

*2012 Miss Rankin County/Southwest
Miss Dogwood Festival Scholarship Pageant*
Official Preliminary to the Miss Mississippi Pageant
MissRankinCountyPageant.org

Greetings!

We are excited to welcome another pageant year! The Miss Dogwood Festival Pageant is an open preliminary pageant on its third year. Any qualified young lady in the state of Mississippi can compete for this title. The overall success of this scholarship program is possible through the support and generosity of the community, businesses, schools and individual volunteers and participation of contestants.

The 2012 Miss Rankin County/Southwest Mississippi Pageant and Miss Dogwood Festival Pageant will be held on January 14, 2012 at Brandon High School Auditorium. The winners of this pageant will receive college scholarships and represent Rankin County and Southwest Mississippi at the statewide-televised Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg on June 2012. They will be guaranteed at least another \$1,300 in scholarship fund at the state pageant.

The Miss Rankin County/Southwest Pageant is open to ladies in Rankin, Simpson counties and to the following twelve southwestern counties in Mississippi that include: Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Lincoln, Copiah, Walthall, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis and Marion. The Miss Dogwood Festival Pageant is open to any qualified ladies in the state. 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. There is a required fee of \$100 to be donated to the Children's Miracle Network fund.

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 and Miss Dogwood Festival titles. They include talent (talent presentation should not be more than 90 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.

There is a Junior Division at the Miss Rankin County/Southwest Pageant and Miss Dogwood Festival Pageant, which will be held in the morning of January 14th. Those divisions are: 0-23 months Girls, Baby Miss; 0-23 months Boys, Baby Mr.; 2-3 yrs. Girls, Tiny Miss; 2-3 yrs. Boys, Tiny Mr.; 4-5 yrs. Girls, Little Miss; 4-5 yrs. Boys, Little Mr.; 6-8 yrs. Girls, Young Miss; 6-8 yrs. Boys, Young Mr.; 9-11 yrs. Girls, Pre-Teen; 12-14 yrs. Girls, Junior Miss; and 15-17 yrs., Miss Teen Rankin County, Miss Teen Southwest and Miss Teen Dogwood. In the morning pageant, there will also be a Miss and Mrs. Division (married woman between the ages of 18 and up). If you know of anyone who would like to compete for the Junior Division, that pageant will be held at 10:00 AM with the Teen, Miss and Mrs. Division. Two Outstanding Teen titles will be awarded: Rankin County/ Southwest's Outstanding Teen and Dogwood Festival Outstanding Teen (with talent and athletic wear competition). The Outstanding 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 the Junior, Teen, Miss and Mrs. are available for download at our website: www.MissRankinCountyPageant.org

Miss and Outstanding Teen contestant's rehearsals will be on Friday January 13th 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 seconds 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 probably 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 \$35 for this program. In the event that you absolutely can not bring a Prince or Princess, we will provide one for you but you are required to pay their participation fee of \$35. Deadline to enter is on January 6th. Application, photo and all fee requirements must be received on this date to 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 me if you have any questions. I will be happy to assist you in any way I can.

Good Luck and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ray Trinanés- Director



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Application Form

Miss Rankin County/Southwest

Miss Dogwood Festival

(Check the title you are eligible to apply)

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)

Scholastic Honors _____

(2)

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 _____

State the reason why you want to be Miss Rankin County/Southwest or Miss Dogwood Festival? _____

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) _____

(3)

Contestant 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

Print your information with this application form and mail it to:

**Miss Rankin County/ Southwest
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c/o Ray Trinanes – Director
105 Turtle Ridge Drive
Brandon, MS 39047**

**Deadline to send in your application:
January 6, 2012**

**Pageant will be held at Brandon High School
January 14, 2012 6:00 PM**

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

(601) 519 0552

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