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Dear Teen,

Welcome to the Miss Lights of the Delta Outstanding Teen Pageant. It will be held November 24 & 25. It is an Official Preliminary to the Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageants. Accordingly, we are governed by the same rules and operate under the same franchise as they do. Miss Lights of the Delta Outstanding Teen is OPEN to all young ladies in the state who qualify by age. 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 31<sup>st</sup> of year competing. An 18 year old high school Senior must compete in the Miss pageant.

We are looking forward to a great and fun Pageant this year and are so glad you plan to be a part of it. Our winner this year will receive a \$500 cash scholarship and \$400 cash wardrobe prize, an official crown, and entry into the State Pageant, and guidance needed to prepare her for competition in the Miss Arkansas' Outstanding Teen pageant this summer. All alternates will receive cash scholarships and the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate will also receive entry into next year's Lights of the Delta/River Delta pageant. Mississippi County residents are eligible for the Arkansas Northeastern College Scholarship Award of tuition for 15 college credit hours.

**Our pageant date is November 23-24, 2018!!!**

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](mailto:idh98@hotmail.com). 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](mailto:indh98@hotmail.com). This is Denise Holdaway's email address.
5. Copy of Birth Certificate – will be returned to you. Don't send original.
6. Latest School Transcript – 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://missnea.org)**), this is used to mark your place in competition. Please email to [indh98@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://missnea.org)**)

## 10. Indemnity Release (**found on our website missnea.org**)

Forms are available on the State website: [www.missarkansasot.org](http://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](http://www.missnea.org). **Do not send in a copy of this entry/information letter, you should keep it for reference.**

All the above should be mailed to us by the deadline – **Sunday, November 11**. Please email that you are working on forms

\*Teens will compete in FITNESS/ACTIVE WEAR: type of outfits worn at State this summer, stretch shorts and sports bra style tops, any style of top.

\***TALENT - TIME IS NO MORE THAN 90 seconds!** You should use a CD for accompaniment. Have only one song on the CD you turn in and be sure and make a practice copy so you don't wear out your performance one. Have your name on CD. **BE SURE AND HAVE A BACK-UP CD WITH YOU!** It is recommended that you email your music in advance to [indh98@hotmail.com](mailto:indh98@hotmail.com)

ONLY props that are necessary to your talent, something that you CANNOT perform your talent without.

\***EVENING WEAR**- Gown of your choice.

\***INTERVIEW** –Teen appropriate and trendy (dress, skirt and top, pant suit) Interviews will be 6 minutes with no opening and no formal closing. You may be asked at the end if you would like to add anything and will be given 30 seconds to do so.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> in competition and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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 do encourage you to enter all preliminaries for which you are eligible. But we also encourage you to not wait until after other preliminaries to enter so that you get placed in the line-up sooner.

**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 [indh98@hotmail.com](mailto:indh98@hotmail.com)**

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