



MISS LAUREL HIGHLANDS
Scholarship Pageant

GUIDELINES FOR ALL * MISS & TEEN CONTESTANTS*

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The Miss Laurel Highlands Scholarship Organization proudly anticipates our third annual local pageant to the Miss America Scholarship Organization. Welcome Contestants to the Miss Laurel Highlands Pageant.

PAGEANT DATE: The pageant will be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**, at 6:30 P.M. in the Tropical Courtyard of the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Somerset. There is No rehearsal Friday evening, but if the courtyard is not booked, it *may* be possible to rehearse on your own. Pageant day will start early in the morning. All contestants in **MISS** and **TEEN** are expected to arrive promptly. A Pageant Itinerary of Pageant Day will be sent at a later time. **YOU MUST BE ON TIME** per the Pageant Day Itinerary and Interview Schedules.

DEADLINES: All required paperwork must be received by **November 20, 2011**.

Please do not wait till last minute. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis.

As soon as you are interested in competing in the pageant, please inform us with the contact information provided.

ORIENTATION: Mandatory Orientation is the morning of pageant day –Saturday, December 3, 2011.

ALL **Miss** and **Teen** Contestants are required to be at the Quality Inn's Tropical Courtyard early morning.

The Pageant Itinerary will provide more information later.

Bring your 2 CD's to orientation for Adam, our DJ.

Dress casual and comfortable.

STATE ORIENTATION: All the New 2012 Titleholder Representatives will be mandated to attend the State Orientation and compete for Miss Pennsylvania 2012 and Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen 2012.

INTERVIEWS: Private Interviews will be held at the Quality Inn. The schedule will be announced later.

REHEARSALS: All rehearsals will be held pageant day. Please remember to pick up your CD's after you rehearse your talent with Adam, the DJ. Bring everything you need to perform your talent to rehearsal and be dressed and able to perform. Bring your heels if you want to practice in them for the modeling patterns.

ALL paperwork must be typed. Follow the checklist from the web site under "Contestant Info" as a guide to meet all requirements as per the Miss Pennsylvania and Miss America Scholarship Organizations.

MISS Contestants - CMN Local Requirement: There is no entry fee for the MISS contestants. However, they are required to raise \$100 for a Charitable Contribution to the Children's Miracle Network. More details are expressed under "Contestant Info" on the web site.

TEEN Entry Fee: The **TEEN** contestant entry fee is **\$100**. Checks/Money Orders are to be made to "MLHSO".

Princess For a Day: We are also having a Miss Laurel Highlands "**Princess For a Day**" fundraiser. Princess Participation fee is \$40. The Princesses will be a part of the pageant, announced on stage and each will receive a rhinestone tiara and will be crowned by a current titleholder. Princesses will also spend private time with the titleholders before the pageant begins. Please note, this is not a Princess pageant, but rather a time for these little girls to feel that special Princess Feeling for a Day. If you know any little girl that would like to be a Princess, please have them contact the MLHSO for more details or visit the MLHSO web site www.MissLaurelHighlandsPageant.org for the application and visit our princess photo section of the 2010 and 2011 Princesses. The 2012 Princesses will have photos on the MLHSO web site.

TALENT: For **talent**, there is a piano, there are very high ceilings for batons, and there is a slate floor for the tappers. Adam our DJ is back. Bring 2 CD's of your talent, marked with your name and title for the Mandatory Morning Orientation. No cassette tapes are accepted. Please remember to pick up your CD's after you rehearse with Adam.

INTRODUCTIONS: The public is unable to see your Private Interview. Your interview outfits are to be worn for your Introductions at the beginning of the pageant for both MISS and TEEN Contestants.

ON-STAGE Questions: MISS Contestants will wear their Interview Outfits for their On Stage Question part of the competition.

RESERVATIONS: The Quality Inn & Conference Center is conveniently located right off Exit 110 – Somerset – of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The motel is in full view on your right while paying your toll. Make an immediate right into the Quality Inn Entrance. If you went to the red light, you went too far. Make sure to mention you are with the pageant for your discounted rate when making reservation. Contact information for the Quality Inn is on our web site. Please let me know if you are staying in a room at the Quality Inn.

Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to:

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Please send paperwork ASAP.

Reserve your space and join our list of contestants by sending your Application, Fact Sheet and your Photo.

Other paperwork may follow in a timely manner.

Important Dates of the STATE pageant that are MANDATORY for our new Titleholders

April 14, 2012 - Miss Pennsylvania and Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen Orientation

May 26, 2012 is Miss Pennsylvania Finals
May 20th - May 26th Pageant Week.- Mandated

Contestants will arrive May 20, 2012.

Miss Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen Pageant is May 25, 2012, followed by the Gala.

Host hotel remains the same, Comfort Inn RIDC Park.

Pageant and Orientation will be held at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts at Shadyside Academy.

www.thehillman.org will give you more information.