



MISS RIVER QUEEN/TEEN PAGEANT March 27, 2010

Pageant Introduction

From: Nikki Loos Peterson & Nicole Aquino Lamm / Executive Directors

Hello, and thank you for your interest in the Miss River Queen/Teen Pageant! The winners will serve as ambassadors during the 2010 Rivers & Spires Festival, held in downtown Clarksville April 15-17. The winners will also advance to the Miss Tennessee USA or Teen USA Pageants to be held in October 2010. **Your entry fee to the state pageant will be paid as part of your Miss River Queen/Teen prize package!**

Listed below are the steps to entering the 2010 Miss River Queen/Teen Pageant and an overview of what to expect during pageant weekend. Please feel free to contact us at any time with any additional questions or concerns.

How to Enter:

Due March 5, 2010

- Complete the Application Form
- Submit your \$50 Entry Fee (Checks made payable to Rivers & Spires Festival)
- Complete your signed Eligibility Statement
- Submit your 5x7 black & white or color photo, head shot only (may be candid or professional)
- Complete your Delegate Information Sheet
- Complete your Personal Bio

Due March 12, 2010:

- Complete your Ad Page Information Sheet
- Submit your \$300 Ad Page Fee (Checks made payable to Rivers & Spires Festival)

Mail to:

Rivers & Spires Festival/River Queen
Attn: Nikki Loos Peterson
25 Jefferson St. Suite 300
Clarksville, TN 37040

Pageant Day:

Saturday, March 27, 2010

8:00a.m. Delegate Check-in & Orientation in Clement Auditorium, APSU campus. (Parents may attend check-in and orientation, but then you must say goodbye!)

9:00a.m. Rehearsal

11:00p.m. Break for lunch

12:00p.m. Prepare for Interviews

12:30p.m. Interviews Begin

3:00p.m. Dress Rehearsal

5:00p.m. Break for dinner

6:00p.m. Prepare for Pageant

6:30p.m. Doors open to public. Tickets are \$10/person.

7:00p.m. Miss River Queen/Teen Pageant

The winner of the Miss River Queen/Teen Pageant will advance to the Miss Tennessee USA & Miss Tennessee Teen USA Pageant in October 2010. The prize package includes paid entry into the state pageant plus many more wonderful prizes! Prizes are currently being secured and will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

Pageant Competition:

Each contestant will compete in three equal phases of preliminary competition: swimsuit, evening gown, and private interview. The scores from the phases of competition are added up, and the contestants with the highest composite scores become finalists. The number of finalists will be determined by the total number of contestants in the competition. Scoring is based on the following:

- Swimsuit: Each contestant is evaluated on her physical fitness, stage-presence, and overall impression.
- Evening Gown: Each contestant is evaluated on grace, poise, style, stage presence, the confidence with which she carries herself, and overall-impresion.
- Interview: Private interviews are personal one-on-one style. It's very comfortable and conversational. Contestants are scored on their communication skills and personality. They are NOT scored on their opinions or personal beliefs.

The top finalists will then each have an on-stage interview. The interview will be conducted by the emcee. After the top finalists' interviews, the judges will select a winner and her runners-up in each age division.

Pageant Wardrobe:

Please dress comfortably for check-in and rehearsals. You will be learning choreography for opening production number. You will have time to *freshen* your hair and make-up before the judges' interviews, but not style your hair and make-up completely. Please arrive accordingly, i.e. in daytime hair and make-up. There will be ample time to style your hair and make-up before the final show, however.

Wardrobe:

- **Opening Production Number:** Delegates must wear a knee length or an above the knee black cocktail type dress (please use proper length judgment... girls will be on an elevated stage). We ask that the dresses be plain black with no added colors or beading. Keep it fun and trendy! Silver jewelry and accessories are allowable. Have fun with the jewelry! Ensure that you can move appropriately in the outfit during production and choreography. Neutral (taupe, gold, silver) strappy heels are preferred.

- **Private Interview:** You should choose an outfit that you find appropriate for a job interview, and that reflects your personality. The outfit should make you feel comfortable and confident. The most important thing is to wear something that you would normally wear. Do not choose an outfit that is too flashy, as it might be distracting. Do not choose cocktail attire. There should be no beads, sequins, etc. Select shoes and pantyhose (if worn) that compliment your outfit. Earrings, broaches, bracelets, etc. are appropriate when not overdone. Accessories should be used to only enhance your outfit. NOTE: On-stage interviews will be conducted for the top finalists. All on-stage interviews will be conducted in your competition evening gown. No additional outfit is needed for on-stage interviews.

- **Swimsuit:** One or two piece swimwear is acceptable. String bikinis are not allowed. The color and style is up to you. No body jewelry (other than earrings) is to be worn with swimwear. Neutral (taupe, gold, silver) strappy heels are preferred.

- **Evening Gown:** All contestants must have a full-length evening gown of their choice. The style, design, and color are up to you. It can be elaborate, or very simple. Your gown should represent YOUR own personality and taste. Remember, you can look like a million bucks without spending a million bucks! Teens are encouraged to wear gowns that reflect a more youthful style and look than the Miss contestants.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

We look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

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