

ATTENTION!!!

Searching for 2019 Miss Washington County, Virginia

from the SW Virginia Counties of
Washington, Russell, Smyth, Wise, Scott, Wythe, Tazewell, Buchanan,
Dickenson, Lee and the City of Bristol, Virginia
(College students enrolled at area Community Colleges within the given area,
E&H College or other approved professional school are encouraged to attend
and/or participate.)

An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, August 11th at the Washington County Fairgrounds Conference Center (located at the top of the hill) for all potential participants. Entry form and other pertinent detailed information will be distributed at that time. (No entry forms will be distributed prior to the meeting on 8/11/2019.)

Below please find basic information. All young ladies between the ages of 12 - 15 will compete for the crown and title, Jr. Miss Washington County, and those who are 16 - 21 as of the day of the pageant, 9/9/2019, may be eligible to compete for the title of Miss Washington County 2019. (This Pageant is a feeder pageant to the Miss VAF State Pageant and all rules shall be adhered to accordingly.)

Basics:

- Pageant is held on the opening night of the Washington Co. Fair in Bldg. A;
- **Two divisions only** - (Jr. Miss and Miss, must qualify age-wise on day of pageant - **no younger divisions**);
- Date: Monday evening, Sept. 9, 2019;
- Time: Jr. Miss Pageant begins at 6:00PM, Miss immediately to follow;
- Scholarship Pageant - Miss Queen will advance to state competition;
- Entry fee: \$50.00;
- Crown, sash and flowers and additional prizes TBA;
- Entry materials given at the organizational meeting, parents urged to attend.

Come with your questions, etc. on Sunday afternoon. (For further information, call 276.623.3117)

Miss Washington County Scholarship Pageant &**Junior Miss Washington County**

This pageant, a traditional and important part of the Washington County Fair, is proudly sponsored again in 2019 by the Fair Board of Directors and Committee and supported by local businesses and interested individuals. Queens in each of the two (2) categories will receive a crown, trophy, sash and roses. Each will be crowned on Monday night of the Fair and will be introduced any/all nights during the remainder of the Fair, through Saturday, Sept. fourteenth (14th). The numbers of runners-up will be determined once the officials are assured of the number of participants. The runners-up chosen for each category receive a trophy, roses and cash prize. Cash prizes to be awarded in both divisions are: Queen \$100.00; 1st runner-up \$50.00; 2nd runner-up \$25.00.

Miss Washington County 2019 will have the opportunity, and hereby agrees accordingly, to participate in the Miss Virginia Fair Association Pageant in January, 2020 at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia.

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior Miss: Contestants must be at least 12 but no older than 15 by the date of the pageant.

Miss Washington County: Contestants must be at least 16 but no older than 22 by the date of the pageant.

GENERAL PAGEANT REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

In order to be eligible to participate in this pageant, each contestant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a female resident (or student) of one of the localities in Virginia, named above;
2. Be single (never married, never pregnant and without children);
3. Meet all requirements of registration, sponsorship and/or payment of fees by the deadline, **Aug. 23, 2019, 5:00 pm.**

Contestants are required to wear a long or tea-length gown and model throughout the various rounds of the pageant. Contestants will be judged on natural beauty and appearance, personality (as evidenced by self-introduction and on-stage questions) and modeling ability/ self-confidence. In an effort to comply more closely with the State competition requirements and enhance the opportunity for our own contestants, Miss Washington County contestants (ages 16-21 only) will be required to participate in an interview process as part of the overall pageant process this year. The interview competition will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, the day prior to the pageant. Interviews will be randomly assigned and will be conducted beginning at 1:00 PM at the Fairgrounds building on Sunday afternoon, September 9. This is new to our local pageant and will constitute .33% of the total score utilized in the determination of the 2019 Queen and her court. Interviews will last for approximately seven (7) minutes and will be judged by a separate panel of independent judges. Because of the increased need for additional planning, **the deadline for applications is Friday, August 23 2019, at 5:00 PM. We (Miss Contestants only) will meet at that time at the fairgrounds facility for a short question/answer session to prepare each contestant for her respective interview. Late entries will not be accepted -- please do not ask for time extensions.**

Jr. Miss contestants will not participate in the formal interview process. Junior Miss contestants should arrive at the Fairgrounds no later than 6:00 on September 9. Limited dressing area will be provided. The pageant portion of the Miss Washington County pageant will immediately follow the Jr. Miss pageant.

Contestants in both divisions are expected to exhibit courtesy above reproach, and will agree to remain through the duration of the events to demonstrate courtesy and respect for the pageant and its contestants.

Rehearsal/Orientation for Jr. Miss contestants will be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday Sept. 8 beginning at 4:00 PM.

Contestants are admitted free to the Fairgrounds the evening of the pageant, all others are charged regular admission fee.

Both Queens are requested and expected to attend the Fair each remaining evening wearing sash and crown in order to be introduced by the talent act on the stage and attend other events. Both Queens and their respective Courts must agree to represent the Fair by riding the Queen's float in both the Fair

parade held in Abingdon as arranged by officials as well as in the Abingdon Christmas Parade and Town Christmas Tree lighting held in November.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Officers and Directors of The Washington County Fair reserve the right to alter any/all age divisions or regulations if it is necessary to do so in the best interests of the pageant.

Entry fee per contestant is \$50.00, and can be made payable to: **Washington County Fair**

Mail or deliver this completed form to:

Deborah C. Icenhour, Esq.
250 Barter Drive
Abingdon, Virginia 24210
(276) 623-3117

I hereby release The Washington County Fair, Deborah C. Icenhour and any/all Board, committee members or workers from liabilities due to injury, property loss or illness resulting from participation in this or any Washington County Fair sponsored activities.

Contestant: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

*****Attention Jr. Miss Contestants*****

- ✓ Bring your parent with you to practice and orientation. It's always helpful to meet everyone and it keeps us on the same page. Write down any questions you might have regarding details of the pageant.

*****Attention Miss and Jr. Miss Washington County Contestants*****

- ✓ Get your entries in early so that we can answer your questions regarding the interview process, pageant changes, wardrobe, etc. Contestants MUST have materials submitted in a timely manner, comply with all rules of the pageant and participate in all activities.
- ✓ This year we are requiring that you submit a headshot photograph (at least 3" X 5") so that we can assemble a program featuring the photos and bios of the Miss Washington County Fair Contestants. This is to be received by pageant officials no later than August 23 - email is preferred to: deborahicenhour@yahoo.com

******* Next page is your BIO - it will be released to the judges in the form that you submit. YES, neatness and accuracy does matter!! Take your time and prepare this completely, neatly, with accurate grammar and no misspellings. You may wish to have your parent read over it, but it is to be completed by you, the participant. Get it right, ladies, it reflects your personal level of interest and says lots about you personally. Use this as an important learning opportunity and one in which you can express important issues about yourself.

*******CONTESTANT BIO*******

Miss & Jr. Miss Washington County entry forms must be fully completed before they will be accepted. Please take time to include replies to all blanks, being especially careful to include any/ all activities, honors, clubs, etc. in which you are involved, either in school, church or in your respective communities. It is much easier for a contestant to relax while modeling if the M.C.s (emcee s) have plenty of material regarding her and can keep talking about her for the total time she is on the stage. (While all of your information may not be included in your BIO, we need enough to make each one unique and as interesting as each of you are!)

PLEASE PRINT: (COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS)

Check one:

☐ Jr. Miss Washington County

☐ Miss Washington County

(Interview questions may be based in part on your individual responses on this Bio sheet.)

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name/ Nick name: _____

Age & Birth date: _____ e-mail address: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parents: _____

Address: (if different from above) _____

Current School and grade or year : _____

School related club/ organization affiliations: _____

Community related activities and interests: _____

Special Awards/ Honors: _____

Special Talents: _____

Hobbies or interests: (talking on the phone is not a hobby!!!) _____

Favorite pastime: (Hanging out with friends is not a good answer here!) _____

If I could be granted one wish it would be: _____

Favorite sport: _____

Favorite Fair activity: _____

Something that I would like to learn to do: _____

College: _____

Future Plans: _____

My favorite quotation: _____

(Hint: One of mine is "What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.")

If I could conduct one special project to benefit my county/community it would be: _____

Please sign: _____

(Contestant's signature certifying personal preparation and execution of this entry.)