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Dear "Teen" Entrant,

This letter is to introduce you to the Miss Northeast Arkansas /Miss River Delta's Outstanding Teen Pageants. These are official preliminaries to the Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant and the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant. Accordingly, we are governed by the same rules and operate under the same franchise as they do. This will be a "dual pageant", meaning that we will have one pageant and two titleholders will be crowned.

The Miss NEA/River Delta Outstanding Teen Pageant is open to young ladies who live or attend school in Arkansas, Baxter, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Izard, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, St. Francis, and Woodruff Counties.

A contestant must be at least 13 years old by the State pageant in June, and no more than 17 years old as of July 31st of year competing. An 18 year old high school Senior must compete in the Miss pageant.

Our pageant date is October 6, 2018!!!

We are looking forward to a great Pageant this year and are so glad you want to be a part of it. The winner this year will receive a cash scholarship, wardrobe assistance, entry into the State Pageant, an official crown and sash, along with other prizes. She will also receive guidance needed to prepare for her competition in the Miss Arkansas Outstanding Teen Pageant. First runners up will receive entry into either Lights of the Delta's Outstanding Teen or next year's NEA/River Delta Pageant.

Competition will include Private Interview with the Judges, Fitness in Active Wear, Evening Wear, On-Stage Question, and Talent. Scoring is: Interview – 25%, Fitness in Active Wear – 15%, Evening Wear and On-Stage Question – 25% and Talent – 35%.

Opening number dress will be interview outfits.

* Fitness in Active Wear – Active Wear is described as aerobic wear: stretch shorts and sports bra style tops, any style of top (long or short). This may be embellished with stones, if you wish. Wear any color and style of athletic shoes.

* Talent may be **NO MORE THAN 90 SECONDS!!** Please email music to idh98@hotmail.com by Sept 23rd. Be sure there is **ONLY 1 SONG ON THE DISC**. **Bring a backup disc** with you to rehearsal. Please make sure that your back up CD will play on something other than your computer!

*Interview will be Dress/pants outfit and heels....no glitz, its daytime! Any question about attire, check with one of the directors. Interviews will be 6 minutes with NO opening or closing. Opening number dress will be interview outfits.

TO ENTER THE PAGEANT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Read the State and Local Contestant Contract, make sure you qualify, sign, date and notarize this form. You will need to attach **residency verification** (copy of parent's driver's license). Read, sign and notarize the contract and the Release and Indemnity Agreement.
2. Complete an Official Resume and Platform Issue. Be sure to be specific in filling out these forms as this is what the judges will be referring to during your interview. These must be typed on the computer, not handwritten. **SPECIAL NOTE: IN YOUR RESUME UNDER THE FOLLOWING 3 ENTRIES- MARKETING PLAN, LEGACY, WHY I SHOULD BE AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN – YOU ARE TO WRITE ABOUT MISS NORTHEAST ARKANSAS' TEEN.** Keep these simple and limit to 1 or 2 sentences. Use your space on that page for Accomplishments, Interesting Facts – you should include clubs you belong to, church organizations, travels, hobbies, sports. **ALSO, ELIMINATE THE LINE AFTER NAME THAT SAYS TITLE. This may only be 1 page.**
3. Secure a business to sponsor you in the pageant. They will get advertising for the sponsorship. Get a check from them for \$150 payable to Miss NEA Pageant Association. This covers sponsorship for both pageants. If you've ever held one of the titles and would only be eligible for the other one, you may enter for \$100.
4. Email a portrait picture of yourself, WAIST UP OR HEAD & SHOULDERS (billfold size or larger) to be reproduced in the program and newspaper. It may be in color or black & white. Whichever medium it is, will be used in the program. Please email to indh98@hotmail.com. This is Denise Holdaway's email address, Director of RD.
5. Copy of Birth Certificate – will be returned to you. Don't send original.
6. Latest School Transcript – 7th, 8th grade only may submit Report Card if transcript not available, it will be returned to you.
7. Queen's Intent Contract (found on our website www.missnea.org) - This confirms that you understand NEA/River Delta is not just a crown, but that the titleholder will be involved in activities and events.
8. Cover Sheet (**found on our website missnea.org**), this is used to mark your place in competition. Please email to indh98@hotmail.com as soon as you decide to compete.
9. Titleholder Intention Agreement form. This form is only used if you are currently holding a title from the past year. (**Found on our website missnea.org**)
10. Indemnity Release (**found on our website missnea.org**)

Forms are available on the State website: www.missarkansasot.org. Under local forms we use Resume, Platform, and Contract only. You do not need to send others in.

Queen's Intent and Cover Sheet, Indemnity and Titleholder Intention Agreement, and checklist are found on our website: www.missnea.org. **Do not send in a copy of this entry/information letter, you should keep it for reference.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sept. 16th: Photo & Cover Page Deadline- If you plan to compete in Miss NEA/RD we **MUST** have your photo and cover page in because of program restrictions! Email to indh98@hotmail.com.

Sept. 23rd: ENTRY DEADLINE - WE ABSOLUTELY MUST have all entry materials in our hands by this date so that we can plan the pageants and get the program to the printer. An extension can be granted only by the Executive Director. However, competition order is set in reverse order of entries received. **The last one that we receive will be 1st in competition and the first one that we receive will be last. To have a "Dual" Pageant we must have a minimum of 6 Miss contestants and 4 Teen contestants so it is imperative that we know how many are participating by this date.** You may email the "cover sheet" to indh98@hotmail.com. Remember we must have the entries in to know if we will be able to crown two titleholders.

Saturday, Oct 6th – Rehearsal: 9am, Blytheville High School Auditorium, 600 North 10th, Blytheville. **DO NOT BE LATE!!** **Registration will begin at 8:30am.** We will rehearse all phases of competition. You do not need pageant clothes, but bring your competition shoes and backup CD. We will practice group things first, and then miss talent, teen talent will follow. You should get ready for Interviews as soon as you have rehearsed your talent once. You may wear rollers to rehearsal, you may dress at school for interview, if you don't have a hotel room. However, we will be closing the high school after all have had the opportunity to dress for interview. It won't open again until around 5:15pm.

Teen Interviews: Miss interviews will be first starting around 12:30pm at the Holiday Inn. Teen interviews will begin after the Miss interview at the Holiday Inn. Interview times will be announced later. You should wear something suitable for a job interview. Any question about attire, check with one of the directors. You will only have one interview.

6:30pm – NEA/River Delta Pageants begin. (Time could change depending on number of contestants).

Private After Party: Winning Queens must attend small intimate party immediately following crowning and NEA/RD photographs. Winner's immediate family is invited to attend also.

Sunday, Oct 7th – Contract signing- If you don't have a hotel room for Saturday night we will work with hotel to make sure you can get a room for the night. We will tell the winning queens what time we will meet on Sunday at the After Party!!! Teen Winners **must have** a parent in attendance, as you are signing your NEA/RD Pageant Contract at this time.

We do not allow anyone except our hostesses backstage. There will be Hostesses to help get your wardrobes in and help fasten gowns, etc. There will be no hair or make-up people backstage. You may bring lighted make-up mirrors, curlers, curling irons. We will have mirrors and dress racks. Parents may help you pack and load car AFTER pageant only!!!!!! We have spoken with Dodi Miller (501-350-6543) and Dennis Harris (501-920-9921) and they will have a room at Holiday Inn to do hair and makeup. Stephanie Throckmorton Duty

(501-258-5599) will have a room and do makeup at the Holiday Inn. This is not required just an option.

For those that want to stay in Blytheville during the pageant, the Holiday Inn (870-763-5800), Hampton Inn (870-763-5220), and Comfort Inn Suites (870-763-7081) will all offer special pageant rates – this is available by calling the hotels directly to make your reservation. The Interviews are in the Holiday Inn, but the other 2 hotels are across the street.

Tickets for each show will be \$10 for Adults and \$5 for students. They will be available at the door. Encourage your "fan club" to attend as you always perform better with good crowd support.

If you enter and then win another Outstanding Teen Preliminary before our pageant, your sponsor fee will be refunded to you. If you just drop out of the pageant, it will **NOT** be refunded. We also encourage you to not wait until after other preliminaries to enter, so that you get placed in the line-up sooner.

If we can be of any help to you before our rehearsal on October 6th, please feel free to call or email us. We will help any contestant who requests assistance, however all contestants will be treated equally. Thank you for your interest and I hope to hear from you soon.

Remember the deadline dates, September 16th for photo/cover page and September 23rd for all paperwork.

All entry materials are to be mailed to: Denise Holdaway, 902 Pierce, Blytheville, AR 72315 or email indh98@hotmail.com

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