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Dear "Miss" Entrant,

This letter will introduce you to the Miss Northeast Arkansas/River Delta Pageants. They are both official preliminaries to the Miss Arkansas Pageant and the Miss America Pageant. Accordingly, we are governed by the same rules and operate under the same franchise as they do. The Miss Northeast Arkansas/River Delta Pageant is open to women who live, work, or attend school in Arkansas, Baxter, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, St. Francis, and Woodruff Counties. We host a "dual pageant", which means we will have one pageant and crown two title holders at the end of the night. The NEA titleholder will be named first as that is the oldest; most established of the two, with both titles receiving the same scholarship package. We are looking forward to a great Pageant this year and are so glad you want to be a part of it.

The winners this year will receive a cash scholarship, college/university scholarships, wardrobe assistance, entry into the State Pageant, an official crown and sash, along with many other prizes. She will also receive guidance needed to prepare for her competition in Miss Arkansas. First runners up will receive entry into either Lights of the Delta's or next year's NEA/River Delta Pageant.

Our pageant date is October 6, 2018!!!

TO ENTER THE PAGEANT, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Read the Official Rules and Regulation and Entry Contract, make sure you qualify, sign, date, notarize and return this form. **We only need through p.17. You do not have to fill out the Attachments.**
2. Fill out the Official Resume Form, SIGN AND RETURN. Be sure to be specific in filling out this form, as this is what the judges will be referring to during your interview. TYPE this form and it must be **ONE page only**.
3. Secure a business or someone to sponsor you in the pageant. They will get advertising for the sponsorship, and you will need to get a check from them for \$150.00 payable to the Northeast Arkansas Pageant Association. This covers sponsorship for both pageants. If you have ever held one of the titles & 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 it to idh98@hotmail.com. This is Denise Holdaway's email address.

5. **Copy** of Birth Certificate (do not send the original)
6. Most recent school transcript
7. Indemnity Release (**found on our website missnea.org**)
8. 2 proofs of residency (if eligible by residence) or enrollment verification if eligible by school attending
9. Queen's Contract Intention Form (**found on our website missnea.org**)
10. Cover Sheet (**found on our website missnea.org!!!! Do NOT use the one on the state site**)
11. 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**)
12. Confirmation of \$100 raised by you for the Children's Miracle Network, Miss America's National Platform. You must set up a web account at www.missamerica4kids.org using your name and title year. Once on the website go to the "New Contestants" link if you do not already have an active account. You are entering for the 2020 Crowning Year. (Example Ellie Stafford 2020) This must be done, or **you may not** compete in the pageant. This is a national rule and we have to abide by it. However, since we are doing a "dual" you only have to raise one fee. It is listed Miss Northeast Arkansas/River Delta. **THIS MUST BE IN YOUR ACCOUNT, SHOWING THAT THE \$100 HAS BEEN DEPOSITED BY October 3rd**. If you plan to pay by check you must allowed several weeks for it to show up, so it is strongly suggested that you use a credit card to put your donation in. Also, be sure that you follow every step as it will not show on your account if the final step is not taken.

Forms are available on the web by going to missarkansas.org, then forms. Under local forms, the ones that we will use are resume, platform, contract, indemnity release. **We do not need the others**. The other forms that we need are on our local website www.missnea.org where you will find the cover sheet, queen intent form, Titleholder Intention agreement and checklist forms. Do not send in a copy of this entry letter, you should keep it for reference. **We must have a minimum of 6 contestants to hold a "dual" pageant; your entry deadline will be Sept. 16th for photo/cover sheet and Sept. 23rd for all paperwork**. We must know if we will have enough contestants for the dual pageant or if we can only do NEA Pageant. So, please get me those entries early this year.

One or two piece swimsuits may be worn in the Swimsuit competition. Please be sure that the suits are in good taste. Also, you may have a choice of footwear (tall pumps or sandal-type heels)

The talent number **cannot be longer than 90 seconds**. Please email your music to indh98@hotmail.com. **Always bring a backup. Be sure that your CD will play on something other than your computer and only have talent music on CD!** To make it easier, **send your accompaniment music: by Sept. 23rd**.

Interview can be dress or pants with heels. No glitz, it's daytime. You will wear interview outfits for the opening number.

The schedule of events is as follows:

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. 23th: **Complete 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 only be granted by Denise or Abby. 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.** You may email the "cover sheet" to indh98@hotmail.com to reserve your place in the competition, and mail all your other paper work by the deadline. Remember we must have the entries in to know if we will be able to crown two titleholders.

Oct 3rd: CMN Deadline

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. Always bring a backup CD for talent. We will practice group things first, then "Miss" talent followed by "Teen" talent. You may get ready for Interviews as soon as you have practiced 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 close the auditorium after you have had time to get dressed. It won't open again until about 5:15pm.

Miss Interviews will begin at 12:30pm, at the Holiday Inn.(Subject to change) Teen will follow, 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: Miss Northeast Arkansas/ River Delta Pageants (time could change depending on number of contestants).

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

Sunday, October 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!!!

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.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students & children. 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 win another Miss Arkansas preliminary before our pageant, your sponsor fee will be returned to you. If you just drop out of the pageant, **it will not be refunded.**

For those that want to stay in Blytheville during the pageant, the Holiday Inn (763-5800), Hampton Inn (763-5220), and Comfort Inn Suites (763-0900) offer special pageant rates. Ask for it when you make your reservation. Interviews will be at the Holiday Inn but the other two are just across the street.

If we can be of any help to you before our rehearsal on September 23rd, please feel free to call or email any of 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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