

46th Annual Miss Hamilton County Dove Festival Pageant

**** EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: NOON ON FRIDAY JULY 28, 2017 ****

**** REGULAR ENTRY DEADLINE: NOON ON FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2017 ****

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY!!

The pageant will be held on **SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017 AT 6:00 p.m.** at Hamilton High School. All contestants will be required to attend a **mandatory rehearsal/informational meeting on AUGUST 19, 2017** at Hamilton High School at the following times: 4:00 p.m. for Baby Miss & Tiny Miss and 6:00 p.m. for all other divisions. There will be an admission fee of \$3 per person to attend the actual pageant, and each contestant will receive two complimentary tickets to use as they wish. Eligibility rules and requirements can be found on page three of this packet.

The age deadline is the age the contestant will be as of 8/26/2017 (the date of the pageant).

BABY MISS – NEWBORN TO UNDER 18 MONTHS OF AGE

TINY MISS – 18 MONTHS OF AGE TO UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE

SWEETHEART – AGES 3 AND 4

LITTLE MISS – AGES 5 AND 6

JUNIOR MISS – AGES 7 THRU 9

DUCHESS – AGES 10 THRU 12

PRINCESS – AGES 13 THRU 15

QUEEN – AGES 16 THRU 18

EARLY DEADLINE ENTRY FEE IS \$30.00 & REGULAR DEADLINE ENTRY FEE IS \$50.00.

This fee can be paid by a sponsoring business, however it is suggested that the business should be contacted in person to request sponsorship as well as given a thank you note after pageant. For every additional entry in a household (after the first entry), the fee shall be \$25.00 for early entry and \$40.00 for regular entry.

The fee MUST accompany the entry form!!

Every contestant will be modeling an evening gown/fancy dress on stage. Every contestant except for Baby Miss and Tiny Miss will have a personal interview with the judges during the day of the pageant. Furthermore, every contestant except for the youngest two divisions will have an on-stage question during the actual pageant. An adult must accompany the youngest two divisions on stage. All divisions will be judged on modeling, appearance, interview questions (if applicable), poise, etc. Winners of each division will receive a tiara, sash, jewelry gift, flowers, and prizes. The queen division winner will also be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be paid upon proof of enrollment in an accredited college/university. Awards will also be given in each division for 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, Most Photogenic and Miss Congeniality. In the youngest two divisions, the judges will select Miss Personality instead of Miss Congeniality. We will also be awarding the People's Choice Award and Shiny Girl Award just like we have in previous years. Judges will be from outside of Hamilton County and will not be announced until pageant.

ITEMS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1) ATTACHED PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FORM (WITH SIGNATURES)**
- 2) ENTRY FEE – CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO CHAMBER TO COMMERCE**
- 3) PHOTO OR SNAPSHOT – no larger than a 5X7!! PHOTOS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE PAGEANT AGREEMENT AND ENTRY FEE – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Entry form and fee can be turned into the Chamber office in Hamilton or mailed to P.O. Box 429, Hamilton, Texas 76531.

Any questions should be directed to pageant director:

Candace Stroud Lovell (254)784-0683 or lovellcandace@gmail.com

MISS HAMILTON COUNTY DOVE FESTIVAL PAGEANT PARTICIPATE AGREEMENT

UPDATED 3/23/2017

THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS ARE BASED ON NORMAL CONSIDERATIONS OF PAGEANT PARTICIPATION.

THIS IS A HOMETOWN PAGEANT, NOT "TODDLERS AND TIARAS."

- 1) Participants MUST meet age requirements by the date of the pageant of the competition year.
- 2) Participants MUST reside in or attend school in Hamilton County.
- 3) Participants MUST participate in planned program as coordinated by pageant director.
- 4) Participants MUST maintain standards normally appropriate with respect to dress, language, courtesy, cleanliness, manners and sportsmanship. This includes respectful and appropriate behavior on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.
- 5) Parents MUST emulate good sportsmanship and be an example for their children. ANY DEROGATORY STATEMENTS OR DISRESPECTFUL REMARKS MADE BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS ABOUT THE PAGEANT, THE WINNERS OR THE VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND COULD RESULT IN YOUR CHILD BEING BANNED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PAGEANT. POSITIVE FEEDBACK IS ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER DEROGATORY STATEMENTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- 6) Participants MUST avoid use of any tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substances. Participants MUST avoid roughness or other behaviors that might harm chamber furnishings and other participants and volunteers.
- 7) If awarded a title, titleholders MUST inform pageant director of any illness, accident, or schedule conflicts that will cause them to miss a scheduled event/appearance. NO MORE THAN 2 ABSENCES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.
- 8) In the event of inappropriate behavior, the participant will be counseled about the misconduct and may be banned from participating in said event. This includes all events and parades. In the event of extreme misconduct, a meeting will be held with participant and parents. The participant will be dismissed from their title and will be required to forfeit any title, scholarship and prizes.
- 9) Young ladies accepting the title in each division MUST understand that they are representing Hamilton County at all times. Moreover, they MUST understand that they are a role model for other young ladies in the community. If participants marry, use illegal substances or become pregnant, they will be required to forfeit their title and all prizes.
- 10) Titleholders from the previous year's pageant MUST be moving up to the next division to be able to compete in the pageant again. If not moving up to the next division, participants may enter the same division that they have previously won only if they have skipped a year of participation.
- 11) In the event that a titleholder cannot fulfill her duties for the entire year, the first runner-up will become the titleholder and the same rules will apply.
- 12) Each titleholder is expected to attend and represent Hamilton County at various events as designated by the pageant director and Chamber of Commerce. Since participating in out of town parades is no longer required, it is expected that the titleholders will participate in various events in the community (Dove Festival, holiday canned food drive, Christmas in Hamilton, park clean-up days, etc) throughout the year in order to represent the Chamber of Commerce and our wonderful community as well as emulate for other youth how to give back to their community.
- 13) The rehearsal/information meeting is mandatory in order to be able to participate. There must be a representative for the contestant present at the meeting in the event that the contestant cannot be there.
- 14) A photo of the contestant must be submitted with entry packet in order to be able to participate in the pageant. PHOTOS MUST BE TURNED IN WITH ENTRY PACKET AND ENTRY FEE – NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- 15) The judges will select one Shiny Girl Award winner for the entire pageant. The winner of this award is the one contestant in the entire pageant whose inner beauty was as apparent as their outer beauty. The People's Choice Award winner is voted on by those attending the pageant - \$1.00 per vote – and is awarded to only one contestant in the entire pageant.

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Contestant Agreement Form

Name of contestant: _____

Home address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Email address: _____

Contestant date of birth: _____

Age of contestant as of 8/26/2017:

(age as of the date of pageant) _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

School (if applicable): _____

Contestant sponsor (if applicable): _____

WE HAVE READ THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT IT AS A
CONTESTANT IN THE 2017 MISS HAMILTON COUNTY DOVE FESTIVAL
PAGEANT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT, IF WE BECOME A TITLEHOLDER,
THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE IN EFFECT ONE YEAR UNTIL THE TITLE IS
PASSED ONTO THE NEXT WINNER.

Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

