

**CONTESTANT CONTRACT**  
**MANNINGTON DISTRICT FAIR QUEEN COMMITTEE**

Application and Contract for Participation in the  
2021 Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Competition

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: Introduction**

1.1.1. The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia. The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee has operated a program offering scholarship assistance and career opportunities for the young women that participate in our pageant. In doing so, The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee has made substantial investments in, and has developed, a valuable identity for the unique symbols and elements of the program that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of West Virginia who enter the competition (the “contestants”); and (3) enabling the Contestants to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.

1.2. The Mannington District Fair Queen Committee intends to conduct a competition for the title “Miss Mannington District Fair Queen to be held in Mannington on August 3, 2021. The competition is a critically important, and the single most visible and widely recognized element of the Program. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to combine a respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Program with recognition of the perceived modern tastes and values of the American people.

1.3.1. The winner of the completion shall be designated Miss Manning on District Fair Queen and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition. During this period (the “Year of Service”, the duties of Miss Manning on District Fair Queen may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the tri-county. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged and supervised by the Miss Mannington District Fair Committee in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program and to enhance its visibility and maintain its broad public acceptance. The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee has also developed detailed procedures that govern the activities and conduct of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen during her Year of Service. These procedures and standards are intended to protect and enhance the substantial public acceptance of the Program among the WV people, and to assure that the program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of the hundreds of young women who will be seeking to participate in the Program in future years.

1.3.2. In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is selected as Miss Mannington District Fair Queen. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee approval of the Contestants participation in the competition and, if selected, service as Miss Mannington District Fair Queen will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in the Application and Contract and its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program. In such regard, I acknowledge that my ability to compete in the pageant shall be subject to review at each level of competition that I enter and that the determination of my eligibility to compete in the competition shall not in and of itself be the basis of my eligibility to compete in the Local and/or State Finals.

1.3.3. Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in the Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of the Contract; and (4) the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Program, in the event that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

## **Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Program**

2.1. AGE: I am currently \_\_\_\_ years of age. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete, I must: (1) be 16 before the first day of the Mannington District Fair and (2) be no older than 21 January 1 in the year following the Mannington District Fair.

2.2. RESIDENCE: I understand that, in order to compete in the Local or State pageant in anticipation of this year's state finals, I must reside in; or be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis in Marion County, Monongalia County, Taylor County, Preston County, Doddridge County, Harrison County or Wetzel County.

2.3. CITIZENSHIP: I am a citizen of the United States of America

2.4. EDUCATION: In order to be eligible to compete, I must be enrolled as a full-time student.

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I attend \_\_\_\_\_ High School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of WV.

I received a High School diploma in \_\_\_\_\_(month/year) from \_\_\_\_\_ High School in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, State of WV.

I received a G.E.D. certificate for High School equivalency in \_\_\_\_\_(month/year)

I have been accepted into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance. I have attached an official Acceptance Letter from the college/university.

2.5. PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen competition, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

2.5.1 GENDER: I am, and I have always been, a female.

2.5.2 MARITAL STATUS: I am not now, and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled.

2.5.3 PARENTAL STATUS: I am not now pregnant, and I have never been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service.

2.5.4 GOOD CHARACTER: I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee as contrary to the Fair Queen Program or its elements as previously described.

2.5.5 CRIMINAL RECORD: I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

2.5.6 PRIOR CONDUCT: I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd, or indecent.

2.5.7 HEALTH: I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to compete in all activities of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen competition, complete my Year of Service or fulfill my obligations under the Agreement or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee. Upon the request of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee will provide or cause my health care providers to provide the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee with all or a portion of my health care records as necessary to verify the accuracy of this representation.

2.5.8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE: I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.

## 2.6 Contractual and Other Obligation

2.6.1 OTHER COMPETITIONS: If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen for which I was selected, I will not associate in any way with, promote, judge or become a contestant or participant in any other fair or festival. I also represent that since I received my title Miss Mannington District Fair Queen in competition for the title of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen, I will only represent the Mannington District Fair in the West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant.

2.6.2 Use of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, Titles, Words, and Symbols. After the conclusion of my year of service, if I am advised by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, the Mannington District Fair, and the Program has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall be final and binding.

2.6.3 If selected Miss Mannington District Fair Queen, my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, I acknowledge that I am an official representative of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee and I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the Miss Mannington Fair Queen Committee as contrary to the Program or its elements.

2.6.4 Attorney Review of Application and Contract: I have been given sufficient opportunity to review this application and contract and its attachments, including the supplemental fact sheet. I have also had the opportunity to consult with an attorney of my own choosing to give me legal advice with regard to this application and contract. I understand that this application and contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by the application and contract and its attachments.

2.6.5 Changes in Circumstances: I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this application and contract with the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, including my year of service, any of the fact stated in the application and contract or its attachments including but not limited to those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my year of service as Miss Mannington District Fair Queen.

2.6.6. Social Media: I understand that my social media will be monitored by members of the Mannington District Fair Committee. I understand that should I post anything to any type of social media account that is deemed inappropriate I will be asked to remove it from the said media outlet. I agree that should I be asked to remove more than two (2) posts/pictures I will then have a scheduled meeting with members of the committee to discuss an improvement plan and understand that I can lose my title.

### **Section 3: Professional Background Information**

#### 3.1 Employment History

3.1.1 Present Employment. I am presently employed \_\_\_full-time, \_\_\_part-time (check as applicable) by \_\_\_\_\_, located in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_. I hold the position of \_\_\_\_\_ and my responsibilities include \_\_\_\_\_.

3.1.2 Prior Employment: During the past three (3) years I have worked in the following positions:

Employer Location Dates Position

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **Section 4: Participation in the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Competition**

4.1 Participation in Competition: I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Program. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of all scholarships described in Attachment D. My participation in the competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.

4.2 Conduct of the Competition: I understand and agree that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall determine the manner and method of conduction the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

4.3 Televising and Sponsorship of Competition: I understand that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee makes no representations to me that the competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.

4.4 Selection as Runner-Up: If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the year of service, as described in this application and contract, in the event that the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the year of service, of any contestant who was selected as Miss Mannington District Fair Queen or as another runner-up.

4.5 Change in Circumstances: I understand that if, at any time between the date of the application and contract and the completion of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all contestant activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation of behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Program or its elements as described in this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

## **Section 5: Legal Obligations and Agreements**

5.1 Unauthorized Use of Titles: I acknowledge and agree that the title Miss Mannington District Fair Queen that I presently hold is to be solely used for purposes of promoting the Mannington District Fair and I will not promote the title for any other purposes.

5.2 Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures: I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship rules and regulations attached to this application and contract. By signing this document, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be nonforfeitable in the event that I breach this contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a contestant. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete. I understand that if I do not provide the appropriate documentation within three (3) years of obtaining my title, I will forfeit all winnings.

5.3 Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:

5.3.1 any of the representations or statements made by me in this application and contract or any of its attachments is determined by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee to be false;

5.3.2 there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or to complete my year of service, including without limitation changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is or the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee perceives as contrary to the Mannington District Fair Queen Program or its elements as described in this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition, my residence, employment or educational status;

5.3.3 I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee is consistent with the standards and dignity of the program; or

5.3.4 I do not abide by the Rules for the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee set forth in this contract and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to my activities if I am selected as Miss Mannington District Fair Queen.

5.3.5 I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee impairs my ability to perform the duties, expected of me as a contestant. The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my year of service. In that event, all titles awards, a prerequisite of my position as a contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of this application and contract.

5.4 Public Release of Information. I understand that some elements of the program, and in particular the competition and the public appearances of Miss Mannington District Fair Queen during the year of service, are frequently the subject of public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the competition and the qualifications and conduct of contestants. Accordingly, I authorize the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate or to complete my year of service.

5.5 Entire Agreement; Enforceability. When signed and approved by the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee, the application and contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this application and contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee. If any provision of this application and contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this application and contract. In that event, the remainder of this application and contract shall remain in full force and effect.

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND NOTARY SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES**

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee to accept my application to participate as a contestant in the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen competition. If the Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this application and contract, together with its attachments.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF TRUTHFULNESS**

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, the contestant making this application, of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says:

I do hereby swear that the statements made in this application and contract and its attachments are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ contestant signature

Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval of Application for Participation**

The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee hereby APPROVES this application and contract and accepts appointment as the agent of the contestant on the terms provided in this application and contract. The contestant may compete in the competition pursuant to the terms of this application and contract and its attachments.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Director

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Miss Mannington District Fair Queen Committee