

Dear Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the first annual Miss Harvest Homecoming's Preteen Camp/ Workshop. We're excited to welcome you as part of our first group of preteen girls to get to experience our new program! This year, we will be offering a wonderful opportunity including crowning photos with our reigning queens, lunch with your fellow participants, rehearsal for the Princess/ Preteen number, and four 30 minute sessions to focus on preparing you for Teen/ Miss competition in the future.

Since its beginnings on the famed Atlantic City Boardwalk in 1921, The Miss America Organization remains today the nation's largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women, awarding millions every year in cash awards and in-kind scholarships. This assistance is not just for the handful of young women who become Miss America, but is available to the over 12,000 young women who compete in the state and local competitions as well.

We are serving this program because we believe in the Miss America Organization. Many of us have benefited from the program and acknowledge the impact it has made in our lives. We hope that you will consider participating with an open mind, putting aside any preconceived notions you might have about what a pageant is.

Miss America, and its preliminary scholarship pageants, are not beauty pageants. The Miss America Organization prides itself on its focus of intelligence, talent, community service, and character. The interview, on-stage question and talent competition make up 65% of the overall score. This is the foundation of our scholarship program.

We look forward to working with you in the 2016 Miss Harvest Homecoming's Preteen Camp/ Workshop. Please read over ALL paperwork and the contestant contract for eligibility requirements and program dates/times. It is important that you understand all rules and requirements.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to seeing you as a participant this year!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Krammes

Director, Miss Harvest Homecoming's Preteen Camp

Please contact Gretchen Krammes at preteendirector@missharvesthomecoming.com or 502-489-4095 with any questions.

Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Information

*All rehearsals, run-throughs, etc. are CLOSED to the public-including parents.
Registration form, participation fee, required paperwork, etc. are due no later than
July 16, 2016.*

We are limiting Preteen Camp enrollment to 15 participants. The first to commit via email or phone will have spots held. If fees and paperwork are not received by July, 16, we will contact the next name on the waiting list.

There is an \$80 fee to participate in the Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Camp.

Includes:

- 2 tickets to the Miss Harvest Homecoming and Outstanding Teen Pageant. One for Preteen, and one for an adult.
- Autographed Photo of Miss Harvest Homecoming 2015, Laura Merida, Miss Harvest Homecoming's Outstanding Teen 2015, Blair Barker, and Miss Harvest Homecoming's Preteen 2015, Ellise Edwards.
- Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Tiara
- Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen T-shirt
- Preteen Luncheon
- 4 intensive sessions with Ellise Edwards and other former title holders.
- Princess/Preteen Production number with Miss and Outstanding Teen Contestants
- Enjoy the spotlight as you walk the stage and do a short introduction during the Miss/ Teen Pageant.
- Ride or walk in the Harvest Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

All Preteen participants must meet the following criteria:

- Preteen participants must be at least 10 years old and no older than 12 on or before August 13, 2016.**
- Preteen participants must have transportation to and from the following events:**
 - 1. Rehearsal: St. Marks Church in New Albany on August 11, 2016**
 - 2. Pageant day: Floyd Central High School on August 13, 2016.
*Please see arrival/ pick-up times below.**
 - 3. Parade day: meet at information booth on Vincennes St., October 1, 2016.**

August 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Rehearsal at St. Marks Church in New Albany, IN. You will receive your Preteen t-shirt. Dress comfortably.

August 13, 2016

9:45 a.m. Preteens arrive at Floyd Central High School auditorium wearing your Preteen Tshirt.
10:00 a.m. Princess/ Preteen number rehearsal/Crowning photos with current queens/Group photo
11:00 a.m. Preteen Lunch
12:00 p.m. Preteen intensives start
2:00 p.m. Preteen pick-up
5:45 p.m. Preteens arrive for Miss and Outstanding Teen Pageant wearing white dresses and tiaras
6:00 p.m. Doors open for Miss and Outstanding Teen Pageant
6:30 p.m. Miss and Outstanding Teen Pageant starts

*Tickets will be available at our rehearsals and at the door the evening of the pageant. Tickets for the Miss Harvest Homecoming/Miss Harvest Homecoming Outstanding Teen Pageant are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, children 3-12, and senior citizens. Children 2 and under are free. All people attending must purchase a ticket to watch the each pageant.

Preteen Camp Requirements

- Completed paperwork and registration form.
- Current photo for the program in **.jpg format**. (No crowns, please)
- Resume- Please see resume criteria and example below.
- **Knee length white party dress** for the Princess/Preteen number.

*Email paperwork, photo, and resume to preteendirector@missharvesthomecoming.com by July 16, 2016.

We are limiting Preteen Camp enrollment to the first 15 applicants

2016 Instructions for Completing the Local Contestant's Resume

This is your opportunity to demonstrate to your mock judges why they should consider you for the future job of Miss Harvest Homecoming's Outstanding Teen. 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 (1) page. This page will comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted.

1. Create a "New" document with your computer's Word program.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. Then, move to the next line and type **"Title:" in bold**. Following the colon (:), hit the space bar twice. Then, type your local title.
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, 2003)
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.
8. Double space down. Hit the tab bar once. Type **"Scholastic/Career Ambition:" in bold**. Hit the Tab bar once, **MAKE SURE IT LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS ABOVE IT**. Then type the type of education you would ultimately like to achieve and beneath that, list your career ambition.
9. 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.)
10. Double space down. Type **"Volunteer Activity:" in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Each item should be separated by a semi-colon (;).
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 **"Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why have you chosen to succeed in the Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Camp?" in bold**. Hit the space bar twice. Please answer the question in sentence form.

**The entire form MUST FIT ON ONE (1) PAGE using the Times New Roman font style.
You must leave a 1" margin on all four sides of the page.
If spacing issues arise, simply follow the example provided.**

Use your best judgment on what is most important for the judges to know about you.
Use the space wisely. Attached is an example of what the Resume should look like.

The Resume is given to the judges with a copy of your photo. You will notice there is a **REQUIRED SIGNATURE LINE** at the bottom of the Resume. Your signature verifies that everything on your forms is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on this forms is not true, correct and factual, you risk disqualification from competing in the competition and losing your local title.

SAMPLE RESUME SHEET

Name: Jane Doe

Title: Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Camp

Hometown: New Albany, IN

Date of Birth: March 23, 2003

Education (Grade/Current School): 5th Grade, Highland Hills Middle School

Scholastic/Career Ambition: To obtain an Academic Honors Diploma and attend college

Talent: Jazz Dance, "Hot Honey Rag"

Volunteer Activity: Girl Scouts of America, Floyd County Animal Rescue League, Junior Beta Club

Scholastic Honors: "All A" Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance K-5, HHMS "Star Award," Presidential Fitness Award, Floyd County Spelling Bee Winner 2011.

Leadership Roles: Captain of the 5th grade Dazzlers, Girl Scout, Section Leader in Choir at HHMS.

Accomplishments: NDA National Dance Champions-Dazzlers, Runner-up in state Spelling Bee, Performed at Derby Dinner Playhouse, Superior Rating at ISSMA Vocal Contest.

Interesting Facts: I am the oldest of six children, I have been in a Broadway musical, I can count to 100 in three languages.

Of all the ways you could succeed in your life, why did you choose to succeed in the Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Camp?

As someone that hopes to compete at the Teen and Miss level in the future, I think it is important that I open myself up to as much experience as possible. I chose to succeed in the Miss Harvest Homecoming Preteen Camp, so that I can better myself and learn tips and tricks from experienced past title holders. I am excited to get to be a part of this program!

Preteen Registration Form

Name (print as it will appear in program): _____

Age (as of August 13, 2016): _____ Birth date: _____

Grade Level in 2016-2017: _____ School: _____

Parent(s) Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

T-shirt size (youth)

Child Small (5-6)

Child Medium (7-8)

Child Large (10-12)

Child XL (12-14)

Adult Small

Adult Medium

As parents/guardians, I/we grant permission for pictures of my child to be used for media purposes and posted on the Miss Harvest Homecoming Pageant website/Facebook page and Harvest Homecoming website. (Please check below.)

Agree to allow use of pictures

Do not post pictures

*Additional notes/information that may be useful in providing your Preteen a successful day: (i.e. food allergies)
