Hello!

Thank you so much for your interest in participating in the 2019 Miss Houston County High School Scholarship Pageant! The Band Boosters and the Miss HCHS Pageant Committee are looking forward to working with you in the months to come.

Please review the following information about the pageant in full before continuing on to the application and contract. Please also pay close attention to the dates mentioned.

**2019 Miss HCHS Important Facts and Guidelines**

**Eligibility and Responsibilities of the Reigning Miss HCHS:**

* Contestants must be full time 2018-2019 students of Houston County High School with upstanding academic & personal records – this includes having no discipline problems and being current with all school financial responsibilities.
* Each Contestant will be required to pre-sell TEN pageant tickets without exception. If tickets are unsold, the unpaid ticket amount due will be referred to the front office in order to be collected.
* Miss HCHS will be a role model to her peers. All actions at school, in public, and on social media will be considered a representation of Houston County High School and the City of Warner Robins. Miss HCHS must always consider her actions accordingly.
* During her reign, Miss HCHS will be expected to make appearances for school activities, civic functions, and two parades during December.
* The reigning Miss HCHS will also be required to take part in all activities, including the crowning, for the 2020 Miss HCHS Pageant.

**Pageant Requirements:**

* Each Contestant will be required to compete in FOUR phases of competition with the following breakdown for the possible total score of 100%
1. 40% Interview
2. 20% Casual Wear
3. 30% Evening Wear
4. 10% Onstage Question
* There will be an **Optional Talent Category** which will not be calculated toward your final score. See additional information on Page 3 of the Application.

**Results and Awards:**

* All results are final and judges’ scores will be kept private.
* No judges’ comments will be made.
* Awards will be given as follows:
1. Miss HCHS
2. 1st Runner Up
3. 2nd Runner Up
4. Optional Talent Winner
5. Interview Winner
6. Casualwear Winner
7. Eveningwear Winner
8. Optional Miss Photogenic – 8x10 photo provided by contestant at an additional cost of $15 (Fee and 8X10 due at Dress Rehearsal.)
9. Miss Congeniality – voted upon by the contestants
10. Spirit of Miss HCHS – The Miss Edith Award
11. People’s Choice Award – voted upon by family & friends in the theatre lobby
12. Top Ticket Sales – Ticket sales will be available online on
13. Top Ad Sales **–** See attached information sheet - Ad sales start as soon as your application has been submitted and will end on 01/21/2019

**Scholarship:**

* All scholarships will be paid to the school of the winning contestant’s choice within two years of graduation from high school.
* Contestants wishing to claim scholarships must request a Scholarship Request form from the band director. Form must be signed and returned to the Band Director or Booster Treasurer.
* Scholarships are as follows:
	+ Miss HCHS - $500.00
	+ First Runner Up - $350.00
	+ Second Runner Up - $300.00
* Contestants are eligible to win 1st & 2nd runner up multiple times, but Miss only once.
* Finalists that fail to claim winnings within the two years following their graduation forfeit the scholarship.

**Pageant Deadlines and Fees:**

* Electronic Applications are due by 01/25/2019: Sponsorship/Entry Fee: $75.00\*
* Late Electronic Applications are due by 02/01/2019: Late Sponsorship/Entry Fee: $80.00\*
* Optional Talent Category: $25.00
* Optional Miss Photogenic Category: $15.00
* Original Contracts signed by Contestants & Parents will be due at the Tea on 02/02/2019

**No Refunds:**

* No refunds will be given unless extenuating circumstances are present.

**Dress Code:**

* Please keep in mind that all outfits will need to be approved by Erin Sullivan by sight. This means that Erin will need to see your outfits in person or see a picture of you wearing each outfit. Texting pictures is acceptable.
* Below are a few exceptions that you will need to consider when selecting your pieces
* No bare midriff
* (Two piece dresses are allowed, but keep in mind No bare midriff)
* No Low-Waisted Backless Dresses
* No Plunging or Deep V necklines
* Formal Dresses will need to be approved as stated above

**Information Meeting:**

* An informal pageant information Meetings will be held Jan 8th, 2019 at 8:00 pm in the bandroom.
* These meetings are completely optional
* Pageant Committee will be available to accept fees and contracts
* Q&A about Ad Sales and People’s Choice
* Q&A about clothing and talent
* Ticket Sales
* Program Sales
* Details will be posted on [www.hocoband.com](http://www.hocoband.com) and https://www.facebook.com/misshoco2019/

**Mandatory Meeting:**

* Contestant’s Tea Saturday, **02/02/2019** in the counselors office.
* This meeting will mark the start of our Pageant Activities. Contestants will have a chance to ask questions, get to know each other and the directors.
* The Opening number outfit will be detailed at the Tea.
* The Contestant number selection Ceremony will also take place at the Tea.
* Professional individual and group pictures will be taken. These pictures will be used for the People’s Choice Award boxes, newspaper and yearbook. Please wear something nice! These pictures will also be available for sale to the contestants.

**Professional Photography:**

* We are fortunate to have ***Life Unscripted by Tricia Parker***!!
* Professional Photo shoot – Feb 2nd at the Contestant’s Tea in a Natural Setting
* Many contestants select 8x10s from the Photo Shoot as their Miss Photogenic submission.
* Custom Photo Packages will be available for purchase.
* Products include a photo collage, photo buttons, ‘Vote for Me’ buttons, picture CD with many candid shots throughout the month of February 2nd at the Tea, Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsal and Pageant.

**Rehearsals:**

* Contestants will be required to SIGN IN at every rehearsal.
* Contestants will be required to bring all shoes that will be worn on stage with them. It is important that you get a feel for the stage floor.
* These rehearsals are VERY important. Contestants will learn the opening number. Valuable stage tips will be given. This is a great opportunity to ask questions!
* The dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY**. This is non-negotiable.
* Monday 02/11/2019 - Rehearsal 5:00 pm 8:00(Even contestant numbers Talent)
* Wednesday 02/13/2019 - Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm (Odd contestant numbers Talent)
* Wednesday 02/20/2019 - Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
* Friday 2/22/2019 - Mandatory Dress Rehearsal 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm (until)

**Interviews (Saturday 02/23/2019)**

* Interviews will start between 9:00 and 10:00 am Saturday morning.
* Interview will be approximately 5 minutes.
* Dress comfortably but as if you were going to a job interview.

Questions can be directed by email/text to:
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