

September 9, 2024

6:00 P.M.

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 2024 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, contingent upon same. The runners-up chosen for each category receive a trophy, roses and cash prize. Cash prizes to be awarded in the Miss division are: Queen \$1000.00, 1st runner-up \$300.00; 2nd runner-up \$100.00. Cash prizes to be awarded in the JR. Miss division are: Queen \$300.00, 1st runner-up- \$200.00, 2nd runner-up \$100.00.

This pageant is open to contestants that are residents of the following Southwest Virginia Counties: Washington, Russell, Buchanan, Smyth, Tazewell, Wythe, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Lee, and the City of Bristol, VA.

Miss Washington County 2024 will have the opportunity, and hereby agrees accordingly, to participate in the Miss Virginia Fair Association Pageant in January, 2025 in Williamsburg, Virginia and to make a limited number of special local appearances upon being given timely notice.

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior Miss: Contestants must be at least **12** but no older than **15** by the date of the pageant, Sept. 9th.

Miss Washington County: Contestants must be at least **16** but no older than **22** by the date of the pageant, Sept. 9th.

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, **August 26, 2024**

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 16-22 only) will have a high-class fashion outfit which will be modeled prior to the evening gown competition. Miss contestants will also be required to participate in an interview process as part of the overall pageant process and experience this year. The interview competition will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8th, 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 8th. Interviews will last for approximately seven (7) minutes and will be judged by a separate panel of independent judges. Miss contestants are required to sell one full ad page for the pageant program book. This ad page can be from one or more sponsors. One full ad page is \$150, half of an ad page is \$75, and a quarter of a page is \$50. A prize will be given to the contestant who sells the most advertisements in the Miss division. Ad pages must be submitted by August 26th. Because of the increased need for additional planning, **the deadline for entry forms will be Monday August 26th, 2024. Junior Miss and Miss contestants will meet on August 26th, 2024 at the fairground's facility at 5:30PM for a short question/answer session to prepare each contestant for her respective interview and to obtain individual photos for the program book. Late entries will not be accepted – please do not ask for time extensions. Further, we would request that each contestant be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other appropriate adult sponsor, etc.**

Jr. Miss contestants will not participate in the formal interview process. Junior Miss contestants should arrive at the Fairgrounds no later than 5:45 on September 9th. Very limited dressing area will be provided. Therefore, contestants in both divisions are asked to arrive prepared as much as possible. 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 (main building, "A") on Sunday Sept. 8th beginning at 4:00 PM or following the Miss interviews.

Contestants are admitted free to the Fairgrounds the evening of the pageant, all others are charged regular admission fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

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 for greeting the Fair attendees. 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 December, 2024.

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 \$45.00 and can be made payable to: **Washington County Fair**

Or paid by credit card via the following link: <https://square.link/u/kNdCgpTm>

Mail this completed form/entry fee to:

Kasie Viers
P.O Box 593
Abingdon, VA 24212

Entry forms/fees may be hand delivered (if preferred) during the orientation on August 26th, 2024.

I hereby release The Washington County Fair, Kaselinn Viers, and any/all Board, committee members or workers from liabilities due to injury, property loss or illness resulting from or sustained during participation in this pageant 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 in advance.

******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.

Next page is your BIO - it will be released to the judges in the form that you submit. YES, neatness and accuracy does matter, actually a great deal!! 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 and Date: _____

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

