

2012 Miss Apple Blossom Festival Scholarship Program

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

August 2011

Dear Contestant,

On behalf of the Miss Apple Blossom Festival Pageant, I'm inviting you to become one of our contestants for our 2012 Pageant. Our pageant is set for Saturday, November 12th, 2011 at Daniel Morgan Middle School in Winchester. We hope to be offering over \$9,000.00 in scholarship awards for the contestants placing in the Top 5, along with numerous other gifts and prizes. We have only ONE mandatory full dress rehearsal, scheduled for Friday, November 11th, 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 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 June 2012. 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, Nov. 11th), 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.

As you may already be aware, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) was selected in 2007 as the official national platform of the Miss America Organization (MAO). In order to participate in a local pageant, MAO requires each contestant to raise a minimum of \$100 for a local pageant, \$250 for a state pageant, and \$500 for the national pageant – this benefits the Miss America Scholarship and CMNH. To raise funds, here are the steps:

- Go to <http://www.missamerica4kids.org/>
- Click on the new contestant button below and complete your profile
- Send emails to your family and friends
- Monitor your results

You are encouraged to send as many emails to friends and family as you can. Our 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 – no exceptions as this is a state 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 will serve as a program ambassador and public relations representative of the Miss Apple Blossom Festival Scholarship Program. She will have numerous required appearances throughout her reign, and will also serve as the official hostess of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival during the first weekend of May 2012. She is required to speak at various civic and charity functions about her platform and this organization. She may perform for fundraisers, charities, schools, churches, etc. She must be flexible, personally organized, and self-disciplined. In addition, she is required to have reliable transportation to travel to her assigned designations, and to be on time.

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 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 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,

Bridget Aikens & Crystal Pullen
Miss Apple Blossom Festival Pageant

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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 type of talent will you present? _____

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

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

Instrumental – piano/violin Other: _____

What is the title of your platform? _____

Instructions:

Please include a recent photograph with this entry form, which you may send as an attachment on email. The photo will be used in the program book 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 three 4x6 photos to Bridget's address – 1914 Green Spring Road, Winchester VA 22603. Upon receipt of your entry form and photos, I will send you more detailed information for our competition weekend. Please email all questions and 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 above directions and 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: _____