

1st Annual Miss La Vergne Pageant

Pageant Location:
La Vergne Middle School
382 Stones River Road

Rules, Guidelines, and Information Sheet

Carefully read the following rules and information. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We hope this helps and we look forward to working with you and the pageant candidates.

General Info:

Rehearsals – all pageants

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Little Miss, Little Mister, Young Miss, Young Mister: 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Old Timer, Ms. Old Timer, Junior Miss, Miss La Vergne: 7:30 p.m.

Junior Miss La Vergne

Grades 6, 7, 8

Friday, September 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Little Miss & Mr. La Vergne

Grades K, 1, 2

Young Miss and Mr. La Vergne

Grades 3, 4, 5

Saturday, September 10, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Miss La Vergne

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Saturday, September 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Old Timer and Mr. Old Timer

Age 55 and Up

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

La Vergne Senior Center

Place:

La Vergne Middle School (unless otherwise noted)

Pageant Directors:

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Application:

\$50 per participant (non refundable once accepted as a Contestant and must accompany application in order to reserve space as a contestant); \$25 for the Mr. & Ms. Old Timer Pageant. Applications will be accepted beginning at 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 11th and cut off is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 31st. NO EXCEPTIONS. A head shot with contestant's name and age group (Miss La Vergne and Junior Miss La Vergne only) on back must also accompany application at the time of registration. Sponsorships are permitted.

Rules and Regulations:

1. DEADLINES

All deadlines must be met. Dates are predetermined and any variation in deadlines will not be accepted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. These deadlines help us to run the pageant smoothly and make it an enjoyable experience for you.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP

There will only be one winner in each category. This is a competition and good sportsmanship is expected and required. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

3. JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS

We are looking for young ladies who will be the best representatives of the City of La Vergne. Confidence, composure, and overall presentation are important to the judges.

4. JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS

Judges for this pageant will be selected from outside La Vergne and with pageant experience. We strive to provide you with the best qualified judges possible. Judges will not be repeated in a three-year time frame.

5. APPLICATIONS

Participation will be accepted in each age group on a first come, first served basis. Any application received without the application fee and head shot will not be accepted or registered. Head shots must be 8x10 and can be done by an amateur or professional photographer. **This is for the Miss La Vergne and Junior Miss La Vergne pageants only.**

Once your application is accepted, there will be no refund of application fees. The applicant will have the opportunity to review their application for corrections or changes at the practice. No application will be forwarded to any judge prior to the contest, but given to judges for review during the contest.

Please remember that this application reflects upon you. It is just like a job application and should be printed neatly or typed. Except for your personal information, changes that are made to the application document in any way are strictly prohibited.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTESTANT NUMBERS

Contestant number will be assigned as applications are received at City Hall, 5093 Murfreesboro Road, La Vergne, TN 37086. All applications are dated and time stamped to be sure that contestants receive the correct contestant number. (For example, the first application received is #15, the second is #14, and so forth).

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THEY ARE SENT TO CITY HALL.

Contestant numbers will be revealed at rehearsal and given out prior to the actual pageant. Only ONE contestant number will be given and will not be replaced. Contestant numbers should always be worn on the left hip (this is the side turned to the judges when entering the stage). This allows for easy identification by the judges and audience members.

7. COMPETITION AGE GROUPS

Age groups are as follows: Little Miss and Mister (Grades Kindergarten, First, Second), Young Miss and Mister (Grades Third, Fourth, Fifth), Junior Miss La Vergne (Grades Sixth, Seventh, Eighth), Miss La Vergne (Grades Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth). There is a special category for men and women over the age of 55 – Ms. Old Timer and Mr. Old Timer. Competitors must live in La Vergne.

8. CONTEST QUALIFIERS

Applicants MUST live in or attend school in La Vergne. Children who have immediate family (parent) working for the City of La Vergne are also eligible to participate in this pageant. This pageant is NOT an open pageant.

9. CONTESTANTS MORAL QUALIFICATIONS

No contestants may be or may have been married (except for Mr. & Ms. Old Timer). All contestants should be of good moral stature, free of drugs and alcohol, may not have been pregnant at any time, and may not have any current or past misdemeanor, state, or federal charges against them.

- **GROUND FOR LOSS OF TITLE** – Suspension from school for any reason, unsportsmanlike conduct / attitudes between queens, frequently being unprepared or inability to fulfill duties, inappropriate behavior in public representing the City as a queen or just being yourself, or any false information on your application is grounds for dismissal.

These stipulations will continue for anyone crowned. The crown will be surrendered and given to the First Runner Up to complete the remainder of the reign should any of the above arise. It is the decision of the Pageant Committee to offer the First Runner Up the queen's title. All of the above rules will apply to the First Runner Up should she be offered the crown if the Queen is unable to fulfill her duties.

10. COMPETITION AREAS

Contestants will compete in the following areas: **Little Miss, Little Mister, Young Miss, Young Mister** modeling appropriate pageant or Sunday-best clothing. **Miss Junior La Vergne, Miss La Vergne** gown, and modeling. Ten finalists will be asked one interview question on stage. **Mr. & Ms. Old Timer** model gown or Sunday best, ten finalists will be asked one interview question on stage. Men and women over the age of 55 may compete in the Ms. Old Timer and Mr. Old Timer. These competitors must live in La Vergne.

11. TICKETS

Contestants: Each contestant will receive a total of two (2) complimentary tickets. One ticket will be for the contestant's backstage assistant and the other for a parent or guardian.

12. BACKSTAGE RULES

Each contestant will be allowed one backstage assistant with them at any given time. Accommodations are unavailable for any additional people due to the limited amount of space backstage. If you are having a type of professional service (hair stylist, makeup artist, etc.) assist you, your normal backstage assistant will have to exit the area until the service is complete. You are encouraged to come to the competition with your hair and makeup prepared in advanced.

Please be mindful of other contestants' belongings. **DO NOT** at any time touch items that do not belong to you. If you are missing something, please ask others to look around and help find the item, but do not look into others' belongings yourself.

13. REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 8th beginning at 6:00 pm. The Little and Young Categories will practice at 6:00 pm and Junior, Miss, and Old Timer Categories will practice at 7:30pm.

14. CONTESTANT ABSENCES

Absence from rehearsal will result in contestant being withdrawn from pageant. Rehearsal is mandatory. It is imperative that we run through the show prior to the pageant night. We are responsible for setting lights, timing, music, stage cues and the background in advance. We strive to make you look your best and to give you the best production possible, so your full cooperation is appreciated.

15. VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

A professional photographer will be available to take any pictures that each contestant wishes. PICTURES WILL NOT BE TAKEN DURING INTERMISSION. You are not required to purchase these pictures.

The taking of photographs within the auditorium will be permitted, but observers MAY NOT leave or stand up at their seats or in the aisles to take pictures. Please exercise courtesy and be considerate that others are watching the pageant. Excessive pictures involving flashes will take away from the show, so please be mindful of this.

A section of the auditorium in the back will be available for persons wishing to video the pageant. Persons in this area may not obstruct the camera or interfere with the professional photographer in any way. Space will be on a first come, first served basis, and once it is full, there will not be another section available. Setting up video cameras in any other area will not be permitted.

16. PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Each contestant will receive a participation award.

17. PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

There will be a Peoples Choice Award at the Miss La Vergne and Junior La Vergne pageants. Spectators vote (\$1 per vote) during intermission of each pageant for the contestant they feel is the best candidate for the position. The winner (determined by dollar amounts collected) splits the proceeds 50/50 with the pageant and will be presented with a trophy. The funds will be forwarded to the winner in the next payable run by the City of La Vergne.

18. REIGN OVER PRACTICES AND PAGEANTS

(After the first Pageant in 2011) All current Queens will reign over practices and the pageant until the new Queen is crowned. Reigning Queens giving up the crown in the pageant will not be able to compete in another age division in the year they give up their crown. **A queen may only hold the title of queen one time in each age division.**

19. RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVICE

Events (*indicates mandatory, plus two additional required): *Old Timers Festival, *Old Timers Parade, *Christmas Parade, Celebrate La Vergne History event, Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July, National Night Out, Trail of Treats, at least one *Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting for formal introduction, and *Pageant following year.

Being chosen to represent La Vergne is an honor and important responsibility. The Queens can expect to make an average of 10 to 20 appearances a year at various functions (e.g. ribbon cutting ceremonies) and parades. Please be sure that you and your parents are willing to make this time commitment. We expect attendance at functions. There will be times when there will be conflicts in schedules or a planned vacation etc.

Should any of the contestants crowned Queen not be able to complete her responsibilities, the 1st runner up will assume the responsibility of the title and fulfill the remaining term.

20. GENERAL COMMENTS ON PARTICIPATION

Please remember that “if it can happen, it will happen to someone!!!” We strongly recommend (especially for the Little and Young age groups) that the parent pack a bag with everything you will need for the pageant, and put it in a place that no one can get into it – including the contestant.

Items we recommend that each contestant bring: a small sewing kit, bring twice the amount of everything – panty hose, barrettes, even an extra pair of shoes that match, extra safety pins for the contestant number, etc.

Also you may want to bring snacks for the contestant and yourself. A typical pageant will last approximately 3 hours from start to finish, and usually you will arrive at the school an hour before show time so that would be 4 hours total, and very often the contestants are thirsty and hungry. No one wants to have this spoil the mood of our contestants.

If you should bring food items – it is recommended that you do not eat any foods or drinks in the dressing rooms. This is to protect your contestant and others from the possibility of getting something on their outfit. We recommend that the contestants do not eat in their wardrobe.

Please be courteous to school employees and use the trash receptacles supplied.

21. FINAL DECISIONS

Any further concerns or questions should be brought to the attention of the directors. The pageant directors will discuss the items and participants will be notified of the decision. All decisions made by the directors are FINAL.

I have read and understand all the Rules and Guidelines for the La Vergne Pageants, and agree.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Signature of Contestant

Date