

One or two piece swimsuits may be worn in the Swimsuit competition. Please be sure that the suits are in good taste. Also, you may have a choice of footwear (tall pumps or sandal-type heels)

The talent number **can not be longer than 2 minutes**. You may use a tape or CD for accompaniment. (if using tape, only have one song on the tape you turn in, however CD is preferred) The new rules for talent length at the Miss Arkansas Pageant are 1 ½ minute. So, I suggest that if you are doing a new talent, that you go ahead and get a 90 second arrangement. If you win with a 2 minute version, it will have to be changed prior to state competition. **Always bring a back-up.**

The schedule of events is as follows:

**August 26** ENTRY DEADLINE - WE ABSOLUTELY MUST have all entry materials in our hands by this date so that we can plan the pageants and get the program to the printer. An extension can be granted only by the Executive Director. However, competition order is set in reverse order of entries received. **The last one that we receive will be 1st in competition and the first one that we receive will be last.**

Saturday, September 6, Rehearsal at 8:00 at Blytheville High School

INTERVIEWS- at the Blytheville Holiday Inn beginning at 1:00. Your exact time will be emailed to you or given at rehearsal. There is NO opening, 9:30 minutes of questions, and 30 second closing statement. Wear suit, pantsuit, or something suitable for interviewing for a job.

PAGEANT - will begin at 7:00 at Blytheville High School. Opening outfit will be whatever you wear for interview.

After the pageant, everyone is invited to a get together with pageant committee, new queens, and former queens.

New queen will meet with the director that night or Sunday morning.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults & \$5 for students. They will be available at the door. Encourage your "fan club" to attend as you always perform better with good crowd support.

If you enter and then win another Miss Arkansas preliminary before our pageant, your sponsor fee will be returned to you. If you just drop out of the pageant, **it will not be refunded**. We do encourage you to enter all preliminaries that you are eligible for.

For those that want to stay in Blytheville during the pageant, the Holiday Inn (763-5800), Hampton Inn (763-5220), and Comfort Inn Suites (763-0900) will all offer special pageant rates. Ask for it when you make your reservation. The interviews are in the Holiday Inn, but the other 2 motels are just across the street.

If we can be of any help to you before our rehearsal on September 6, please feel free to call or email me. We will help any contestant who requests assistance; however, all contestants will be treated equally. Thank you for your interest, and I hope to hear from you soon. Remember the deadline date, August 26.

Sincerely,

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