

## Miss Marshall County Pageant 2009 Rules and Information

1. The Miss Marshall County Pageant, sponsored by the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2009. It is held outside, around the pool at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, 1551 Mooresville Highway, Lewisburg, TN. Festivities will start at 6:00pm with the Little Miss and Mister kicking it off. Contestants will compete in casual wear and evening gown competitions, and a finalist interview. We **will not** have afternoon, individual interviews with judges prior to the pageant. **DEADLINE TO ENTER PAGEANT IS JUNE 12, 2009 at 4:00pm.** The theme for the pageant is patriotic in honor of July 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - A. Casual Wear: You may wear capri's, skorts/shorts, or skirts. **DO NOT wear mini skirts or short shorts.** The pageant director has the authority to reject inappropriate outfits.
  - B. Evening Gown: This phase is to show the elegant side of you. We are asking the judges to judge you, not the evening gown. In the past, evening gowns have been borrowed, rented, made, or recycled. Wear the gown that makes you look wonderful. Please be prepared to stand and walk with poise in high heels.
  - C. Finalist Interview: Finalists will be asked a question from a list of twenty-five possible questions, a copy of which you will receive before the night of the pageant.
2. Between now and the pageant, practice walking and turning in the shoes that you will be wearing in each category. The more you practice, the more comfortable you will become. Remember to hold your head high, you shoulders back and smile at the judges.
3. **You must bring to one of the practices your casual wear outfit for the competition.** Again, the Pageant Director has the authority to reject any inappropriate outfits. The shorts/skirts must be about 4 inches above the knee. These rules apply to practices as well.
4. **For each rehearsal you should bring the shoes you will be wearing for each category. The rehearsals are to help with organizing the pageant and to practice where you will stand, enter and exit, and speak into the microphone.**
5. We will be using the Recreation Center facilities for dressing on July 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be given a pass for the gate and for a parking pass.

6. In order to minimize confusion, **each girl will be allowed one dresser to assist with changes.** This person should be someone who will be calm and efficient. We strongly advise against using your mother as your dresser. No one else will be allowed in the dressing room---NO EXCEPTIONS! Your dresser will be given a pass for the gate and for the dressing room.
7. You will be more relaxed if your hair and makeup are handled before you arrive for the pageant. **The Little Miss and Mister Contest will be held before the Miss Marshall County Pageant.** This means you will not have long to dress between the sportswear and evening gown competition.
8. A gift will be given to “Miss Congeniality”. On the last night of practice, each contestant will be asked to vote for her choice of “Miss Congeniality”. Remember this during the photo session and during practice. The more fun you have, the more fun the contest will be for everyone!
9. Please tell boyfriends, friends, and family members that dressing rooms are off limits. We intend to keep each contestant secluded during the times she is not on stage. It would be helpful for you to bring a cooler with drinks and any snacks; you might want to bring extension cords, mirrors, chairs, and a small table.
10. **You will be responsible for finding a sponsor.** The sponsor must be a chamber member. We can provide you with a list of members, but they are available online at [www.marshallchamber.org](http://www.marshallchamber.org). The sponsorship fee is \$100.00. The fee must be paid by June 26<sup>th</sup> or you will not be able to participate. If your sponsor asks you what benefits they will get out of their sponsorship money, you may tell the sponsor that their business will be mentioned each time the contestant is mentioned and included in the program as well. The sponsorship fee helps pay for producing the pageant. If you have somebody in particular that you would like to sponsor you and they are not a member, they can contact the Chamber of Commerce at 359-3863 for information on how to become a member. **Again, the sponsor must be a Chamber member!**
11. **Applicants must have lived in Marshall County for the past year, be between the ages of 16 and 24, have never been married or born a child.**
12. **DEADLINE TO ENTER PAGEANT IS JUNE 12, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE MARSHALL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 227 2ND AVENUE NORTH, LEWISBURG, TN. PHONE: 359-3863. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

13. The winner of the Miss Marshall County Pageant will be required to make appearances throughout her reign to represent the Chamber of Commerce. She will be required to sign a "Princess Agreement" by the Chamber of Commerce, that her actions during her rein as Miss Marshall County will be a positive reflection on the Chamber and on Marshall County. The top five may be called upon to be ribbon presenters at area horse shows.

14. Current crown holders from any of the county's city pageants are not eligible to enter.

**\*Don't forget the deadline to enter the pageant is June 12, 2009 at 4:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Jennie Carroll at 993-7537 or Sue at 359-3863.**

#### **PRACTICE AND EVENT DATES:**

**First Meeting and Pictures for program and paper: June 16 5:30pm Little Miss and Mr. 6:00pm Miss Marshall County at the home of Melody Spence, 1263 W. Ellington Pkwy. across from Little Tikes Daycare**

**Practice at Recreation Center: June 23 7:00pm**

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**Chamber Breakfast: Thursday, July 2nd 7:30am Recreation Center Banquet Room (you will introduce yourself as a contestant and tell your sponsor; dressy/casual attire)**

**WAXO Interview: Following the Breakfast you will go to WAXO for a radio interview. (You will be responsible for going by WAXO on your own; go directly after breakfast ends around 8:30am. Again, you will tell your name and sponsor and invite everyone to come to the pageant)**

**Final Practice at Recreation Center: July 3 7:00pm**

**Pageant: July 4, 2009, 7:00pm (Arrive by 6:00pm)**

**MISS MARSHALL COUNTY APPLICATION 2009**  
**Sponsored by the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce**

Date of Pageant: Saturday, July 4, 2009; Cost: \$100

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(UNDERSCORE THE NAME YOU ARE CALLED)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**\*please include an alternate phone number where you may be reached.** \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

(INCLUDE ALL STEP PARENTS) \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
IF GRADUATED, WHAT YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST SKILLS AND TRAINING RECEIVED**

(i.e., piano, voice, band, dance, twirling, art, drama, gymnastics, modeling, chorus, group performance, etc.)

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**LIST HOBBIES AND SPORTS YOU ENJOY**

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STATISTICS: HAIR COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_  
HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP) AND HONORS RECEIVED.

**REMEMBER THIS IS THE INFORMATION THAT THE EMCEE WILL USE. (Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary and attach to the application.)**

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PART TIME JOB OR SUMMER JOB \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Return application to the Chamber of Commerce office at 227 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N., Lewisburg, TN 37091
- **Deadline for receipt of applications at the Chamber office is June 12, 2009 at 4:00 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- For rules and information go by the Chamber of Commerce or call 359-3863. A copy of both will be given out when you turn your application in.
- Applicants must have lived in Marshall Count for the past year, be between the ages of 16 and 24, and never born a child.
- A current crown holder from any county's city pageants is not eligible to participate.