

Miss Merry Christmas

 *December 11th, 2022* 

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us and we welcome you to the 2022 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!

2021 Miss Merry Christmas Winners!!!



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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: One Photo: \$25
- o Entry Fee Unlimited Photos: \$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 5 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.

-Interviews are 2 minutes each, One-On-One with each of the judges. You will have 5 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 STILL need to buy a ticket to the show and get stamped for access.**

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-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.

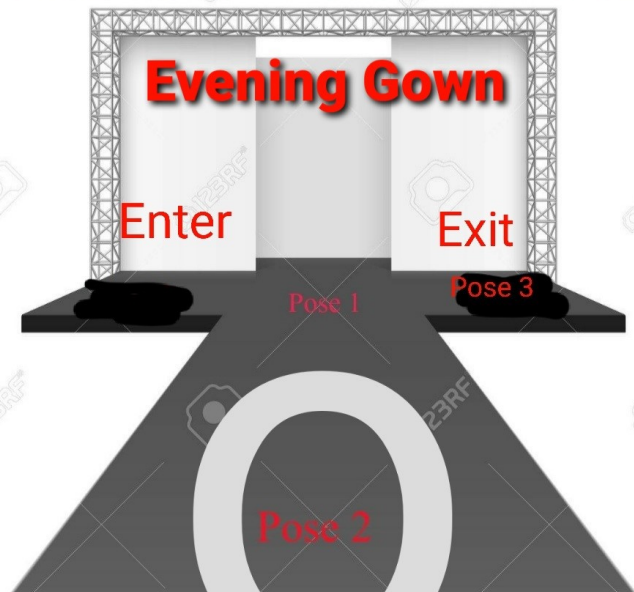
***There will be NO bio sheets for Miss Merry Christmas! The judges will be at liberty to ask any questions they choose (NO POLITICAL), and will be simply wanting to get to know you- BE YOURSELF! 😊

-Tickets can be purchased at the door or Online. \$10/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:

