

# 2017 Miss Mountain Laurel Pageant Application

April 29th, 2017

## Habersham Central Ninth Grade Academy

Pageant start time:

11:00 AM for all age divisions

**Early Entry Fee: Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Rehearsal Date: April 28th**

**Late Entry: April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pageant Date: April 29th**

**FEES: EARLY ENTRY FEE** \$70, Siblings \$50. **LATE ENTRY FEE (after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 postmark)** \$80, Siblings \$60. Must be sisters/step-sisters/half-sisters/foster sisters. Siblings' entries must be received in the same envelope.

**RETURNED CHECKS:** If your check is returned you must pick it up and pay with cash at pageant check in or your child will not be allowed to compete. Please make sure the pageant does not conflict with other activities on your child's schedule. There are no refunds for schedule conflicts such as baseball, t-ball, birthday parties, etc...

**AGE DIVISIONS** – based on age of the contestant on the day of the pageant.

<b>Baby Miss</b>	<b>6 months – 14 months</b>	(short dress)
<b>Toddler Miss</b>	<b>15 months – 23 months</b>	(short dress)
<b>Tiny Miss</b>	<b>24 months – 35 months</b>	(short dress)
<b>Wee Miss</b>	<b>3 – 4 years</b>	(short or long dress)
<b>Little Miss</b>	<b>5 – 6 years</b>	(floor length dress)
<b>Petite Miss</b>	<b>7 – 8 years</b>	(floor length dress)
<b>Young Miss</b>	<b>9 – 10 years</b>	(floor length dress)
<b>Pre-Teen Miss</b>	<b>11 – 12 years</b>	(floor length dress)
<b>Teen Miss</b>	<b>13 – 15 years</b>	(floor length dress)
<b>Miss</b>	<b>16 -19 years</b>	(floor length dress)

**NEW FOR 2017: Division for Boys**

<b>Tiny Mr.</b>	<b>6 months – 3 years</b>
<b>Little Mr.</b>	<b>4 years – 8 years</b>

**People's Choice Junior Queen or King** 6 months – 8 years

**People's Choice Senior Queen** 9 years and up

**A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to the winner in Miss Division (ages 16-19) to the College/Technical College of her choice if 12 or more contestants compete in this category. If there is less than 12 contestants, the Clarkesville Lion's Club will determine if a prize will be awarded to the winner.**

**PRIZES:** All non-placing contestants will receive a specially designed Mountain Laurel medallion. There will be 3 prizes awarded per age group, Queen/King, 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Queens will receive a beautiful tiara, custom sash, flowers and trophy. Kings will receive a crown, custom sash and a trophy. Alternates will receive a trophy. Queens/Kings and their court will receive an invitation to ride in the 2017 Mountain Laurel parade. There will also be an award given to the best formal wear, smile, hair and eyes in each age division.

**OPTIONAL:** Photogenic \$5 per photo (up to 4 photos accepted). Optional competition is based on age division, i.e., there will be a photogenic winner in each division.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE** – There are no tickets to sell; a dollar donation equals 1 vote, \$100 equals 100 votes, etc. You can collect money in any way you like, suggestions are: local businesses (they can make a check payable to The Lions Club and deduct it from taxes), ask family and friends, etc. The deadline for receipt of People's Choice votes is by intermission before crowning on April 29, 2017. Please plan to turn in collected money during rehearsal on April 28th then if you have any new donations you can add to your total till intermission before crowning on April 29th. Do listen for the announcement from the emcee for final people's choice donations. Please make all checks payable to The Clarkesville Lions Club, you can mail checks to my address or submit cash/checks at rehearsal for PEOPLE'S CHOICE ONLY. Each People's Choice Queen or King will receive a rhinestone tiara or crown, sash, flowers and a trophy, and an invitation to ride in the parade. We do double crown. You can win your age division and the People's Choice award. The People's Choice Queens will be crowned during the crowning for the winner's age division.

# Pageant Instructions

**The rehearsal and pageant will be held in the auditorium of Habersham Central Ninth Grade Academy.**

**REHEARSAL: NEW TIMES for 2017** will be held at the school auditorium Friday, April 28, 2017. Rehearsal is not mandatory, but you are strongly encouraged to attend. At the pageant, no one will have time to show you where the dressing area is, where to line up, what to do, etc. and you will not be able to go on-stage to practice your walk. At rehearsal, you will be allowed one walk thru while your bio sheet is read. Rehearsal times are as follows:

Baby, Toddler, Tiny, Wee, Little and Petite	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Young, Pre-Teen, Teen, and Miss.	7:30 – 8:30 pm

Someone should walk out with contestants in the Baby, Toddler, Tiny and Wee Miss/Mr divisions. If there are any Wee Miss contestants who are comfortable walking alone they may do so. All other divisions will walk alone unless there is a special need. Please discuss this with me at rehearsal if you need to. No one is allowed backstage with any contestants older than the Wee Miss contestants. We will start with the youngest group promptly at the start time. If you are late and miss your group you can rehearse but at the end of your session. Each group gets one walk through. Please be there at the start time. Be patient and courteous while others rehearse. We will move through each contestant in a timely manner allowing each girl the time to understand what she needs to do yet getting to each age group as quickly as possible.

**CONTESTANT NUMBERS:** They will be given out at check-in for the pageant and are assigned based on receipt of application and entry fee. The first application in competes last in that division, the last application received competes first. If you want a high number for your division get your application in as soon as possible. At the pageant the contestant number goes on the right hip of the contestant or the person carrying younger contestants who are not able to walk yet.

## **SCORING:**

### **BABY THRU TEEN DIVISIONS**

<b>Personality</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Smiles easily, projects personality</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Confident walk, good posture, good eye contact</b>
<b>Appearance</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Hair, make-up and formal wear fit and appropriate</b>

### **MISS DIVISION**

<b>Personality</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Smiles easily, projects personality</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Confident walk, good posture, good eye contact</b>
<b>Appearance</b>	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Hair, make-up, and dress appropriate, dress fit</b>
<b>Question</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>Composure, clarity of expression, speaks clearly</b>

(Only the Miss will speak on stage)

## **ATTIRE: The judges have a copy of the following criteria**

**Formal Wear** – does not have to be pageant formal wear. The formal wear should fit properly, be age appropriate, and look good on the contestant. Ages 5 and older should wear floor length dresses; younger ages can wear any length. Very low cut dresses or those with high slits are only appropriate in the Miss division. Dresses can be any color.

**Jewelry** – age appropriate and compliment the dress. Less is always better.

**Shoes** – with short dresses, white socks and shoes are best. With long dresses, shoes that compliment the dress like the clear “Cinderella” shoes. No clunky platforms. No black shoes unless the dress is black.

**Make-Up** – Age appropriate. This is not a GLAM pageant.

12 mo - 4 years – light powder to keep skin from shining and lip gloss

5 – 10 years – light powder, light blush, light eye make-up and lip gloss.

11 and up – Keep make-up classy and age appropriate.

**Hair** – can be completely natural or as elaborate as you are comfortable but should fit the contestant and her age.

**CHECK IN TIMES FOR THE PAGEANT** – You may check in early but do not check in late. The pageant will begin at 11:00 AM for all age divisions, Saturday April 29, 2017. We will run one division right behind the other. We will not hold up the pageant for any contestant!

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>CHECK-IN</b>
Baby – Tiny	10:30 AM
Wee – Little	10:45 AM
Petite	11:00 AM
Young – Pre-Teen	12:00 PM
Teen – Miss	12:30 PM

**Please do not call the Pageant Director to ask exactly what time your division will go on stage.** Family and friends should arrive at check in time. The time you go on stage depends on how many contestants we have registered this year.

**Crowning will be held after the following divisions: Tiny, Petite, and Miss**

You may have a wait between check-in and competition. You are welcome to wait in the auditorium. Please be considerate of those competing on stage as you go in and out. If you wait elsewhere, keep up with which group is competing and listen for your group to be called. We will not hold a division for a late contestant.

When lining up to come backstage, please come down the aisle next to the wall on the left side of the stage. Do not come in front or behind of the judges table. Please inform family and friends to not crowd around the judges table or sit in the row of seats behind the judges table, there is tape across the seats for a reason. I will stop and hold the pageant while they are asked to move.

Come with your hair and make-up already done. The dressing area is not large and many girls will be in there at the same time. Do not leave valuables unattended in the dressing room.

**Questions for the Miss Division:** You will receive information regarding the on stage question at rehearsal, please do not call or email requesting the questions before rehearsal.

**Optional Competition** – You must register for Photogenic when you submit your pageant entry. You may enter up to 4 photos. Photos must be submitted at rehearsal. No refunds if you forget them. No frames or photos larger than 8x10. I suggest submitting them in a plastic page protector. The contestant's name, age, and division must be on the back of each photo or the photo will be excluded from judging. You must pick photos up at check in the day of the pageant. We are not responsible for photos left after the pageant.

The Clarkesville Lions Club, the Pageant Director, nor Habersham Central Ninth Grade Academy is responsible for any injuries or losses incurred while competing in the Miss Mountain Laurel Pageant.

**The judge's decisions are final and are not influenced by the Lions Club or the Director.**

One parent is allowed into the pageant free with the contestant and each contestant will receive one program book. Admission for other family members is \$3 and additional programs are available for purchase at \$3.

**PARADE – Please Read This Section Carefully** – You are responsible for procuring your own car for the parade. Queens/Kings ride alone; runners-up ride together as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. You need to make your own signs. The signs should be no longer than a regular poster board used for school projects so both will fit on the car. You will need 2 signs, 1 for each side of the car. The parent's of the runner-ups should exchange phone numbers before leaving the photography area so you can work out car details. The Pageant Director will not give out contestant phone numbers. There will be a page in the program with information on the Lions Club and information regarding the parade with a contact phone number and name. The parade will be May 20, 2017.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISS MOUNTAIN LAUREL** – Miss Mountain Laurel is to assist next year at rehearsal and all day the day of the pageant. You will be notified of the pageant date as soon as I am notified.

**Queens from the previous year – If you are a returning Queen from last year, you cannot compete in the same category that you won the prior year. You must be age eligible to move up to the next category or you may choose to compete up to the next age division. This is to be fair to all contestants. Also, you may choose to help with crowning OR you may choose to compete. You cannot help with crowning and compete in any age divisions. This is also to make it fair to all contestants competing.**

**PHOTOGRAPHER** – Will be available for photos. The Queen/Kings and their court must have a photo right after the crowning. Individual photos may be taken and purchased before or after your group competes.

**PHOTOS IN THE PAPER** – I will submit photos to the local papers shortly after I receive them from the photographer. I cannot however predict when they will run them in the paper.

The Miss Mountain Laurel Pageant is to be a fun memorable experience for everyone. It is not about who wins the crown but what you learn about yourself in the process. We appreciate your participation and support to the Clarkesville Lions Club. The Lions Club works hard to support our community with needed volunteers and donations for services that are a benefit to all families.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me before 9 pm with any questions not answered by these instructions. My number is 706-768-7636 (cell).

Sincerely,

*Mrs., Neahna Lee*

*Volunteer Miss Mountain Laurel Director, 2017*

