

MISS CHESAPEAKE/MISS VIRGINIA BEACH PAGEANT

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Grassfield High School, 2007 Grizzly Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23223
WWW.MISSCHESAPEAKE.ORG

On behalf of the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant Committee we are pleased to announce information regarding our upcoming pageant. The winners of Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach will represent her title at the Miss Virginia Pageant in June of 2018. This is a double pageant and we will crown two winners. The pageant is an "open" pageant. You do not have to be a Chesapeake or Virginia Beach resident to participate. The winner of the title of Miss Virginia will represent our state at the Miss America pageant. Space is limited and contestants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. ***Pageant can fill up before deadline.***

- **Complete the entire Entry Contract & Addendum** The Entry Contract & Addendum must also be notarized and signed (most banks will do this for you for free). Please determine your platform and craft a statement and include as part of your entry package.
- **Provide copies of the documentation** listed in the entry contract (ex: driver's license, birth certificate, transcript copy, etc.) Please follow those directions on residential eligibility.
- **Production Highlights** - You will participate in a professional, quality production. **BEING ON TIME & IN ATTENDANCE TO REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY, UNLESS WORKED OUT WITH THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE DATE.**
- **Interview and Rehearsal will be held day of pageant on March 10, 2018:** Interviews will be held at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, 817 Greenbrier Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320 in a meeting room on the second floor. Interviews will be held in the morning and you will be notified on a time. The pageant rehearsal will be held at the school in the early afternoon.
- **Sponsors** are the main support of our pageant. Admissions, unfortunately, pay only a very small part of our expenses to produce a Miss Virginia Preliminary. **WHILE NOT A REQUIREMENT**, we ask that each contestant attempt to obtain contributions in the amount of \$100.00. Checks should be made payable to "Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Scholarship Pageant". Sponsors will be announced by the Master of Ceremonies at the pageant and listed in the program book.
- **Children's Miracle Network Service Requirement** - Service, one of the four points of the crown, has always been important to contestants striving for the opportunity to be Miss America. To build on this, every contestant competing in the "Miss" level age division **MUST raise a minimum of \$100 to support Children's Miracle Network.**
- In addition **EVERY** contestant **MUST** register online for this collection at **<http://www.missamericforkids.org>** (instructions on how to register are provided at this site). You **MUST** still register online for the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant. *NOTE: You **MUST** raise \$100 for EVERY Miss VA preliminary pageant you compete in this year. (Up to \$500) More information about the CMN requirement is attached. This is not an entrance fee, but rather a new service requirement to participate in Miss America sponsored pageants.
- **Submit electronic photos** that will be used in the judges' books. You can e-mail photos to **cjeffbunn@aol.com**. Please no printed copies of pictures. Please no computer scanned photos as they do NOT reproduce well.

- **Submit Talent Selection & email .mp3** As soon as you have made a decision on the music associated with your talent, register it with us by emailing cjeffbunn@aol.com. NO TWO CONTESTANTS will be allowed to use the same music in any age division. THE FIRST CONTESTANT to register a preference for a particular song gets her choice. No one else will be allowed to use that selection in the same age division. Also, be sure to be a CD to rehearsal for back up. **Talent limit for is 90 seconds or less. Submit your talent music electronically as an .mp3 to cjeffbunn@aol.com.**
- **Wardrobe** - As a contestant in the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Scholarship Pageant, you will need a business suit or dress for personal interview, eveningwear, a one or two-piece swimsuit, talent costume, and a cocktail dress of your choice and heels for opening number. Show your personality.
- **Application accuracy** - Please make sure **EVERYTHING ON YOUR APPLICATION IS ACCURATE**. If you win the title of Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach 2018, all of your application information will be verified for accuracy.
- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT is March 1, 2018:** If you are participating in other pageants you can always submit your contract to us then withdraw if you win another local pageant, but if you do not submit by the deadline you will not be able to participate. This helps us to get all your paperwork together for judges and for our field director.
- **The Host Hotel:** The Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, located 817 Greenbrier Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320 will serve as the host hotel for any out of town contestants or guest. They are offering a discounted room price of \$75.00. Call 757-531-777 to make reservations. Please sure to ask for the Miss Chesapeake Pageant room block to receive the discounted rate.
- **Mail Entry Packet** - after everything is complete **mail everything to:**

Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant
Attn: Jeff Bunn
437 Rebel Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

You will be notified of your acceptance by email. Please be sure to include your checklist marked off so I can double check what has been sent. If you do not hear from me by email that your packet has been received please contact me immediately.

We sincerely look forward to working with you at the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Scholarship Pageant! We always try to have fun that weekend and enjoy each and every contestant. Please feel free to call me with questions. My number is below.

Jeff Bunn
Executive Director
757-647-2701
cjeffbunn@aol.com

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Miss Contestant Checklist

Please include a copy of this checklist with the requirements below and place in the order listed.

Name: _____

All forms below are due: Due March 1, 2018

- Contract and notarized –1 COPY and notarized**
- Attachment D, E, Miss VA Addendum and Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Addendum - 1 COPY**
- Birth Certificate and D.L. – 1 COPY**
- CMN Requirements includes qualification report (Print one copy AND include with contract) –Please note that your collection site must show that the required \$100 has been raised for “Miss Chesapeake /Miss Virginia Beach”, or payment must be made online by March 1, 2018 to be eligible to compete for Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach.**
- CMNH and Community Service report filled out – 2 COPIES**
- Platform Essay – Must be typed, with your name and platform at the top left corner. One page and no more than 500 words please. - 10 COPIES**
- Resume – Must be typed with your name. Follow instructions given. - 10 COPIES**
- Photo – Email to Jeff Bunn at cjeffbunn@aol.com (**DO NOT MAIL**) Label with your name as follows: First and last name of contestant in subject line.**
- Talent Form – Email me ASAP when you choose your talent to reserve selection – Your talent form and music as a .mp3 (90 seconds max, labeled with your name) no later than March 1, 2018. – we will not accept music at dress rehearsal. Earlier would be better.**

****If you can three hole punch all paperwork turned in it would truly help us out. – Thank you!***

TALENT FORM

Please email this form to Jeff Bunn at cjeffbunn@aol.com ASAP in order to reserve your talent selection. Talent is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Full Name _____

What is your 90 second talent? (Explain in detail) Example: Singing a pop vocal to "Holiday." This will be used as your introduction to your talent performance.

2. List anything special we should know about your talent act and describe your attire. (Example: Is it an original? Did you design and make your own costume?)

Are you using music? _____ Give exact time of tape - not to exceed 90 seconds.

Explain fully (including music title, author, Broadway play, etc).

4. Will you use a mike? ___ Hand? _____ Stand? ___ Foot? _____ Other?

5. Please list your special training and number of years for vocal, dance, drama, instruments, etc.

**ATTACHMENT C – MISS CHESAPEAKE/MISS VIRGINIA BEACH SCHOLARSHIP
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Organization will award scholarships under the following circumstances:

1) Scholarship Usage:

Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, textbooks, supplies, academic fees and other appropriate mandatory educational expenses. Personal expenses such as parking fines, bus passes, I. D. cards, off-campus housing, library fines or health insurance are not covered. The exception to this is meal plans if the student is living on campus and is enrolled as a full time student. All unusual or questionable items of expense must be referred to the Miss Chesapeake /Miss Virginia Beach Organization with as much information as possible and far enough in advance for consideration of approval. Amounts received as scholarship payments are taxable income to the extent that they exceed “Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses”.

Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses include tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance of a student at an educational organization, including fees, books, supplies and equipment required of all students in the particular course of instruction.

Payment of all approved expenditures will be made directly to the college, university or other accredited institution unless extenuating circumstances exist (with the exception of computer or musical equipment/instruments, or books clause). Personal reimbursements to scholarship recipients will not be honored, so proper planning and time allotment is essential on the part of the student.

Contestants must submit invoices for payment directly from the provider of the educational service. All invoices and receipts must be originals. Contestants may not request payment for expenses, which are or have been covered through any other financial aid source (other than student loans which meet the provision of number five below).

2) Requesting Usage:

Requests for scholarships are initially processed by the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Organization for its review and approval upon written receipt of statements from colleges and schools or from the contestant for other educational expenses. All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant.

Requests for payment for other educational expenses (e.g. private instructions or course work not related to an accredited four-year college or university) must be pre-approved by the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Scholarship Committee.

Requests for computer, musical equipment/instruments, or books will be considered only if the college or school states in writing that it is mandatory requirement in order for the contestant to

complete the coursework. The contestant may be reimbursed for this expense provided the contestant submits either a letter on official school letterhead from the school stating the mandatory requirements or a list of course requirements. There will however, be a \$2000.00 cap on computer equipment, and this type of expense will be reimbursed only once. Computer software is not a reimbursable item. The original bill of sale must be submitted as well as the original credit card receipt or a copy of the canceled check.

3) Payment Guidelines:

Payments for room and board will be made only to the educational institution, and such requests must be accompanied by appropriate documentation from the educational institution evidencing the charges for same. Contestants must maintain at least 12 credit hours as a full-time student, 9 credit hours part-time status and 9 credit hours for graduate in order to qualify. Payments do not cover key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, phone, etc.) are also not covered.

It is each contestant's obligation to determine whether the scholarship, in whole or part, is includable in gross taxable income, regardless of whether a Form 1099 has been issued by either the state organization, the Community Foundation or Miss America Organization. Contestants are encouraged to consult a tax advisor regarding the taxability of the scholarship payments.

4) Priority of Level in Usage:

Contestants receiving scholarships at the state level must use the scholarship won at the local level prior to applying for funds at the state level. Verification must be submitted in writing from the Local Executive Director that all local scholarship funds have been exhausted without forfeiture. The request for an exception must be submitted in writing to the Miss Piedmont Region/Cardinal Organization Scholarship Committee for consideration.

5) Student Loans:

Scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and the contestant has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. In all cases, requests must include a current bill (dated within 30 days of request) from the lender showing a current address, a copy of the promissory note showing that the contestant is either the primary or secondary payer of the obligation, and an official transcript showing completion of the coursework.

6) Usage for Future Expenses and Forfeitures:

Scholarships may be used for future educational expenses. However, contestants must request and utilize their scholarships within (one) 1 year of the date of the award. If a contestant has not submitted a request to the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Organization for her scholarship award dollars during this period, her right to request funds will be forfeited. If a contestants forfeits any money from her scholarship award at the local level, her award at the state and national level will automatically be forfeited. Scholarships which have been forfeited will remain in the scholarship account for future awards.

An exception to the time limit set forth above may be made if the contestant, prior to the expiration date, makes a written appeal to the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Organization citing compelling reasons why the time period should be extended, including an estimated timeline for when the scholarship funds will be utilized. The Miss Chesapeake/Virginia Beach Organization will review the request and determine whether an extension is warranted. The decision of the Miss Chesapeake/Virginia Beach Organization shall be final and binding. The contestant who is named Miss Chesapeake/Virginia Beach each year will have two years from the date of her award to request and utilize her scholarship funds at both state and local levels.

The Miss Piedmont Region/Cardinal Organization reserves the right to amend and or modify the foregoing scholarship rules and regulations at any time without notice.

I (Contestant) have read and understand the 2018 Miss Chesapeake/Virginia Beach Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

Signed

Dated

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Signed

Dated

ATTACHMENT E - 2018 CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to assure that the eligibility requirements are adequately met as defined in the contestant contract, please provide the following information:

REQUIRED INFORMATION

ALL of the following are required and should accompany contract:

- ___ Copy of state-certified birth certificate (verification of applicant's identity and age)
- ___ Completed and signed copy of contract
- ___ Signed copy of "Attachments A, B, C, D & E" & Miss Local Contract State Addendum
- ___ CMNH qualification report (or other proof) of donations to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

One (1) of three (3) following groupings of eligibility proof must be provided. Please select one box below and provide the required elements in that box.

___ I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Residency (Resident for at least 6 months immediately prior to date of local pageant). Please check and attach a copy of ONE of the following items (as defined in contestant contract):

- ___ A Legible copy of Virginia state driver's license or other official government issued ID card
- ___ B Auto registration (in the applicant's name)
- ___ C Registrar's letter of validation (for the applicant)
- ___ D Lease (in the applicant's name)
- ___ E Current utility bills (in the applicant's name)
- ___ F Federal income tax return (in the applicant's name or with applicant as a dependent; financial information may be deleted)
- ___ G State income tax return (in the applicant's name or with applicant as a dependent; financial information may be deleted)

___ I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Educational Status

Satisfy BOTH of the items below by providing transcript(s)

- ___ Confirming status as current full-time student in Virginia (as defined in contestant contract), AND
- ___ Confirming completion of one (1) full semester within the past year (as defined in contestant contract)

___ I am choosing to prove eligibility by my Employment

Please provide one of these items:

- ___ Copies of pay stubs from employer covering the last six months indicating full-time employment of at least 40 hours per week or such other number of hours as may qualify by law as "full-time" employment
- ___ Letter from employer verifying the last six months indicating full-time employment of at least 40 hours per week

Contestant Signature

Date

**MISS VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION
State Contract Addendum
For Miss Virginia 2018 Local Pageants**

**Prepared by:
The Miss Virginia Organization
July 2017**

Additions to Section 2. 7 Contractual and Other Obligations

2.7.9 I will agree to attend the Miss Virginia 2017 Workshop, date and location to be announced. .

2.7.10 I understand that, if named the Miss Local attached to this contract, as a state contestant, I am expected to recruit a participant for the Teen-in-Training program, according to guidelines to be provided by the Miss Virginia Outstanding Teen director.

2.7.11 I understand that, if named the Miss Local attached to this contract, as a state contestant, I am expected to recruit sponsors for and submit at least a total of two full pages of ads for the state program book by the stated deadline.

Include Miss Virginia Attachments D & E and any Miss Local Attachments

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request acceptance of my application to participate as a Contestant in the Miss _____ Competition. If the Miss _____ Organization accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its exhibits/attachments.

Date

Contestant Signature

State of _____ :

: SS

Affidavit of Truthfulness

County of _____ :

_____, the Contestant making this Application, of full age and being duly sworn according to the law, upon her oath deposes and says:

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this Application and Contract and its exhibits/ attachments are true. I am aware that if any of the statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this ____ day of _____, 201_.

Contestant Signature

Notary Public of:

(To be completed by the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of a Contestant who is not yet 18 years of age on the date of this Application and Contract)

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, who is the Contestant named in this Application and Contract, of full age and being duly sworn according to the law, upon my oath depose and say:

1. I have read and I understand the provisions of this Application and Contract and its exhibits/attachments. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all of the factual statements made in this Application and Contract by the Contestant are true.
2. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to seek legal advice regarding this Application and Contract.
3. I consent to the execution of this Application and Contract by the Contestant.
4. On behalf of the Contestant, I agree to the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its exhibits/attachments.
5. I have not previously authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant, nor has any other person ever been authorized to do so, other than a consigner of this affidavit.
6. I shall not authorize any person, firm, or corporation to use the name, photograph, picture or any present or future title of the Contestant in connection with any endorsement or advertisement of any commercial product for or on behalf of the Contestant other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract and its exhibits/attachments.

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this affidavit are true. I am aware that if any of the statements is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

State of _____:

:SS

Affidavit of Parent or Guardian

County of _____:

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this ___ day of _____, 201_

Parent/Guardian Signature

Notary Public of:

MISS CHESAPEAKE/MISS VIRGINIA BEACH

Addendum to the Official Rules, Regulations and Agreement

I hereby apply for entry into the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant, a duly authorized local in the Miss America Pageant System, for the title of Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach. I do hereby make the following statements and representations:

1. As the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant winner, I must attend the Miss Virginia workshop with my pageant directors and committee. The pageant committee will pay for car transportation, lodging and meals at this workshop. The workshop is typically in early April.
2. As the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant winner, I am required to fundraise \$250 for Children's Miracle Network to compete at the state level/Miss Virginia Pageant. This is a separate/additional requirement to the \$100 needed to be raised to compete in a local preliminary. Should the contestant win a Local pageant, any excess donations submitted to www.missamerica4kids.org will automatically roll-over and be applied to the \$500 minimum required goal for the State pageant.
3. As a contestant, I will write thank-you notes to my sponsors within 7 days after the pageant.
4. I understand that boyfriends, friends, parents, coaches, etc. are not invited to rehearsals or certain appearances. Rehearsals are closed to anyone aside from the contestants and the pageant committee.
5. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I am to represent the pageant organization and my title in a well-groomed manner at all public appearances. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I understand that I must clear all appearances with the Executive Director.
6. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I must present myself in public with a good attitude and a friendly manner.
7. I understand that I am responsible for the wardrobe that I will need as a contestant in the Miss Virginia pageant.
8. I will be required to have the Executive Director and Pageant Committee approve my Miss Virginia wardrobe prior to purchase.
9. I agree to meet with the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Executive Director and Pageant Committee as much as possible to prepare for the Miss Virginia Pageant, including but not limited to mock interviews.
10. If as the chosen winner, I live out of the area and I decide to book and make appearances on my own, I MUST notify the Executive Director of when and where .
11. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I will be required to perform my Miss Virginia (prepared) talent, before the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Committee prior to the Miss Virginia Pageant for approval.
12. I agree to turn all Miss Virginia pictures and paperwork in to the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Executive Director on or before the deadline date, as ordered by the Miss Virginia Pageant rules.
13. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I understand that I am responsible for obtaining program book/sponsor ads prior to the Miss Virginia workshop in April. This is a Miss Virginia Pageant request and every effort to comply should be made.
14. As Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I will be under contract to follow ALL RULES of the Miss Virginia/America Pageants. I must also be willing to follow advice given to me by my Executive Director, chaperone and pageant committee while getting ready for Miss Virginia and during Miss Virginia week in Lynchburg.
15. I know that my Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach obligations do not end after the Miss Virginia Pageant; they end the night I crown my successor. I am expected to make appearances and continue to work with my platform throughout my year of service. I am also expected to crown my successor during the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant.
16. Any legal problems during my reign must be reported to my director within 24 hours.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE MUST GIVE FINAL APPROVAL AND GUIDANCE TO:

Talent presentation at Miss Virginia Pageant - Including music selection, performance and costume selection.

Miss Virginia Wardrobe selection - As the winner, I will also help decide on the wardrobe, but I must understand that the Executive Director has input into my wardrobe choices.

Competition Gown - (style and color), Swimsuit - (style and color). The committee will also participate in the selection of the gown, casual wear and swimsuit used for the Miss Virginia Pageant.

Pictures - used in the Miss Virginia Program Book. I must take the pictures soon after the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach Pageant, if new headshots are needed by approved photographer of the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach committee. My wardrobe and choice of photographer should also be approved.

Personal appearance - Upon advice of Pageant Committee and pageant judges of the Miss Chesapeake/Miss Virginia Beach, I must be willing to make changes to my personal appearance (i.e. hairstyle, use of make-up, nail care, tanning, etc.).

Wearing of the Crown/Sash - determined by the Executive Director and the appearance point of contact.

I also understand that it is my responsibility to purchase or obtain my wardrobe (appearance wear, interview suit, talent costume, casual wear outfit, swimsuit, evening gown) and anything else needed for the Miss Virginia Pageant.

I agree and will abide by the rules set forth in this contract,

Signature of Contestant

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if contestant is less than 18 years of age



Why a National Platform?

In 1989, the Miss America Organization founded the platform concept, which requires each contestant to choose an issue about which she cares deeply and that is of relevance to our society. Once chosen, Miss America and the state titleholders use their stature to address community-service organizations, business and civic leaders, the media and other about their platform issues. This legacy will continue.

Now, in addition to her personal platform, Miss America will also be a goodwill ambassador for Children's Miracle Network. This new national platform will provide the Miss America Organization the opportunity to not only raise funds for Children's Miracle Network, but also to raise additional funds for the Miss America Scholarship Foundation, thus maximizing exposure, awareness and impact for both organizations.

What does this mean for contestants?

Service, one of the four points of the crown, has always been important to contestants striving for the opportunity to be Miss America. To build on this, contestants competing at any level in the Miss America system will now be expected to raise a minimum of \$100 to support Children's Miracle Network and the Miss America Scholarship Fund. This is not an entrance fee, but rather a new service requirement to participate in Miss America sponsored pageants.

The contestant must submit to each local director proof of her registration and qualification. She can either do this by making a copy of her personal qualification report from the CMN web site or if there is not sufficient time to mail checks to have posted to the CMN site she can make copies of donations made by individuals or businesses before mailing in to CMN. *Please see form to accompany paper checks.*

Paper checks are acceptable. The check needs to be made out to Children's Miracle Network and either on the memo line or a note attached to the check, the contestant name and pageant name. This is the only way we can track the donated amounts to the contestants. All contestants need to take 5 minutes and register so when we get paper checks we can credit their website. These paper checks can be sent directly to CMN by the contestant. **It is the responsibility of the contestant.**

The contestants have to register for the pageant title they are competing for (not their current title if a local titleholder). This is how we track donations made for them. See next page for form to be used when submitting a check.

Even if no donations have been secured, a qualification report still has to be made to prove registration. Failure to document the \$100 minimum for each local will result in the contestant not being eligible to compete.

Paper check mail in form:

Children's Miracle Network & Miss America Information for: ____ (State)

Donor Name: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Contestant Name: _____

Pageant: _____ State: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Check Number: _____

Checks made payable to: Children's Miracle Network

*Please include Contestant Name on check (ex. on memo line)

Mail this info and check to: Children's Miracle Network

Miss America Scholarship Accounting

4525 South 2300 East

Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Attach check here.....

Congratulations on becoming involved with the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Last year the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$43 million in scholarship assistance to young women.

In 2007, the Miss America Organization partnered with Children's Miracle Network – an alliance of children's hospitals – to develop a National Platform. Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America, Europe, and Australia. The 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help over 17 million kids each year overcome diseases and injuries of every kind.

How to Register as a Contestant of a Local Pageant

Each contestant is asked to register online at www.MissAmerica4Kids.org. At the right-hand side of the page about half way down is a button that says "New Contestant – CLICK HERE." Click on that button and you're well on your way to competing in the Miss America system. You will then see a screen like this:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.missamerica4kids.org/createaccount.aspx. The page features a banner for Caressa Cameron, Miss America 2010, and a navigation menu with buttons for Home, Miracle Story, Partnership, Search for Contestant, and Login. The main content area is titled "Registration > Create Profile" and contains a form with the following fields:

- * First Name: Kirk
- * Last Name: Ryder
- * Birth Date: Month: 01, Day: 22, Year: 1989
- * Email: kirk@missamerica.org
- * Phone: kirk@missamerica.org
- * Address: 573 Bonita Ave
- * City: Las Vegas
- * State: Nevada
- * Zip: 89104
- * Password: [Redacted]
- * Verify Password: [Redacted]
- Upload Photo: [Select] [Clear]

At the bottom of the form is a "REGISTER" button. On the right side of the page, there is a "Returning Contestant" button with "CLICK HERE" text, and a "New Contestant" button with "CLICK HERE" text. Below the "New Contestant" button is a small image of a child and the text "Help kids like Colby" and "See his photo story here".

Fill out the mandatory fields (marked by an asterisk *) and click REGISTER at the bottom of the page.

Choose from the drop-down list of pageants a local pageant....



Your fundraising goal is automatically raised \$100 every time you choose another local pageant, up to \$400. You may increase your goal to any amount over the minimum required amount.

Minimum Fundraising Goal for each Pageant

Local: \$100 State: \$250 National: \$500
 i.e. Registration for 3 local pageants requires a minimum goal of \$300

Automatic Qualification Status: Raise \$400 or more at the local level and you are qualified for all local pageants. Once you have entered the pageants you plan to enter, you will see the pageant(s) listed.

Send Emails

Click on "Send Emails" on the left hand side and enter email addresses to send to your friends and family. **Tip:** send one email to yourself to your own email address, then when you get that email from the system, add a personal note to that email and forward that email to as many as you like within your own email system. You could ask for \$5, \$10, \$20 or whatever they can give to both great causes.

It is as simple as that. You may track your progress and see how you are doing. The more emails you send, the more funds you raise for both of these great organizations. Yes, these funds are for both entities – the donations help increase the future scholarship fund at the Local, State and National Levels, as well as go to supporting the children’s hospitals.

Please take a few minutes to register for the pageant in which you will be competing at:
www.MissAmerica4Kids.org.

If you have questions please contact:

Kirk Ryder

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Eleven lucky steps to registering for the National Platform:

1. Fill in all the data lines that have an asterisk at the beginning of them. All the data.
2. You have choices as shown in the dropdown boxes where it asks you to "Select".
3. The Pageant State is where you are competing in a pageant.
4. The Pageant year is **2019**. (These pageants have winners that will go to the State 2011 pageant and may be in calendar year 2010 or 2011.)
5. Title Competing For: is the title of the pageant you are currently, for this specific pageant, competing for. You are asked to return to this like when you enter the next pageant and change this name to the pageant that you are then competing for. You may have multiple pageants that you enter.
6. Your expected minimum goal is \$100 for each local pageant level but you may select a higher goal. This minimum local pageant goal of \$100 is for the National Platform which is very similar to the personal platform that you may have.
7. Fill in everything with an * in from of the line.
8. Upload a picture (if you want to, this is optional).
9. Then click on Save to save and file the data.
10. You will get to a page that tells you that you have saved the data.
11. Next, click on "Send emails" on the left hand side and enter email addresses to send to your friends and family. (Hint: send one email to yourself at your own email address, then when you get that email from the system, add a personal note to that email and forward this email to as many as you like within your own email system. This way you will know who you sent the email to.)

The funds raised are under your name and roll-over to qualify you for future pageants within this Pageant Cycle. For example, if you raise \$500 then you are pre-qualified for 5 local pageants. But, for each pageant you compete in you must update your profile on MissAmerica4Kids.org to reflect that newly entered pageant name. If you win local pageant #2, then the \$300 excess (\$100 was used for each of the 2 local pageants leaving \$300 left over) is applied to the State Pageant minimum goal of \$250 and you have already met that goal and are qualified for the State Pageant automatically.

It is as simple as that. You may track your progress and see how you are doing. The more emails you send, the more funds you raise for both of these great organizations. Yes, these funds are for both entities – the donations help increase the future scholarship fund at the Local, State and National Levels, as well as go to supporting the children's hospitals.

So, please take 5 minutes and go to MissAmerica4Kids.org and register for the pageant you will be competing in. If you elect to compete in additional local pageants simply return to MissAmerica4Kids.org and update your pageant you are competing in (select the next pageant you are entering). Good luck and enjoy the priceless experience you will have.



Children's Miracle Network/Miss America Organization Donation Roll-Over Information

Donations, in excess of the minimum amount required for each pageant, collected by a contestant, may be rolled-over for use in multiple Local pageants to State & National pageants within a pageant cycle. A pageant cycle starts with the Local pageant that leads to State, which leads to the National pageant for a title leading to Miss America within that pageant cycle. When a contestant starts a new pageant cycle at the Local level (which could involve several Local Pageants for that cycle), no funds are rolled over from the prior pageant cycle (Miss America title) and everyone is at the same starting place for fundraising.

Local Level:

All contestants must register at MissAmerica4Kids.org. Even though a contestant may have been involved in the Miss America Pageant system last pageant cycle, a new ID is needed when the contestant enters their first Local Pageant of the Pageant Cycle. That ID chosen for the first Local Pageant will be used by that contestant throughout the pageant season for that pageant cycle. **DO NOT** create a new ID for each pageant within a pageant cycle.

Any donations collected, in excess of the \$100 for Pageant 1, will automatically roll-over into the contestants excess account and will be used toward their fundraising goal for Pageant 2. Any excess funds from Pageant 2 will automatically roll-over and will be used toward their fundraising goal for Pageant 3, etc.

Contestants will still need to raise a minimum of \$100 per Local pageant entered and must register on line for each local pageant entered by going to MissAmerica4Kids.org and logging into their CMN personal page and selecting the new pageant for the title that they are then currently competing for. When changing the "Pageant competing for:" do not change your ID.

If the contestant does not go on to compete at the State level, any excess funds over the \$100 per pageant entered will be equally distributed among all of the local pageants the contestant competed in.

State Level:

Should the contestant win a Local pageant, any excess donations will automatically roll-over and be applied to the \$500 minimum required goal for the State pageant.

Should the state contestant raise funds (\$500 or more) while competing at the State level and registered for the state pageant, any roll-over of funds from the Local level that was used to initially qualify her for the state pageant, will revert back or return to the Local pageant accounts credit, if the contestant does not go on to the national level to use the excess donations to qualify for the national pageant.

National Level:

Should the contestant win the State pageant, any excess donations (from local & state levels) will automatically roll-over and be applied towards the \$1000 minimum required goal for the National pageant.

Like the State Level, should the now National contestant raise funds (\$1000 or more) while competing at the National level, the initial roll-over of funds from the Local &/or State level will revert back to the account of origin.

2018 Local CMNH Donations Form

Local Pageant: _____

	Contestant Name	CMNH Hours	CMNH Donations
1			
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	Totals	0	0

2017 Local Community Service Form

Local Pageant: _____

	Contestant Name	Community Service Project Name	Community Service Project Hours	Community Service Amount Raised
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	Totals		0	0

MISS VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION 2018 CONTESTANT PLATFORM CRITERIA

The Miss America Platform concept was officially instituted in 1989 order to showcase the social activism and intelligence of the women who compete in the Miss America programs on the local, state and national levels. Since that time, it has contributed to a positive shift in the public's perception of the Miss Virginia/Miss America Organization and elevated the job of state and local titleholders to that of a role model, spokesperson, and advocate. To ensure that your contestants' platform is effective, consider the following guidelines:

The platform should reflect an issue of concern to the American people. Make sure that the platform reflects an issue that a majority of citizens in this country would agree is important and significant to the public at large. Selecting a platform that is too narrow or esoteric can limit the impact and effectiveness of a local or state titleholder.

Your personal connection to the platform issue should be clearly understood. With increasing frequency, Miss Virginia titleholders are asked why they chose their platform issue - by media, government leaders, legislatures and many others. Therefore, it is critical that you provide a credible reason and sincere explanation for why you are committing your year of service to your issue. Be sure that you select an issue not because it is popular or trendy, but because it reflects who you are, what you've accomplished and where your heart lies.

Choose a platform that you have been personally involved in prior to the Competition. Because contestants must demonstrate that they have achieved significant accomplishments in their platform issue, you should choose one that reflects your volunteer work, professional experience, hours of service and personal involvement - prior to The Miss Virginia competition. You should have a passion for the issue and evidence it in all you say and do.

The platform should be of interest to corporations, the news media and other important audiences. Other important segments of our society can be very helpful in making your year of service successful. For instance, corporations which have an interest in your issue will likely partner with you to create exciting new initiatives. The news media will help you spread the word by writing in-depth articles about your work. Consider whether your platform issue reflects the support of such audiences.

It should be clear that you have researched; thought about and understand the platform and its impact for a broader audience. You should have thoroughly researched your platform so that after the Miss Virginia Pageant you will be able to operate as a knowledgeable advocate for it. The preparation will not only help you compete in the Miss Virginia program but better prepare you to go on to the Miss America Pageant. It will give you the credibility you need when speaking about the platform issue - before, during and after competition.

Be prepared to articulate your position on the issues. To be successful with your platform, make sure you have taken a position on the issues related to it, have considered solutions to platform-related problems, and have a clear but unique point of view about the issue and related matters. Consider what others are saying and thinking, but then make it your own.

Name: Jane Smith

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss Local, and perhaps Miss Virginia, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term "Cultural Diversity" is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learning and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice. This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously, the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lightning rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss Virginia Organization steps into the lead. What better role is there for Miss Virginia than to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

For years, Miss Virginia was seen as a young woman who cut ribbons and appeared in parades. It is time for "Miss Virginia" to step out of the convertible and *lead the parade*. Our country's ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen's fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this nation needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss Virginia, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our nation.

Signature/Date

Instructions for Completing the Miss Local Contestant's Resume

Please remember this is your opportunity to demonstrate to the judges why they should consider you for the job of Miss Local. You may list as many or as few items under each category as you desire. Your only restriction is that it must follow the established format and it must fit on one page. This page, combined with the Platform Statement, will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted. Any items submitted that do not fit the established criteria will be returned for correction only once. Any items, which do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline, will not be given to the judges. If your resume arrives on the day of the deadline, but does not meet the criteria, there will not be time to return it to you; therefore, it will not be given to the judges. The contestant may explain the lack of judging materials during her interview, if she so chooses.

1. Go to the word processing program of your computer.
2. Start a "new" document.
3. Set margins for 1" on all four sides. The font style may not be any smaller than "10" and no larger than "12" point type, using the Times New Roman font style. Please refer to the attached sample to verify you are following the requested format.
4. With the justification set for left, type **"Name:"** in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your name as you wish the judges to know it. (If your name is LaCricia Deborah Smith and you want to be known as "Deborah Smith", please type "Deborah Smith").
5. Then, move to the next line and type **"Hometown:"** in bold. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar once. Then, type your hometown including the city and the state.
6. Move to the next line. Now set your justification to the right. Type **"Date of Birth:"** in bold. Hit the space bar two (2) times, and type the month, day, and year of your birth. (Ex. October 10, 1997)
7. Move Justification to the left. Double space down and type **"Education:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times and then type your most recent school first. If it is grad school, indicate it as such. List degree seeking (all on the same line as the name of the school), move to the line underneath that to list your undergraduate school and degree sought/achieved, and below that list your high school.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Platform Issue:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the TITLE of your platform, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. DO NOT TYPE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE TITLE.
9. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Scholastic/Career Ambition:"** in bold. Hit the Tab bar once, MAKING SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT. Then type the type of degree/education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
10. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Talent:"** in bold. Hit the tab bar three times. Type the type of talent and specific selection. MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE INFORMATION ABOVE IT. (i.e. Pop Vocal - "Crying", Tap Dance - "Staying Alive", etc.)

11. Double space down. Type **"Scholastic Honors:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
12. Double space down. Type **"Leadership Roles:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
13. Double space down. Type **"Accomplishments:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
14. Double space down. Type **"Interesting Facts:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
15. Double space down. Type **"Employment:"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).

**Pay attention here to the next three questions.*

16. Double space down. Type **"How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
17. Double space down. Type **"Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss Virginia Pageant?"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.
18. Double Space down. Type **"What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?"** in bold. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

The entire form **MUST FIT ON ONE PAGE** using the Times New Roman font style.
You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page.

Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you. Use your space wisely. Attached you will see an example of what it should look like. Any variations from this form will not be returned to you and will not be considered acceptable. The judges will receive your original work.

This form will be given to the judges along with your platform statement. You will notice there is a **REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE** at the bottom of the platform statement. When these two pages are put together, they will create your entire application. Your signature will cover the materials listed **ON BOTH PAGES**. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing your local/state title.

Some spacing issues may arise. Simply follow the example provided.

Name: Jane Smith
Hometown: Anytown, America

Date of Birth: December 29, 1996

Education: University of State – sophomore – Bachelor of Science, Liberal Arts
Frederick Douglass High School

Platform Issue: Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

Scholastic/Career Ambition: Obtain a Masters of Business Administration

Talent: Pop Vocal / “Fallen”

Scholastic Honors: Recipient of National Coca-Cola Scholarship; Recipient of the Metropolitan Urban League National Scholarship; Dean’s List; Member of the President’s Leadership Council at the UCF

Leadership Roles: Created and implemented a comprehensive Cultural Diversity Education Curriculum for grades K-12 in twelve Public Schools; University Student Body Senator; H.S. Sr. Class Pres.; College Sorority President.

Accomplishments: Recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Community; Recipient of the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; Performer, Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; Piano Performance scholarship at State University.

Interesting Facts: First person on either side of my family to attend college; Youngest of five children with a 13-year gap between me and my next oldest sister and an almost 20-year gap between the oldest and myself.

Employment: Internship with a Law Firm; Internship with local ABC television affiliate; Student Assistant at State University.

How has the world you come from shaped your dreams and aspirations?

I come from a loving, supportive family that has always taught me to work hard for the things I want to achieve. Growing up, my parents always encouraged us to get involved with our local community and help those who were less fortunate than us. They tried to instill good values in us and to always guide us on the right path. I think it is because of these lessons my parents taught me that I want to make a difference in today’s world. I aspire to be a woman of great influence, preferably working in the non-profit sector, where I can apply my talents for the greater good and help to change people’s lives. One person truly can make a difference, and I am on my way to proving that cliché. I also dream to one day have a loving family of my own, with beautiful children in whom I can instill the same core values that my parents gave to me.

Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss Virginia Organization?

Along with providing the financial assistance for young women to fulfill our educational goals, the Miss America Organization gives us the opportunity to bring national attention to a cause dear to our hearts. If I were to become Miss America, I know that my voice would be heard as a spokesperson for my personal platform, as well as the national platform. Raising awareness of important social and political issues has always been important to me, and Miss America provides the perfect arena for that.

What social issue, other than your platform, will have the greatest impact on your generation and why?

Although I’m not sure I would consider it a social issue, I think technological advancements will have the greatest social impact on my generation. Technology is changing everything – the way we communicate, our lifestyles, access to information – it’s all right at your fingertips! That can be a double-edged sword. I believe we run the risk of losing both interpersonal and language skills due to the ease and speed of communicating electronically. I believe our educators should address this issue immediately, or it may, unfortunately, have the greatest impact on my generation and every generation to follow.