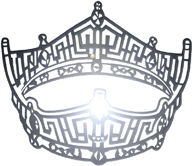
**The Miss Berks County Scholarship Organization**



**232 West Main Street**

**Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530**

**General Information**

**2017 Miss Greater Reading’s Outstanding Teen**

**General** **–** The Miss Berks Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary to Miss Pennsylvania’s Outstanding Teen and Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Pageants. The winners of the Miss Greater Reading’s Outstanding Teen Pageant will participate in Miss Pennsylvania’s Outstanding Teen competition June 14-16, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Competition consists of Talent (35%), Interview (25%), Evening Wear and On-Stage Question (25%) and Lifestyle and Fitness in Active Wear (15%). Talent presentations are limited to a maximum of **1 minute 30 seconds** and must be in good taste. If you have any doubt about the appropriateness of your talent, please check with the pageant organizers before submitting your entry application. Any contestant who comes to rehearsal with a talent deemed by the pageant organizers to be in poor taste will have to change her talent or will not be permitted to participate in the pageant. No "live" accompaniments are permitted. Please bring Two (2) copies of your CD accompaniment to rehearsal the day of the program, Saturday, March 04, 2017. A piano will be available for contestants desiring to play the piano for talent.

**Cost –** The entry fee for the Outstanding Teen Program is $100 (deadline: February 18, 2017). Checks should be made to Miss Berks County Scholarship Organization and mailed to 232 West Main Street

Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530. Refunds will be granted only if the program is cancelled. We also strongly encourage our contestants to sell ads for our Program Book. In addition contestants will be asked to register on the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) site. There are, however, as of this time no required donations to CMN.

**Awards –** Scholarships and other awards are still being determined. The winning contestants will advance to the Miss Pennsylvania Outstanding Teen competition June 14-16, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Location –** The Miss Berks County Scholarship Pageant will be held at Wilson West Middle School at 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 at 6:30pm. Contestants are required to be at the Wilson West Middle School no later than 9:00am on March 04, 2017.

**Eligibility –** The Miss Greater Reading’s Outstanding Teen title open to unmarried 12 to 17 year old girls who have not yet entered their senior year in high school and who reside, attend school or work in Pennsylvania. Email us for additional eligibility information.

**Entries Deadline** **–** Applications for entry into the Miss Berks County Scholarship Pageant will be accepted on a rolling basis until Saturday, February 18, 2017. Fact Sheets, Talent Request Form and Critical Issue Essays must accompany the Application. Entry into the scholarship program is limited to a total of 26 “Miss” and “Teen” contestants. Should that number be exceeded, the additional applicants will be placed on a “waiting list.”

**Orientation** **–** No Orientation will be held. However, please feel free to contact us with your questions.

**On-Stage Rehearsals –** On stage rehearsals will be held the day of the program, March 04, 2017. You will need to be present all day on March 4th since we will be rehearsing and doing interviews during the day until the program begins. If you have questions, please email us.

**Interviews –** Interviews with the judges will take placed during the day on Saturday, March 04, 2017.

**Program Date –** The Miss Berks County Scholarship Pageant will take place on Saturday, March 04, 2017 at 6:30pm

**Platform –** The platform (Critical Issue) is an issue about which you have strong feelings which you want to communicate to others. All Miss America’s Outstanding Teen contestants are required to have such a “platform.” The “Critical Issue” Essay is required with your Application, Fact Sheet, Talent Request form and Check by Saturday, March 04, 2017.

**Talent –** Submit your Talent Form as soon as possible since talents are accepted on a “First Come, First Served” basis. Don’t forget that it must be 1 minutes, 30 seconds or less.

**Contestant Contract –** Contestants will be required to sign and return a notarized standard Miss America Local Contract prior to the competition.

**Additional Information and Paperwork** **–** As the pageant nears you will receive additional information. There are also some other forms which must be submitted to enable us to prepare the Program Book and plan the pageant.

**Additional Requirements –** The winners of the Miss Berks County Scholarship Pageant (Miss Greater Reading’s Outstanding Teen) must compete at the Miss Pennsylvania competition June 14-16, 2017. She we will also be required, but not limited, to volunteer at various service organization events throughout Berks and the Greater Reading Area. All events must be approved by a member of the Miss Berks County Scholarship Organization Board.

**Questions? –** Please contact the Miss Berks County Scholarship Organization contestant chair via email at [missberkscounty@aol.com](mailto:missberkscounty@aol.com) .