

## **REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES**

- Applications and all additional material is due by Saturday, August 6, 2016, 5:00 P.M. Applications received after this date and time may not be accepted. The attached information, including the waiver, application, fees, copy of birth certificate or contestant drivers license and photographs (labeled) must be in a sealed manila envelope. Mail to: Miss Oxfordfest Pageant  
P.O. Box 3159  
Oxford, AL 36203  
or can contact pageant director for possible pickup arrangements

Once all of your material has been turned in, please stay tuned to our event on the Oxfordfest Facebook page for more details!

### **FEES**

- Entry Fee (all categories): \$50.00
- Miss Photogenic Fee: \$10.00
- Checks / money orders must be made payable to Oxfordfest.
- General Admission Tickets: \$2 at pageant entry (5 and under – Free) (Contestants ONLY will have free admission – no friends or family).

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

- ONE (1) color, black-and-white or sepia photograph per contestant in 5” x 7” size.
- Contestant name, category, and telephone number must be on the back of all photos.
- Submitted photographs and other material will be returned to the contestant.
- Group photographs will be made of the winners in each category.
- Optional professional photography will be available on location by Soft Innocence Photography. They will be on site before, during and after the pageant with package options to choose from. They will also be providing a new service with us this year: instant prints. These will be 4x6 and \$5 each or 2 for \$8.

All contestants need to submit a 5x7 photo even if not participating in the optional Miss Photogenic category as those photos will also be in the lobby for the “Peoples Choice” competition. If competing in photogenic, you will need to submit 2 photos!

Copy of birth certificate will need to be included with application in order to make sure of eligibility in category. Contestants with a current drivers license showing date of birth may submit a copy of that instead.

Pageant Coordinator- Audrey Oswalt, 256-310-3771 [oxfordfest@yahoo.com](mailto:oxfordfest@yahoo.com)  
Oxfordfest Secretary- Teresa Crosson, 256-310-2531

## **“THE PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD”**

- Audience members may “vote” for their choice to win by placing money in the voting box with contestant’s picture. Voting will conclude at the start of each category. Votes for “The People’s Choice Award” will be held in the lobby during the Pageant.

## **REHEARSALS (OPTIONAL)**

- Friday, August 19, 6:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn. ALL CONTESTANTS. Contestants will have one opportunity to rehearse their on-stage walk. Please bring the shoes that you will be wearing during the Pageant. This will go as quickly as possible to get all in and out. This is first come, first served. Once you are satisfied with your walk you are free to leave. \*If for some reason the hotel is unavailable that evening, there will be time the day of pageant to see stage setup.

# **CATEGORIES**

Baby Miss Oxfordfest (ages 0-23 months)  
Tiny Miss Oxfordfest (ages 2-4 years)  
Little Miss Oxfordfest (ages 5-7 years)  
Petite Miss Oxfordfest (ages 8-10 years)  
Junior Miss Oxfordfest (ages 11-13 years)  
Teen Miss Oxfordfest (ages 14-16 years)  
Miss Oxfordfest (ages 17-20 years)

Tiny Mister Oxfordfest (ages 0-3 years)  
Mister Oxfordfest (ages 4-6 years)

## **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- The Miss Oxfordfest Pageant is open to all.
- No monies will be refunded for any contestant failing to participate in Pageant activities.
- Any contestant may enter his/her category UNLESS he/she was crowned the previous years winner of that same category as they will be returning to crown new winner.
- Copy of Birth certificates or drivers license will be required with application to ensure eligibility for age category. Age will determined based on Date of Pageant.

## **WARDROBE**

- All onstage competition will be an appropriate dress for contestant's age category including holiday dress, pageant long or short gown, prom dress, flower girl or bridesmaid dress for girls, and Sunday best or wedding attire for boys. All wardrobes must be in good taste and appropriate for the contestants' age. Wardrobe will be judged on appropriateness for age but a higher priced or fancier dress does not mean a higher score.

## **HAIR AND MAKE-UP**

- Judges will be looking for "natural beauty", personality and eye contact above all else. Clothing and make up will need to be age appropriate. Blush and lip color is acceptable for younger contestants; however, a deduction in points will be given to contestants who are wearing heavy makeup, spray tans, flippers, wigs etc. This is a NON GLITZ pageant. (Think similar to your local school pageants)

## **JUDGING CATEGORIES**

Judges will be scoring on the following:

- Beauty... (natural beauty...see above)
- Presentation... (showmanship, eye contact, smile, pace, pivots/turns, posture, variety)
- Personality...(charm, facial expression, confidence, projection, individuality)
- Personal Appearance...(choice of garment, accessories, hairstyle, makeup, originality)

Points Breakdown:

Beauty	10 points
Presentation	10 points
Personality	10 points
Personal Appearance	10 points

At the beginning of the category, all contestants will gather on stage in number order for Judges first look and then all exit. Contestants will then each be called individually to perform walk across stage. (Baby Miss, Tiny Miss and Tiny Mr. categories may be accompanied by an adult on stage that will not reflect in judging). The group may then be called again to all enter the stage area in the case of ties in judging.

Score Sheet copies available after pageant.

Judges should be respected and their judging is FINAL. We will not have local judges for this pageant. We aim to run a fair pageant that all can be comfortable. Judges will attend a small meeting before the pageant with the director and will be given a copy of the rules for judging.

### **PHOTOGENIC COMPETITION (ALL - optional)**

- Each contestant in the Photogenic Competition must submit a 5 x 7 vertical picture to be judged. Pictures may be color, black and white or sepia. Please affix a typed label on the back of the photo with your name and category.
- Judges will determine Photogenic winner in each category before pageant. This will need to be a separate picture than those submitted for peoples choice.

Deadline for pictures is with your application on Saturday, August 6, 5:00pm.

### **PAGEANT DAY**

- The Miss Oxfordfest Pageant will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- The Pageant dressing area and ticket office will open no earlier than 2:00 p.m unless the previous practice becomes cancelled and then we will reschedule for earlier on pageant day.
- There will be VERY LIMITED space for contestants to get ready so please be mindful of others and arrive on site with hair and make up ready to go. There will be one meeting room and a restroom only available for changing into your gowns. You are welcome to rent a personal room at the hotel if you need.
- Pageant volunteers will be in the dressing room to assist contestants as needed throughout the Pageant.
- No males are allowed in the dressing rooms at any time. There will be a separate area for Tiny Mr. Oxfordfest and Mr. Oxfordfest contestants. If any pageant dads or other males are needed to help contestant get ready, please contact a pageant staff member for options.
- ABSOLUTELY UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should any contestant, contestant's family members, friends, or anyone else other than Pageant workers and Oxfordfest staff members who are designated to do so approach, attempt to approach or communicate in any way with any of the judges..

### **BACKSTAGE**

- Absolutely no one will be allowed backstage with the exception of contestants and any adult helping a contestant in the of the Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, and Tiny Mr. categories.
- Contestants will need to exit the backstage area before/after your category until called back by pageant staff.
- It is very important that all persons remain as quiet as possible in the back stage, photo and dressing room areas as sound carries easily in the ballroom.
- Anyone, parent or contestant, guilty of any disruptive or rude behavior will be asked to leave immediately. This includes both the rehearsal and the Pageant. No monies will be returned to anyone removed from pageant grounds.

There is NO FOOD or DRINK allowed in the ballroom where the pageant takes place. The hotel had made this policy very clear and we will no longer be allowed to use location if this isn't taken seriously. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave. The location had a designated food area.

## AWARDS

- The Miss Oxfordfest Pageant features awards for the category winners and alternates, Miss Photogenic in each category, and the People's Choice Winner in each category.
- Winner in each category will receive a crown and sash. Alternates and Peoples Choice will receive sash. Photogenic winner receives their winning photo in a plaque.
- Miss Oxfordfest will receive a crown, sash, and a \$500 cash scholarship. Miss Oxfordfest alternates will receive a sash, and a \$250 cash scholarship for 1st alternate and a \$100 cash scholarship for the 2nd alternate.

MISS OXFORDFEST WILL NOT RECEIVE THE FULL ALLOTMENT OF CASH SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL ALL DUTIES ARE FULFILLED.

Miss Oxfordfest will be required to make an appearance at the Oxfordfest festival held the first Saturday in October on Main Street. She will be announced on stage (wearing crown and sash) and will provide 2 hours of service at the festival and can also include time on a resume as community event or service. Any other community events or service she would like to perform can be taken to the Oxfordfest Committee for review.

Other category winners are also encouraged to attend the Oxfordfest event and can also be announced on stage. Once the entertainment line up is set for the festival, a time for intros will be chosen by Oxfordfest staff members.

Winners in each categories are required to participate in the Oxford Christmas parade via riding in a vehicle wearing crown and having sign on Christmas decorated car. Upon arrival at this event is when Miss Oxfordfest will have fulfilled her duties and be awarded the full amount of her prize.

All category winners will be required to return for the following years event for crowning.

## 2016 Application

- ☐ Baby Miss Oxfordfest (Birth – 23 Months)
- ☐ Tiny Miss Oxfordfest (2 years – 4 years)
- ☐ Little Miss Oxfordfest (5 years – 7 years)
- ☐ Petite Miss Oxfordfest (8 years - 10 years)
- ☐ Junior Miss Oxfordfest (11 years- 13 years)
- ☐ Teen Miss Oxfordfest (14 years – 16 years)
- ☐ Miss Oxfordfest (17 years – 20 years)

- ☐ Tiny Mr Oxfordfest (Birth – 3 years)
- ☐ Mr Oxfordfest (4 years - 6 years)

• Photogenic category option: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's (Guardian) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How do you wish to be introduced?

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She/He is the daughter/son of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

She/He is \_\_\_\_\_ years old and in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grade at \_\_\_\_\_  
school.

Hobbies / Accomplishments / and special interests

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ambitions / Goals

\_\_\_\_\_

She/He is sponsored by

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Agreement/Waiver

We have read and understand all of the rules and information for the Miss Oxfordfest Pageant. We/I have read and agree to comply with all rules and regulations for the Pageant. We/I have read and understand all the duties required of the winners of each category and the penalty for failure to abide by these rules and / or duties. Penalties up to and including not receiving the full allotment of prizes won on pageant day. We/I agree that we/I will not hold the Pageant staff, Oxfordfest Staff, venue staff, or the City of Oxford responsible for any damages, accidents, or losses due to or from any Pageant related activities. We/I further understand that no monies/fees related to the Pageant will be refunded. We/I also understand any failure to comply with any Pageant rules will lead to the contestant's immediate termination with the Pageant and all awards thereof. We/I understand that the decision of the judges is final. By signing below, I testify to all of the above information and will do my part to abide by ALL Pageant rules.

This agreement / waiver must be signed and submitted with applications, fees, and photographs no later than Saturday, August 6, 2016; 5:00 P.M.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of contestant or guardian (if under 18)

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