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MISS POMONA APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

The Miss Pomona Pageant Committee and the Downtown Pomona Owners Association (DPOA) proudly announce the application and selection procedures for the 2010 Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant. This is an opportunity for young ladies to become the city's representative to the public and to serve as a role model. It is an exciting way to make a significant contribution to our community as well as an opportunity for the Miss Pomona Court to earn scholarship money to further their educational goals.

The Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant is open to unmarried women who are permanent residents of the City of Pomona and who are under the age of 21. Ideal candidates must be currently enrolled and attending high school in Pomona as a full time student in their junior or senior year with a grade point average of a 3.0 or better. Applicants will not demonstrate a talent, but she will have to provide evidence of her involvement and interest in the community via résumé, essay questions and references. There is no financial obligation to the applicant or the applicant's family. The Miss Pomona Pageant Committee will provide finalists with appropriate attire, hair-do and make-up on the coronation date.



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In order to be considered, the original application packet with documents must be received by the pageant committee prior to the close of the business day Friday, December 11, 2009. Applicants must submit the following documents:

- A fully completed application form.
- A typed résumé (see guidelines in application packet).
- Two letters of recommendations (references) from non-family members such as teachers, principals, employers, community-civic leaders, church leaders, or others who are familiar with the applicant and her accomplishments and personal characteristics and values. Letters of recommendation are to be typed, include the author's original signature, full name, position or title, address, and telephone number.
- Typed responses to all three essay questions (two paragraph limit for each question).
- Copy of most recent grade report or official school transcript.
- Hold harmless agreement with applicant and parent signatures.

The selection process will consist of a thorough review of all application packets from which semi-finalists will be selected. Applicant's education, essays, and general merit will be reviewed. All semi-finalists will be interviewed in January, 2010, by the Miss Pomona Pageant Committee. They will be judged on their responses, poise and presentation during the interview. Of the semi-finalists, three will be chosen to compete at the coronation ceremony, where all three young ladies will present a five minute speech before the community judges and audience. The speech topic will be provided when the three finalists are notified. Miss Pomona and her court will be selected based upon the total points from the judges, plus application and interview scores.

Miss Pomona and her court will reign for a term of one year. She and her court will make special appearances and represent the Pomona community at numerous public, city and community events such as the L.A County Fair, Pomona Christmas Parade, Holiday at the Plaza Celebration, 2nd Saturday Artwalks, and additional community events as requested.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED ORIGINAL APPLICATION PACKET
WITH ALL DOCUMENTS IS DECEMBER 11, 2009.**

Fax application to 909-469-1120. Applicant can also drop off or mail to:
DPOA - Miss Pomona Pageant Committee
401 S. Main St., STE 101
Pomona, CA 91766



MISS POMONA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

COMPETITION: Judging criteria comprised of academic achievements, community involvement, leadership, communication, interview responses, poise and presentation.

*** APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY December 11, 2009 ***
FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, CONTACT THE DPOA AT 909-469-1121



HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND PARENT CONSENT FORM

Please read carefully and sign below.

Inappropriate behavior, including disparaging remarks online or any form of media, by any contestant or anyone connected to a contestant before OR after the competition, will result in immediate and just disqualification. The same circumstances will be held in the instance of gossip or excessive criticism during or after the competition. In case of such event the title will be passed to the contestant with next highest score.

I have read and understand the application and selection procedures as well as the rules and regulations of the Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant. I do hold harmless the Miss Pomona Pageant Committee, its members, the Downtown Pomona Owners Association and its affiliates, the City of Pomona et al, for all loss of property and/or person and from all accidents that may result from my/our participation in the Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant or said activities surrounding the Miss Pomona Scholarship Pageant in Pomona, California. I further agree that by signing this agreement, I hereby grant the Miss Pomona Pageant Committee and DPOA and its legal representatives editorial, trade, advertising rights to use and publish photographs which I may be included, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manner or media. I hereby release the Miss Pomona Pageant Committee, DPOA and its representatives and assignees from all claims and liability relating to said photography.

Applicant Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



SAMPLE RÉSUMÉ

Applicant's Name

Honors and Awards Received

(Please include the honor/award name, description of nature of award and level of competition, whether honor or award was academic, artistic, or other type, and date received.)

Example: Most Outstanding Sophomore Band Member, December 2008

Extracurricular School Activities

(Please include the activity, a description of what the activity consists of, number of years of involvement, and hours per week and per year.)

Example: ASB, Varsity Tennis Team, Drama Club, etc.

Community Activities

(Please include the activity, a description of what the activity consists of, number of years of involvement, and hours per week and per year.)

Example: Volunteer for YMCA Afterschool Program, etc.

Leadership Skills

(Please include all Leadership position held, organization, responsibilities, accomplishments, and personal standards and values.)

Example: Jr. Class President, Key Club Vice-President, Captain Girls Volleyball Team, Etc.

Work Experience/Paid Employment

(Please specify name of employer, responsibilities, hours worked per week, and dates employed.)

Example: Pomona Nursery. Managed front desk 8 hours a week. Sept. 2007 – Present.



ESSAY QUESTIONS

If selected to be “Miss Pomona,” how do you foresee your selection impacting your life in the future?

Describe your personal characteristics and traits which will enable you to be an outstanding representative for the Pomona community as “Miss Pomona.”

What would you do, or what would you recommend to improve the quality of life for residents in Pomona?
(What changes can you bring to your community that would make you an ideal role model?)



RULES

- Contestants must answer all three essay questions.
- Contestants must submit their own, self-written essays.
- Any quotations used from copyrighted material must be properly identified.
- The Miss Pomona Pageant Committee and the DPOA shall have the right to use and/or dispose of any essay entered without charge or advance notification.
- All essays must be typed or computer generated.
- Each essay must contain no more than 500 words or two paragraphs.
- The essay pages must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner and be clearly labeled with contestant's name.