

MISS NORTHEAST ARKANSAS PAGEANT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Teen,

This letter will introduce you to the Miss Northeast Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant. It is an official preliminary to the Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant. Accordingly, we are governed by the same rules and operate under the same franchise as they do. The Miss Northeast Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant will be held in Blytheville on September 25 and is open to young ladies who live 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. A contestant must be at least 13 years old by the State pageant (June 27, 2011) and no more than a 17 year old high school Junior. A 17 year old high school Senior must compete in the Miss pageant.

We are looking forward to a great Pageant this year and are so glad you want to be a part of it. The winner this year will receive a \$300 cash scholarship, entry into the State Pageant and an official crown. She will also receive guidance needed to prepare for her competition in the Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant in Hot Springs. The 1st Runner-up will receive a \$150 cash scholarship and sponsorship into the Miss Lights of the Delta Outstanding Teen Pageant to be held in November. The 2nd Runner-up will receive a \$100 cash scholarship. If there are enough entries, prizes will be awarded to 3rd and 4th Alternates. Mississippi County residents will be eligible for the Arkansas Northeastern College Scholarship award of tuition for 12 college credit hours.

Competition will include Private Interview with the Judges, Fitness in Active Wear, Evening Wear, On-Stage Question, and Talent. Scoring is: Interview – 35%, Fitness in Active Wear – 10%, Evening Wear – 15%, On-Stage Question – 5% and Talent – 35%.

* The pageant will have a Disco theme and all the contestants are to wear jeans and any color bright top for the Opening production.

* Fitness in Active Wear – Active Wear is described as aerobic wear: shorts (any color or material) with 3” or 5” inseam, they may be straight across the waist or V, and the top may be a short or fully covered sports bra (with a bra lining) with the back criss-crossed, halter top, standard straps, off one shoulder or racer back style. This may be embellished with stones, if you wish. Wear any color & style of athletic shoes.

* Talent may be NO MORE THAN 2 MINUTES!! You may use a CD for accompaniment. Be sure there is ONLY 1 SONG ON THE DISC. Make yourself a practice disc so you don't wear out the performance disc and bring a back-up disc with you to rehearsal..

TO ENTER THE PAGEANT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Print out and fill out Information Cover Sheet and Queen's Contract Intention Form by hand. These are found on our web site. (www.missnea.org)

2. Go to www.missteeenarkansas.org for other forms. Complete required forms (Local Contract and Release) on computer, note verifications required. Read the Local and State Pageant Contract, make sure you qualify, sign, date, and notarize this form. We do not need attachment B (Medical) or attachment C. Do attach residency verification. Complete the Indemnity Release Form, sign, date and notarize. [If you have done another prelim this year, you may use the same Contract just write in NEA over the name of the other pageant]

3. Prepare an Official Resume and Platform Issue. Be sure to be specific in filling out these as this is what the judges will be referring to during your interview. They must be typed. SPECIAL NOTE: on the Resume items Marketing Plan, Legacy, and Why I Should Be Miss America's Outstanding Teen, tell what you plan as

Miss Northeast Arkansas' Outstanding Teen. Example- Marketing: As Northeast Ark. Outstanding Teen I will promote my issue in area schools and community events. Legacy: At the end of my reign there will be more people, especially teens, who have become blood donors. Why I should be Northeast Ark. Outstanding Teen: Through my issue I can get more teens involved in community activities. I am able to arrange my schedule so I can attend events in Northeast Arkansas. Keep these 3 items to a sentence or two so you can have more space on this one sheet to write about you.

4. Try to secure a business concern to sponsor you in the pageant. They will get advertising for the sponsorship. You will need to get a check from them for \$75 payable to the Miss Northeast Arkansas Pageant.

5. Enclose a portrait picture of you, WAIST UP, OR HEAD AND SHOULDERS (billfold size or larger, 5x7 if available is best) to be reproduced in the program. It will be returned to you. You may email your picture to: vjerome@sbcglobal.net. It may be Color or Black & White and will be printed in medium in which it comes.

6. Copy of Birth Certificate (this will be returned)

7. Latest School Transcript (7th and 8th grade only may submit Report Card). – will be returned.

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS

SEPTEMBER 16 – 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 we receive will be #1 in competition and the first one we receive will be the last contestant.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - 8 A.M. Check-in at Blytheville High School Auditorium on 10th Street. REHEARSAL will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to bring heels, accompaniment tape or CD with your name on it, props or anything else you might need for your talent. Bring all shoes you plan to wear – no competition clothes. Opening and closing practice will be conducted with the Miss contestants, teens will practice Fitness and Evening Gown walks and each will practice their talent.

INTERVIEWS will take place at the Comfort Inn of Blytheville beginning at 1 p.m. Your exact time will be emailed to you or given at rehearsal. Wear dress, pants, skirt, top that is a typical and trendy teen outfit. Interview will be 6 minutes in length, NO OPENING, but you will be given 30 seconds at the end for any remarks you want to make.

(Rehearsal and Interview time may be changed after all entries are received)

PAGEANT – will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Blytheville High School. After the pageant there will be a get together for everyone with pageant committee, new queens, and former queens.

*New queen and parent will have a meeting with the Directors that night or Sunday morning.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$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 Outstanding Teen 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 for which you are eligible. And we encourage you to enter early to get in the competition line-up.

For those that want to stay in Blytheville during the pageant, the Holiday Inn (763-5800), Hampton Inn (763-5220) and Comfort Inn (763-7081) will all offer special pageant rates. Ask for it when you make your reservations. These are all located close together.

If we can be of any help to you before our rehearsal on September 25, 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, September 16!!

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All entry materials are to be mailed to:
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