



## SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

### 2011 Competition & Entry Information

The fourth annual Miss Lake of the Ozarks pageant will be held on October 30, 2010 at School of the Osage Auditorium, 646 Hwy 42, Osage Beach, MO 65065. The pageant is an open program for any eligible contestants from within the State of Missouri. Rehearsal will be held Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-10:00 p.m. You need a metallic color top, denim jeans and black heels for opening number which is to Top of the World by Pussycat Dolls. The top can be silver, gold, bronze, pewter, etc. as long as it has sparkle. Interviews will be held Saturday afternoon and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m. We would be honored to have you as a contestant.

#### Eligibility:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be at least 17 years old and a high school senior
- Must be no older than 24 years of age December 31, 2011
- Must be singled and never have been married
- Must meet character criteria as set by the Miss America Organization
- Must be able to meet the time commitment and job responsibilities as set by the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Scholarship Program.
- If an out-of-state resident, must have been employed in Missouri on a full-time bases (at least 40 hours a week) for at least six months prior to October 30, 2010.
- Must reside in; be enrolled and attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in; or be employed on a full-time basis for six months in Missouri.
- If an out-of-state college student, must have successfully completed a minimum of one semester (12 hours) and presently be enrolled and attending classes on a full-time basis.
- Please read Section 2 of the Local Contestant Contract for a complete listing of the eligibility requirements. Any questions about eligibility will be forwarded to the Miss Missouri Board of Directors.

#### Phases of Competition:

Contestants will be judged in five phases of competition during the program. Judges award whole numbers ranging from 1-10 to each contestant in each individual competition. High and low scores, as in Olympic scoring, are eliminated. This is the scoring for Miss America local preliminaries;

Talent:	35%
Interview:	25%
Evening Wear:	20%
Lifestyle & Fitness in Swimsuit:	15%
On-Stage Question:	5%

**TALENT:** *The Talent phase of competition provides an insight into the woman's preparatory and performance skills. Consideration is given to whether the contestant's talent section fits these skills and her personality. The Talent competition acknowledges the quality of the talent being presented, the technical skill level, and the stage presence of the contestant.*

- Talent must be no longer than one minute and 30 seconds.
- No props should be permitted unless they are absolutely functional. No props involving safety hazards, such as fire batons, sword and/or knife twirling, bow and arrow skills are permitted.
- A talent introduction will be written by the Executive Director.
- The only piano available at the auditorium is a baby grand piano.
- Live accompaniment music is not allowed.
- Contestants may not lip sync, or sing over songs with existing vocals.
- Contestants should e-mail their music as an mp3 and bring one copy on CD to rehearsal as a backup. If you are unable to e-mail the mp3 please snail mail two CDs with your paperwork. The competition music should be the only song recorded on the CD. Please label the CD(s) with your name, type of talent and song selection. No cassette tapes will be allowed.

**PRIVATE INTERVIEW:** *The Private Interview phase of competition is an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the contestant – her personal qualities and attributes to be Miss Lake of the Ozarks; her level of communication skills; her opinions and aspirations; her sense of accomplishment, poise and presence as well as her ability to fulfill the job responsibilities of the position.*

The interview at the local level is a 10 minute format which includes:

- A podium will be used.
- Contestants will not make an opening statement...the contestant is introduced and the interview will begin.
- At the 9:30 mark, she is notified of the time; at this time she is allowed to make up to a 30 second closing statement.
- If discussion ends before the 30 seconds are up, then the interview ends. The interview is cut off at 10 minutes.

**EVENING WEAR:** *The Evening Wear phase of competition is designed for the judge to assess the contestant's beauty, poise, grace and commanding stage presence. These must be projected "across the footlights." The contestant's total look is considered. Her evening wear (not the value of the evening wear) should compliment the contestant's individuality.*

- The Evening Wear segment is designed to give the young woman the opportunity to dress for a formal occasion and should wear formal attire, such as an evening gown.

**LIFESTYLE AND FITNESS IN SWIMSUIT:** *The Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit is designed to see how well the contestant maintains a lifestyle of good physical health, whether she meets the public expectation of a titleholder, and whether or not she has the confidence needed to be a titleholder. The contestant's drive, energy and presence are to be likewise considered.*

- A contestant may choose a one or two piece swimsuit suitable for a family audience. A full top and bottom coverage are required.
- Swimsuits should be well lined and additional padding should not be seen. Padding, if necessary, should be done in a tasteful manner.
- Footwear should be a flesh colored sandal with no more than 3" heel. No acrylic shoes are allowed.

**ON-STAGE QUESTION:** *The On-Stage Interview phase of competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her interests, opinions and aspirations.*

- Each contestant will be asked one or two on-stage questions, which may originate from their resume, pertain to their platform or be a general question.

**TOP FIVE RANKING:** The five contestants with the most points will be ranked by the judges in the order they believe each should finish in the competition. A contestant receiving the first placement on a judge's score sheet will receive ten points, the second will receive five points, the third will receive three points, the fourth will receive two points and the fifth will receive one point. **The outcome of the pageant is based solely on the scores from the final ballots. These points will NOT be added to the scores from the previous competitions.**

### **Platform:**

Contestants are required to have a platform issue to which they are committed and deeply involved. Current local and state titleholders serve as advocates for a wide array of community issues such as: eating disorders, rape education prevention, HIV and AIDS awareness, volunteerism, breast cancer awareness, mentoring, American Red Cross, youth self-development, internet safety, and domestic abuse. Contestants are asked to submit responses to three questions related to their chosen platform issue and their volunteer efforts. It is important for contestants to be passionate and knowledgeable about their platform issue, and to have real experience doing volunteer and community service work as judges will ask related questions during the interview competition.

### **Scholarship:**

The scholarship award for the 2011 Miss Lake of the Ozarks program will be finalized by September 15, 2010. We project the scholarship amount will be \$1000 to the winner and lesser amounts to the runners-up. All scholarship will be awarded pursuant to Miss Missouri guidelines and must be requested within one year of the program (October 30, 2011) or the scholarship is forfeited and remains in the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Scholarship Program scholarship account. Requests for scholarships awarded must be made in writing to the Executive Director of the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Scholarship Program accompanied by a current invoice or statement from the college or university the young woman is attending. Scholarship is paid directly to the college or university; no scholarship monies are paid directly to contestants or award winners.

Miss Lake of the Ozarks 2011 will compete for additional scholarships in the 2011 Miss Missouri Pageant. In 2010, Miss Missouri awarded over \$35,000 in scholarships. Over \$300,000 in scholarship is awarded at the Miss America level. The Miss America Organization also offers other special scholarships and awards for local, state and national contestants. Information on these awards may be found on the Miss America web site at: [www.missamerica.org/scholarships/scholarship-directory](http://www.missamerica.org/scholarships/scholarship-directory).

### **Responsibilities of 2011 Titleholder:**

The 2011 titleholder will have responsibilities to the local program. They may include meeting scholarship and program sponsors, making special appearances, public speaking and performing, as well as working with their platforms in the Lake Area community. She will also begin preparing to compete for the title of Miss Missouri 2011. Preparation may include mock interviews, wardrobe review, talent assistance and physical fitness/workout regime. The 2011 titleholder will also be required to attend Miss Missouri Orientation tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2011. The Miss Missouri Pageant will tentatively be held June 5 – 11, 2011 in Mexico, MO. Local titleholders competing at Miss Missouri may be asked to purchase Miss Missouri wardrobe and swimsuits that in past years has cost approximately \$300. The contestant winning the Miss Missouri 2011 title will immediately begin working with the Miss Missouri Board of Directors to start preparing for the Miss America Pageant.

### **Children's Miracle Network**

#### **The National Platform of the Miss America Organization:**

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. In 2007, Miss America was named a goodwill ambassador for Children's Miracle Network. In the new partnership, Miss America will continue to promote her personal platform, but also help raise awareness and funds for CMN. The new partnership reaches all levels of the Miss America Organization. Service, one of the four points of the crown, has always been important to contestants striving for the opportunity to be Miss America. To build on this, contestants are now expected to raise a minimum of \$100 before they may enter a local preliminary. A portion of all funds raised also goes back to the Miss America Organization and the individual state and local pageant programs.

The fundraising is done in these steps:

1. Each contestant competing in a local preliminary must fundraise \$100 for Children's Miracle Network.
2. Each contestant **MUST** log onto [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) to create her personal fund raising web page. Once you have established an account for the 2011 pageant cycle year DO NOT change your username/password. Doing so registers you again and you have money in more than one account!!
3. Once registered, contestants will e-mail friends and relatives and ask for donations to support Children's Miracle Network and the Miss America Scholarship Fund using a simple pre-formatted e-mail system.
4. Friends and relatives will then log on to their contestant's personal fund raising web page to make secure online donations using a credit card or check.
5. Contestants have the option of bringing a \$100 check made out to Children's Miracle Network to the local preliminary she is competing in; the check must be presented at orientation / rehearsal or she can not compete. Every contestant must register on [www.missamerica4kids.org](http://www.missamerica4kids.org) – even if you are bringing a check to rehearsal! The local director **prefers** that your fundraising be completed through the CMN web site.

Once a contestant has raised \$400 and competed in a minimum of four local pageants she is not required to do additional CMN fundraising for any additional local pageant in which she competes. A contestant competing at the state level must fundraise \$250 for Children's Miracle Network. Any CMN money a contestant raises over the \$100 minimum can be applied to her \$250 state requirement.

#### Guidelines:

Deadline to enter is October 20, 2010. Contestant order will be determined by date completed packets are received.

#### Required Materials:

- **2011 Miss Lake of the Ozarks Entry Form**
- **Pageant Year 2011 Local Contestant Contract:** In order to reduce the amount of paperwork contestants must fill out to enter 2011 Missouri local pageants, contestants will be allowed to complete one "generic" Local Contestant Contract for the 2011 State Pageant year and submit it to the Miss Missouri Organization to be held on file. A list of all contestants who have a Local Contestant Contract on file with Miss Missouri will be made available to all local directors. However, contestants must submit all other required information (i.e. birth certificate, copy of driver's license, transcript, etc.) to the local director in order to be eligible to compete in that director's local pageant. Once a contestant has won a local pageant, her Local Contestant Contract will be mailed to her director.

The Local Contestant Contract form can be found at [www.missmissouri.org](http://www.missmissouri.org) under 2011 Contestant Forms. This is a fillable form. The "Type Organization Name" should be left blank. The date field (11) and the "Type Competition Name" (Missouri) and the "Contestant Name" should be keyed in the first fields to allow that information to populate throughout the contract. All areas that have blanks for specific information (i.e. university information) must be completed. The contract must be notarized and pages 14-21 completed.
- **2011 Resume:** Go to [www.missmissouri.org](http://www.missmissouri.org) and click on 2011 Contestant Forms. Click on 2011 Resume Instructions and follow the instructions to create your resume. See 2011 Resume Sample. Note: Please adhere to the font size instructions, your resume can not be longer than one page.
- **2011 Platform Issue:** Go to [www.missmissouri.org](http://www.missmissouri.org) and click on 2011 Contestant Forms. Click on 2011 Platform Issue Instructions and follow the instructions for creating your platform issue page. See 2011 Platform Issue Sample.
- **Photograph:** *Preferably a B&W head shot, e-mailed as a jpg field [wendy.d.white@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.d.white@gmail.com) .*
- **Copy of Birth Certificate:** *Must be a state issued birth certificate, not a hospital issued document.*

# MISS LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Please complete this Entry Form and submit it and the listed required material prior to October 20, 2010 to:  
Wendy White, Miss Lake of the Ozarks Scholarship Program, 16 Colonial Road, Eldon, MO 65026.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class as of September 2010:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age & DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Talent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Talent:** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to participate as a contestant in the Miss Lake of the Ozarks Scholarship Program, which will be held Saturday, October 30, 2010, at School of the Osage Auditorium, Osage Beach, Missouri. I confirm I meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 2 of the Pageant Year 2011 Contestant Contract. As a contestant, I agree to submit all required material (as detailed below) by the requested deadline and agree to adhere to all rules set forth by the Miss America Organization.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED MATERIAL:

- Entry Form
- E-mail competition music as mp3 to [wendy.d.white@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.d.white@gmail.com). If not possible snail mail music on two CDs
- Pageant Year 2011 Local Contestant Contract
- Rules & Regulations (attachment C)
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Insurance Card
- Photo ID
- Proof of Residency
- Copy of Transcript from current or latest high school or college/graduate school you attended, as applicable
- Copy of College/Graduate School Registration for Current Classes, as applicable
- Copy of College/Graduate School Degree, if applicable
- 2011 Resume
- 2011 Platform Issue (signed!)
- Current Black & White Photograph – (preferably a jpeg) e-mailed to: [wendy.d.white@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.d.white@gmail.com)
- Have you completed your \$100 Children's Miracle Network fundraising?