

Miss Merry Christmas



Sunday, November 12th, 2023



WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us and we welcome you to the 2023 Miss Merry Christmas Pageant! The theme of **Miss Merry Christmas** is celebrating the Holiday Season and giving back to our community combined with a fun-filled weekend! We invite YOU to compete for this prestigious title and truly BE YOURSELF while having fun and remembering what the Holiday Season is all about!

2022 Miss Merry Christmas Winners!!!



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MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS Holiday Pageant

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Liberty Performing Arts Theater

Address: 1600 S Withers Rd, Liberty, MO 64068



Age Divisions: 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19 & Over, Mrs Division

Fees: \$125 (4&Under), \$175 (5 & Over)

***Includes Lunch/Snacks for the Day**

*** Fees do not include optional competitions**

*** NO REFUNDS of Fees for ANY reason. If you need help/extensions, etc. please do not hesitate to reach out! I am here to help.**

The Competition:

Mandatory Competition Categories:

- Fun Fashion (High Fashion and/or Holiday Themed Outfit/Attire of your choice) Casual OR Dressy: 1/3 of Score (50% for 4 & Under)
- Evening Gown (Gown of your choice): 1/3 of Score, (50% for 4 & Under)
- Interview (One-on-One Interview with the Judges): 1/3 of Score (4 & Under Division not included)

Summary:

4 & Under- Fun Fashion & Evening Gown ONLY

5 & Over- Fun Fashion, Evening Gown, Interview

Optional Competition Categories (Not Required):

- 1.) Photogenic Competition: \$25 Per Photo, or \$50 Unlimited Photos (Crown/Banner to 1 Overall Winner!)
- 2.) Talent Competition: Optional Talent of your choice!! - \$50/Each (Maximum of 2 Talents) Crown/Banner for Overall Winner
- 3.) Christmas Spirit/Ticket Sales: Contestant with MOST ticket sales to the pageant receives a Crown and

Banner (Automatic Entry For ALL CONTESTANTS for 2022

4.) Fitness Competition (\$50 Entry)- Pattern is the same as Fun Fashion. This is judged on your Energy and Confidence!

Mini Optionals (Not Required):

1. Miss Congeniality- \$20 (Trophy- Voted on by Staff throughout Pageant Weekend)
2. Best Smile- \$20 (Trophy- Voted on by Judges)
3. Best Hair- \$20 (Trophy- Voted on by Judges)
4. Best Personality- \$20 (Trophy- Voted on by Judges)

All Fees & Deadlines (All fees due 1 week prior to the Pageant 11/5/23)

*****You May ADD Optional Competitions AT PAGEANT REGISTRATION**

COMPETITION JUDGING:

Opening Production Number:

*****There will be no Opening Number or dance/choreographed routine, we will begin with the Fun Fashion Competition to Start the Show! This will also save stress, money and time on Pageant Day. 😊**

Scoring:

Scoring will be conducted on a 25 point scale:

- o 25 = Excellent
- o 23 - 24 = Very Good
- o 21 - 22 = Good
- o 19 - 20 = Average
- o 17 - 18 = Below Average

Mandatory Areas of Competition:

The Pageant: The competition will consist of the following three categories weighted in equal parts: Interview, Evening Gown, and Fun Fashion Modeling. The 4 & Under Divisions will have Evening Gown and Fun Fashion ONLY, each weighted 50% of overall score.

Interview (Ages 5 & Over Will Compete): The judges are looking for a young lady that can articulate with excellent social and conversational skills. Contestants must be able to express themselves clearly and must project a pleasant personality at all times.

*****Interviews are 2 minutes each, Per Judge. You will have 3 Judges.**

Interview Competition details:

o Interviews are conducted one-on-one style The Interview focuses primarily on delegates' personality, hobbies and ambition, etc. but may include opinion questions that require general knowledge of social and age related current events. The Teen and Miss interview focuses on the delegates' personality and the ability to know about herself- likes, dislikes, ambitions, etc. There will be NO political or controversial questions allowed in the interview room.

o Delegates should wear a dress, romper or pant outfit that is age appropriate for the interview competition.

o Judging criteria: conversational skill, personality, demeanor, grooming, and fashion sense

Evening Gown: The judges will be looking for a young lady that can carry themselves with dignity, grace, poise and elegance. Judges are not evaluating the cost or designer label of the gown, but rather how well it suits the delegate (e.g., fit, color, style) as well as delegate's on-stage presentation.

Evening Gown Competition details:

- o Evening gown may be short for younger divisions or full length.
- o Gowns must be age appropriate.
- o Judging criteria: modeling, personality, grooming and fashion sense.

Fun Fashion Modeling: The contestant must be able to project their own personal sense of style. This segment will be conducted very much like a runway fashion show. Fashion attire can be anything the delegate feels represents a currently popular or stylish ensemble. Judges will be looking for high energy, spirit, and the delegate's sense of contemporary style for today's woman. Judges are not looking for a specific style or designer label but rather how well the attire suits the delegate (e.g., fit, color, style) as well as delegate's on-stage presentation.

Fun Fashion Modeling Competition details:

- o Attire is fashion forward and may be a dress or pant outfit.
- o Very casual attire is not recommended
- o Attire may be embellished with rhinestones, sequins or other decorative materials.
- o Bare midriffs are acceptable but outfits must be tasteful and complement size and figure.
- o Attire should reflect the delegate's personality and personal sense of style and **MUST** be age appropriate.
- o Judging criteria: modeling, personality, grooming and fashion sense.

OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS:

Photogenic:

- o Color or black and white photo
- o Photos do not have to be professional but should be of good quality and clarity.
- o Judging criteria: photogenic appeal, photo quality & clarity, beauty of face, personality, grooming and fashion sense.
- o Entry Fee: \$50

Talent:

- o Talent must not be any longer than 1 ½ minutes (90 Seconds).
- o: Should music be required to complete the talent performance, talent music must be turned in at registration. Entrant must keep a backup copy in the audience or in the dressing room in case of an emergency.
- o Talent music must be labeled with entrant's name written on both, the cd/jump drive and cover.
- o Talent music must be the only track on your talent CD/jump drive. Entrant's talent music must have a definite end. If there is a fade, it must be recorded and completed within the time limit.
- o Talent props used during the presentation must be a functional part of the presentation.
- o Judging criteria: entertainment value, costuming, basic technique
- o Entry Fee: \$50 (Limit of 2 Talents per contestant)

10 JUDGING: A panel of 3 judges will evaluate delegates in the areas of competition described above. The Miss Merry Christmas pageant has sole discretion and complete authority to select judges. Reasonable efforts are made to secure a culturally and professionally diverse panel of judges. Judges' names are not released to delegates prior to arrival at the pageant.

Delegates may not approach the judges or engage in conversation with judges prior to, during or following the competition. Delegates who are observed approaching a judge or engage in conversation with a judge beyond a brief greeting risk immediate disqualification at the discretion of The Miss Merry Christmas Staff.

Judges are provided with training and instruction regarding scoring procedures prior to the competition. Judges are expected to sign a Judge's Acknowledgement. The decision of the judges is final and not contestable for any reason.

Scoresheets / Feedback: Scores and comments must be made available contestants within 30 days of the state pageant.

FAQ's

- **Can I bring my own hair and makeup team?** Yes-We will also allow your team backstage. You may either use your own hair/makeup artist, or you may also do your own. Having your hair and makeup professionally done has NO BEARING on the winner.
- **What are the Patterns for Evening Gown/Fun Fashion? You will be provided these PRIOR to pageant weekend due to limited rehearsal time.**
- **What are the judges looking for?** They are seeking a natural beauty whom has a great personality, shines on stage, and is having fun! They are looking for a girl that stands out and is being in the moment! This pageant is about being YOU and staying true to your convictions and beliefs, while having fun.
- **Are titles binding?** No. You are welcome to compete in any other pageant you choose after the Pageant Weekend concludes.
- **How much are show tickets?** Sunday final show tickets will be approximately \$10 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be first come, first serve and sold at the door. You will be able to order them online prior to Pageant Weekend.
- **Can I help my daughter backstage?** Yes! We encourage mothers to head back stage between divisions to assist their daughter in wardrobe changes- ESPECIALLY for the younger divisions. We will also have staff on hand to help! Only 1 ONE helper per child.
LIMITED to 1 Female Adult Helper per Contestant ONLY.
- **Do I need to have a platform or a charity that I want to work with?** No. However, this is a Holiday Pageant, so having a STRONG idea of who you are and any/all ways you like to give back to your community is always a great thing. 😊
- **Is there an Introduction?:** No Introduction

If we can answer your other questions, please let us know! We are so excited and welcome you to the 2022 Miss Merry Christmas Family!!

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Additional Notes/FAQs:

-Snacks & Lunch will be provided

-You WILL have time to change between Orientation and interview (roughly 30-45 minutes)

-When you check in on Sunday morning, you can take ALL belongings and competition wardrobe with you to the backstage area to set up your spot (Backstage, Dressing Room Area)

-Interviews are 2 minutes each, One-On-One with each of the judges. You will have 3 judges

-Dress for Orientation is Cute/Casual. You will be changing immediately after for interview. You may wear your interview outfit to check-in/orientation if you don't want to change.

-Dress for Rehearsal is comfortable. Leggings/sweatshirts, UGGs, flip flops, etc are all fine. Judges will not be on the premises. Bring your heels with you. The changing area is directly behind the stage, so you will be allowed to run back and change if you want to walk the stage at all in your competition wardrobe

-Moms ONLY (or 1 Female chaperone due to young ladies changing) are allowed to help their daughters backstage during competition changes. You will be about to go backstage between categories to help.

MOMS-You will receive 1 Free Ticket/Wristband for the Day***

-Photogenic Competition Winner will be Chosen by our Judges Collectively, and announced during the Final show. There will only be 1 Overall Photogenic Winner for the entire pageant in addition to runner-ups.

***There will be NO bio sheets for Miss Merry Christmas! The judges will be at liberty to ask any questions they choose (NO POLITICAL), and will be simply wanting to get to know you- BE YOURSELF! ☺

-Tickets can be purchased at the door or Online. \$1 /Each, Children 5 and Under free. Link to purchase tickets will be available 30 days prior to the pageant.

Please Call or Text anytime if you have any questions! ☺

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Evening Gown Pattern:



Fun Fashion & Fitness Pattern:

