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Dear Entrant,

This letter will introduce you to the Miss Lights of the Delta Pageant. It is an official preliminary 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 Lights of the Delta Pageant is an "open pageant". Any young woman, who meets contract requirements, that lives, works, or attends school anywhere in Arkansas is eligible to compete.

We are looking forward to a great pageant and a lot of fun, too. The winner of this pageant will receive a \$1200 scholarship to university of her choice, a \$2000 scholarship to Arkansas State University, an official crown and sash, and she will also receive guidance needed to prepare her for competition in the Miss Arkansas Pageant this summer, plus many other prizes and awards. The 1st Runner-Up will receive a \$500 scholarship and entry into next year's Lights of the Delta Pageant. The 2nd Runner-Up will receive a \$350 scholarship. Scholarships will also be given to the 3rd and 4th alternates, if there is enough participation. Mississippi County residents or students will be eligible for the Arkansas Northeastern College Scholarship Award of 15 college credit hours.

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. Platform
10. Queen's Contract Intention Form (**found on our website missnea.org**)
11. Cover Sheet (**found on our website missnea.org!!!! Do NOT use the one on the state site**)
12. 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**)
13. Confirmation of \$100 raised for the Children's Miracle Network, Miss America's National Platform. You must set up a web account at www.missamericaforkids.org . At the website go to the "New Contestants" link. This pageant is listed Miss Lights of the Delta. You must register and should have all your money in your account no later than **11/19**. You should send your other forms earlier.

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.

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!**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, November 11: 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 1st one we receive will be last.

We will use a Christmas theme. For Opening, the Lights Festival will be providing some type of tee shirt or "hoodies". We want you to wear them with jeans and boots or heels. You might want to wear a colored top under it and accessorize with a long, winter scarf, belt, etc. I

will let you know the style & color of the shirts in the information letter you will receive before the pageant.

Friday, November 23 REHEARSAL – starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Blytheville High School Auditorium, 600 N. 10th St. A light supper snack will be available for you and your parent. No pageant clothes needed for rehearsal but be sure to bring heels, accompaniment CD (back up) and any absolutely necessary props you need for your talent. We will be practicing all phases of competition.

SPECIAL EVENT: immediately after rehearsal, contestants and queens will board a bus for a special tour of the Lights of the Delta Festival. This is one of the largest moving light displays in the South. If weather permits, we plan to have a hayride through the display. We will have photos with Santa, hot chocolate and popcorn. Bring or wear jeans, sweater/sweatshirt. Depending on the temperature you may also want to have gloves and a cap or earmuffs with you. Bring a blanket if cold. Don't wear heels! Wear warm boots or socks. Only the girls may go with us on bus/hayride but parents may follow in their cars. It is \$10 a car to tour the Lights, so make some friends and car-pool!

Saturday, November 24

INTERVIEWS – will take place at the Blytheville Holiday Inn beginning at 10 a.m. Your exact time will be emailed or given to you at rehearsal. Miss will go first and Teens will follow. (Time to be determined)

SATURDAY EVENING COMPETITION will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will again open in Lights of the Delta T-shirts and jeans/pants. Competition will include Teen Active Wear, Teen Evening Gown and On-Stage Question, Miss Talent, Crowning. This will be determined by the number of contestants. If we have a small number, we will not split the pageant & will do it all that night.

SPECIAL EVENT: After the pageant there will be a reception/party for the new queens and out-going queens that everyone – contestants and their parents- is invited to attend. It will be at the Holiday Inn. There will be food and a chance to visit... this is a fun time that the girls and parents have enjoyed in the past.

Tickets for each show will be \$10 for Adults and \$5 for students. They will be available at the door

If you enter and then win another Miss Arkansas 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 do encourage you to enter all preliminaries for which you are eligible.

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.

If we can be of any help to you before our rehearsal on November 24, please feel free to call or email me. 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 date, Sunday, November 11.

All entry materials are to be mailed to: Denise Holdaway, 902 Pierce, Blytheville, AR 72315 or email jd98@hotmail.com

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