

*2011 Miss Rankin County/Southwest  
Miss Dogwood Festival and Miss Flowood Scholarship Pageant  
Official Preliminary to the Miss Mississippi Pageant  
MissRankinCountyPageant.org*

Greetings!

We are excited to welcome another pageant year! This year we are combining three local Miss Mississippi preliminaries into one event. The Miss Rankin County/Southwest, Miss Dogwood Festival and Miss Flowood Pageant will be held simultaneously on December 11, 2010 at Brandon High School Auditorium. This event will provide more opportunities for young ladies to compete for the Miss Mississippi title. We are very proud to recognize our 2010 Miss Dogwood Festival Jessica Terrill for placing top ten at the state pageant and 2010 Miss Rankin County/Southwest Megan Miller for winning double preliminary in Talent and Swimsuit. The overall success of this scholarship program is dependent on the support and generosity of the community, businesses, schools, individual volunteers and participation of contestants.

The winners of this pageant will receive college scholarships and represent Rankin County/Southwest, the City of Flowood and the statewide open pageant Dogwood Festival at the televised Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg in July 2011. They will be guaranteed at least another \$1,300 in scholarships at the state pageant.

The Miss Rankin County/Southwest Pageant is open to ladies in Rankin, Simpson counties and to the following eleven southwestern counties that include: Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Lincoln, Walthall, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis and Marion. The Miss Dogwood Festival Pageant is open to any qualified ladies in the state. The Miss Flowood pageant is open to ladies living in the Flowood area. Miss contestants must be between the ages of 17-24 and at least a senior in high school. Contestants should have never been married or pregnant to be eligible. To qualify to compete there is a required fee of \$100 to be donated to the Children's Miracle Network. You must show a proof of this donation when you turn in your application.

If you are interested, you need to begin your preparations now. There are four areas of competition involved in winning the Miss Rankin County/ Southwest, Miss Dogwood Festival and Miss Flowood titles. They include talent (talent presentation should not be more than ninety seconds, so start perfecting your talent now); interview (you will talk about your "platform issue"- this pertains to an issue that you would speak about if you become Miss Mississippi or even Miss America); evening gown and swimwear. An on-stage question will also be a part of the competition. Previous issues for the platform have included many different causes such as domestic violence, eating disorder, tobacco awareness, education, volunteerism, breast cancer prevention, etc.

Three Outstanding Teen titles will also be awarded: Rankin County/ Southwest's Outstanding Teen, Dogwood Festival Outstanding Teen and Flowood Outstanding Teen (with talent, interview, evening gown and athletic wear competitions). The Teen and Miss Pageant will be held at 6 P.M. There is a required fee of \$100 for Teen contestants that will be donated to the Miss Rankin County Scholarship program. Applications for Teen and Miss are available for download at our website: [www.MissRankinCountyPageant.org](http://www.MissRankinCountyPageant.org)

Miss and Teen contestant's rehearsals will be on Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Brandon High School Auditorium. During this rehearsal you will have to bring your music or accompaniment for your talent if you are competing for the Outstanding Teen and Miss titles. You will be given a chance to practice your 90-second talent on stage before your actual performance in the evening of the pageant. You may dress casually for the rehearsal. We will go over with the show order and a simple opening number for all the contestants. Opening number outfit consisted of your interview wear outfit. Send a photo 4X6 minimum size for the program book together with your application form. You are also required to bring a Prince or Princess ages 5-12 to escort you during your evening wear competition. There is a required participation fee of \$30 for this program. **Deadline to enter is on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Application, photo and all fee requirements must be received on deadline qualify to compete. Send in with your application a short introduction for your talent. This will be read before you present your talent on stage. Please call us if you have any questions. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Good Luck and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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**Application Form**

Please mark for title(s) you are eligible to compete:

Miss Rankin County/Southwest

Miss Dogwood Festival

Miss Flowood

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Education:

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School) (Date Graduated)

College \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School) (Degree Sought)

Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Classification this coming September \_\_\_\_\_

College major \_\_\_\_\_ Declared minor \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School) (Degree Sought)

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Scholastic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Career Ambition \_\_\_\_\_

Other Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What type of talent will you present? \_\_\_\_\_

(You need not give the exact title of your talent presentation here. Merely indicate if you will dance- ballet, tap etc., vocal presentation- classical, popular etc., play a musical instrument – name of instrument, comedy reading, dramatic skit, etc.)

Special training in music, drama, dance, art \_\_\_\_\_

Employment experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name, ages of brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other interesting facts about yourself \_\_\_\_\_

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State the reason why you want to win the title? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

If selected, what issue would you choose to focus on during your year of service?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name and number of community service projects you worked on (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours and Fund Raised to support your community service projects (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Issue / Platform Issue \_\_\_\_\_

1. Clearly define the platform issue to which you are sincerely committed and for which you will be an activist during your year of service.

2. What, if any are your most significant accomplishments to date in regard to your platform issue?

3. Specifically, what do you wish to accomplish during your year of service as an activist for your platform issue?

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contestant's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Contestant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Please show a proof of a minimum \$100 donation to the Children's Miracle Network Fund with your application. If you have not done so, you are required to comply with this requirement prior to competing in the local Miss Mississippi pageants.**

**For more information on the Children Miracle Network you can log on to:**

**[www.MissAmerica4kids.org](http://www.MissAmerica4kids.org)**

**Print your information in this application form and mail it to:**

**Deadline to send in your application:**

**December 4, 2010**

**Miss Rankin County Scholarship Pageant**

**c/o Ray Trinanes – Director**

**105 Turtle Ridge Drive**

**Brandon, MS 39047**

Call or E-mail if you have any questions with this form:

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