

WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN'S PAGEANT

FEBRUARY 22, 2013

Enclosed, please find contestant rules, rehearsal schedule, application, and pageant information.



Please read all information carefully.

- Fill out application completely, and give lots of detail. This is where I get the information that is given to the judges.
- Read, and sign the rules.
- Please find your own sponsor, and get me the contact information as soon as possible.

Don't hesitate to call me, Miraya Young at 904-566-3783 for any questions or concerns.

Dear Contestant,

Welcome to the 2013 Brattleboro Winter Carnival Queen's Pageant. The accompanying packet has everything that you will need to know in order to be a pageant contestant.

There are a few things you need to know before the first practice. You must complete the paperwork in the packet and mail it to me at:

Miraya Young
442 Williams Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Or you can bring the completed forms to the first practice, on Sunday January 20, 2013. If you have any questions please call me at 802-254-7097 or on my cell at 904-566-3783. It would also be appreciate to receive a phone call from you indicating that you would like to be a contestant so we know how many people to expect.

For Sunday practices (including the first one) you will want to bring anything to you need for the talent portion of the show (you do not need to bring your costume right away), shoes to practice in for the evening gown portion, snack/lunch with a drink, and please wear comfortable clothes to practice dances in.

I look forward to working with you and making this a special Winter Carnival event. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Miraya Young

BRATTLEBORO WINTER CARNIVAL
2013 QUEEN'S PAGEANT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

**** **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

ALL rehearsals and workshops are mandatory. Points will be deducted for un-excused absences. Exceptions may be made in advance by calling Miraya Young at: 904-566-3783. Timely participation by contestants to all mandatory events will be rewarded with bonus points.

REHEARSALS:

Rehearsals will begin promptly at the time indicated on the schedule sheet. You will need to have your talent presentation ready for the workshop on Sunday, January 20. It is not necessary to have your accompanist at the informal workshops, but it is mandatory for them to be at the technical rehearsal on Wednesday, February 20, and the dress rehearsal on Thursday, February 21. You should bring a suitable tape, CD etc... and necessary equipment to the informal workshops.

DRESS REHEARSAL:

On February 21 we have dress rehearsal. This is a CLOSED rehearsal. This means that family members and or friends are not allowed to stay and watch rehearsal. The only people that may attend this rehearsal are Winter Carnival members associated with the Queen's Pageant.

TICKETS:

As in the past, tickets will be available for contestants to purchase a night or two before the show. As of now there is no limit on how many tickets contestants can purchase but please think about how many people could purchase tickets the night of the show.

QUESTIONS

You may have questions or concerns and need to call occasionally. Please call Miraya at 904-566-3783. You can leave a message if I am unavailable.

FUNCTIONS

Variety Show:

Monday and Tuesday February 18, and 19, at the BUHS auditorium. Attendance is mandatory. Please be there no later than 6:30 PM. Please wear a formal gown (long or tea-length). **It may NOT be the same gown you intend to wear in the pageant itself.** You may wear the same gown to both variety shows however.

Carnival Events:

It is mandatory that each contestant attends and volunteers at one or more carnival events during the week of carnival. The event is one that you choose that will fit your needs.

At the beginning of the event you choose to help out at, you will just need to let a carnival official know that you are there, and who you are.

CLOTHING

Variety Show: Evening gown – NOT the one you will wear in the pageant

Pageant: Interview – Street dress. May be dress pants or a nice dress.
(Something you might wear to a job interview)

Opening number – To be determined

Playsuit – Shorts, short skirt, tennis outfits etc...NO LEOTARDS, LEGGINGS, NYLONS OR PANTYHOSE! (This is to replace the Swimsuit competition and your legs must be visible.) **You must bring your playsuit to get approved by the February 3rd rehearsal.**

Playsuit dance – same as playsuit outfit

Talent – Clothes that are appropriate for your talent.

Evening gown – Long or tea-length gown

Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy all new clothes for the pageant. The judging is based on you, not the price of your clothing. If you feel comfortable in your clothes and you feel like you look good, you will.

PRIZES

The queen will be awarded a \$500 cash prize and a silver bowl. The 1st runner-up will receive a \$300 cash prize and the 2nd runner-up receives a \$200 cash prize. A silver bowl is also awarded to the contestant voted by her peers as Miss Congeniality. Miss Photogenic will receive a free hair and make-up make-over and a free photo sitting and 8 x 10 black and white photo. The winner of this is tallied through audience ballot and a vote by the judges. All prizes are awarded on stage the night of the pageant.

WINTER CARNIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Purpose of scholarship for continuing education only.

Requirements: Any contestant going on to school after graduation, or currently a college student may apply for the Winter Carnival Scholarship of \$1000.00. We urge contestants to apply for this worthwhile scholarship.

You will need to write approximately a 500-word essay explaining how you have prepared yourself for continuing your education, what your field of interest will be, and your plans for future community involvement or participation. Please do not have your name written anywhere on the application. Judging is done by the Winter Carnival Scholarship committee, without knowledge of the contestant's name. The winner will receive \$1000 toward her education. An alternate will also be chosen by the scholarship committee. If the winner of the scholarship decides not to further her education, the alternate will be awarded the scholarship. The winner will have no more than two years to use the scholarship; it would then revert to the alternate, if that person is continuing her education. Either the winner or the alternate must use the scholarship within the two-year period if so eligible. **The application deadline is at our last practice.** Please be sure to bring it with you and give it to Miraya.

COMPETITION

Judges interview: 35%. This is a semi-formal interview, scoring is done and points awarded. The judges will ask questions related to your write-up. This information comes from your application.

Playsuit: 12.5%. You should wear an appropriate outfit as outlined earlier.

Talent: 40%. Your talent must be longer than 2 minutes, but no longer than 3 minutes. You may have musical accompaniment during your talent presentation. Props are not encouraged due to the size limitations of the backstage and crewing. As stated before, your talent should be ready in rough form for the first workshop.

Evening gown: 12.5%. You should wear a gown that you like and that you feel good in. It does not have to be new. It may not be the one you wear in the Variety Show.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hair and make-up will need to be done before you come for the interview or by yourselves in the dressing room. There will be pageant officials backstage at all times to assist anyone that needs it. We also **may** have a volunteer hair & make-up artist to help out as well.

ALL TALENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE WINTER CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

BACKSTAGE:

THE ONLY PERSONS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE THE NIGHT OF THE PAGEANT ARE CONTESTANTS, OTHER PERFORMERS, AND THE PAGEANT OFFICIALS. THIS MEANS NO BOYFRIENDS, FRIENDS, OR PARENTS. **PENALTIES WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SCORES OF OFFENDERS.**

DUTIES:

The 2013 Queen must come back the following year to participate in the pageant and must participate in the Brattleboro 4th of July parade. All of the logistics for the parade will be taken care of by the director of the pageant. The director will get the car and will be in charge of driving, unless they will not be at the parade. If this is the case the director will find a backup from the committee to drive the car. By signing the rule sheet, you are agreeing to these terms if selected as the winner.(*please see rule sheet for detailed description of all other title holder requirements).

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE WINTER CARNIVAL PAGEANT 2013

Each ending time below is an approximant time. We usually get out of the Sunday rehearsals before 2pm.

Sunday January 20, 10 AM – 2 PM. Workshop at Kelly's Dance Academy.

Sunday January 27, 10AM – 2PM. Workshop at Kelly's Dance Academy.

Sunday February 3, 10AM – 2PM. Workshop at Kelly's Dance Academy. Please bring your playsuit outfit to rehearsal to get approval.

Date TBA: Evening at WTSA Radio station for recording radio spot.

Sunday February 10, 10AM – 2PM. Workshop at Kelly's Dance Academy.

Sunday February 17, 12PM dress rehearsal for variety show at BUHS.

Monday February 18, 6:30PM variety show at BUHS.

Tuesday February 19, 6:30PM variety show at BUHS.

Wednesday February 20, 6PM tech rehearsal BUHS auditorium.

Thursday February 21, 6PM dress rehearsal BUHS auditorium.

Friday February 22, 3:30PM BUHS to get ready for interview and SHOW!

Sometime during the week of Carnival, you must volunteer at an event of your choice.

Again, ALL workshops and rehearsals are **MANDATORY**, but the most important thing is that we all have FUN!

Winter Carnival Queens Scholarship Pageant Contestant Rules

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility. The pageant will be open to all young women between the ages of 16 and 20. She must be at least a Sophomore in High School. Any High School junior who is 16 is eligible. She must not be married, previously married, pregnant, or have given birth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Selection of Judges. I understand and accept that The Brattleboro Winter Carnival will appoint judges for awards, scholarship(s), runner-ups, and overall title. I understand that the decision of the judges is final and non-contestable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attire and Talent. TALENT: All talents must be reviewed by a pageant official, which includes pageant director(s), the vice president and the president in charge. All talents must meet pageant guidelines. This means that we reserve the right to require a contestant to adjust a talent deemed to be inappropriate in any manner. ATTIRE: Pageant officials reserve the right to preview all contestant attire to assure that it is suitable for the viewing public. Pageant officials and the committee also reserve the right to make final decisions on any discretionary matters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Code of Conduct. I agree to display good behavior and sportsmanship at all times while registered as a contestant in the BWC Queens Pageant. I understand that engaging in illegal behavior, and/or slanderous or libelous behavior, including but not limited to posting negative or inflammatory messages to the internet, harassing judges, contestants, or Winter Carnival Staff in person, via telephone, via mail, or via e-mail constitutes poor sportsmanship and may result in disqualification at the discretion of The Brattleboro Winter Carnival Committee. Furthermore, as a contestant, you are a representative of the Brattleboro Winter Carnival, and being a community- based organization, failure to conduct yourself in an appropriate manner at all times may also result in a penalty applied to your final score.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Carnival Scholarship. All contestants will be eligible for the Winter Carnival Scholarship. The scholarship must be used within two years of being awarded. If it is not used within this time frame said winner will forfeit the scholarship and it will be awarded to the alternate, who will have one year to use the scholarship. If, in this time, the scholarship has still not been used, it will be turned back in to the scholarship fund to be used in future years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity and Promotion. I give Brattleboro Winter Carnival permission to use my name, photo, likeness, voice, and biographical information for purpose of publicity, advertising, and promotion, in print, radio, video, or on the Brattleboro Winter Carnival website, and in any other media. I give Brattleboro Winter Carnival permission to use my name, photo, likeness, voice, and biographical information for purposes of producing promotional merchandise, including but not limited to clothing (e.g., t-shirts) posters, mugs, mouse pads and other products. I understand that I am not entitled to any compensation from the sale of such products.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title Holder. If you are crowned Queen, understand that you are a representative of The Brattleboro Winter Carnival for one year, and must act accordingly. If you are named queen, then you must act like a queen. Failure to represent the title in a favorable manner, including engaging in illegal activities/behavior, becoming pregnant and/or giving birth, and any other behaviors deemed to be unfavorable will result in removal of your crown and title as well as forfeiture of all prizes won, and the first runner-up will take over as reigning queen. As Title holder you are also required participate in the Brattleboro 4 th of July parade, and ride in the vehicle provided for you by the Winter Carnival Committee. All other appearances arranged for you during your year as Queen are optional (you may or may not attend them if you like)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honesty Policy. I attest that all information which I have, and will submit is true and accurate. I understand that falsification of information will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes won.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disqualification. By signing the entry form and sponsorship fee, I agree to abide by all rules set fourth by The Brattleboro Winter Carnival Queens Pageant, and the attendance policy as stated in the informational handout. I attest that all information submitted is true and accurate. Failure to apply with Brattleboro Winter Carnival Queens Pageant policies may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes won without benefit or refund in full or in part at the digression The Winter Carnival Committee.
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2013 Brattleboro Winter Carnival Queen's Pageant Application Information Sheet

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Education: High School &/or College: _____

Year Graduated: _____

Place of Work: _____

Your Sponsor: _____

(Please include a contact name and phone number of the person/business willing to sponsor you. The cost is **\$275**. Money goes toward pageant expenses, and sponsor receives a lot of advertising in return. **The money is due on the first rehearsal date**. Call Miraya for questions.)

Special training in music, drama, etc: _____

Scholarship Information: Name of college, education/degree you are or will be seeking and/or any special training you desire: _____

What talent will you present: _____

What are your hobbies: _____

What sports do you participate in:_____

Give some interesting facts about yourself for publicity:_____

What is your ambition for the future and why:_____

Please attach a CLEAR photograph to this application to be used for publicity.
This photo may not be returned.

Signed:_____

Date:_____