

2009 MISS MUNDELEIN PAGEANT

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

We're looking for the most charming and poised young lady to represent the Village of Mundelein. She will be crowned Miss Mundelein and will become the official ambassador to the Village throughout her reign.

DATES/TIMES

1. **Entry deadline:** 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2009.
2. **Information Meeting:** Wednesday, June 17, promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Mundelein High School cafeteria. At least one adult must also attend. Modeling, dress and makeup tips will be offered. An official pageant portrait will be taken for the local newspapers, so please dress nice. NOTE: If your portrait is not taken during the Information Meeting, you will NOT be able to submit another photo to use for the newspapers. You will also not be allowed to reschedule this photo shoot for another day if you are unable to attend the Information Meeting. There will be no exceptions.
3. **Pageant Rehearsal:** A pageant rehearsal for all contestants will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, at Mundelein High School Auditorium. Please bring the shoes you plan to wear on stage so that you may practice walking in them (particularly if they are new).
4. **Preliminary Judging:** Monday afternoon, June 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Mundelein High School. During a social gathering, each contestant will be privately interviewed by our panel of judges. The first points of the competition will be awarded.
5. **Pageant:** The formal pageant will be held on Monday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. Each contestant will model before a panel of judges in Day Wear and Evening Gown. During the Speech & Communication competition, each contestant will choose a platform that is important to them and explain why. It cannot be immoral, political, or controversial. Totals from these events, plus the points received from the interview, will determine the finalists. The finalists will then start from scratch, model before the judges in their Evening Gown, and answer an impromptu question. Scoring from these two events will determine the Queen.
6. **PR Appearance:** The Queen will sit in her place of honor at the Junior Miss Mundelein Pageant on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m., and at the Little Miss Mundelein Pageant on Wednesday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m., the Queen and her Court will be introduced to the community at the Mundelein Community Days main stage in Kracklauer Park.
7. **Public Recognition:** Miss Mundelein and her two Runners-up will ride in the Mundelein Community Days' parade on Sunday, July 5, at 2:00 p.m. All other contestants will walk behind them in their Pageant T-Shirts and white shorts. *All contestants are expected to participate in the parade.*

8. **Lake County Community Pageant:** Miss Mundelein will be entered, as Mundelein's representative, in the 2010 Lake County Community Pageant to be held in November 2009. More information will follow.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen and never have been convicted of a felony offense.
2. Must be a resident of Mundelein or unincorporated Fremont Township (Zip Code 60060).
3. Must be between the ages of 16 and 21 on the date of pageant.
4. Previous Miss Mundelein Queens are not eligible to compete in the 2009 Miss Mundelein Pageant.
5. Must be single and never married, or had a marriage annulled. Contestant can never have been pregnant.
6. Pay a \$10.00 entry fee with the completed application.

AGREEMENT

Contestants must agree to compete in all phases of the Miss Mundelein Pageant. If selected Miss Mundelein, must agree to represent Mundelein during the remaining time of the Community Days celebration, in the 2010 Lake County Community Pageant, and all approved functions coordinated by the Mundelein Pageant Committee.

PRIZES

Many prizes will await the winners. Miss Mundelein will receive \$500 in cash, or a \$1,000 college scholarship, and other prizes. Miss Mundelein will also receive a trophy and a lovely crown. Runners-up will also receive cash awards and appropriate trophies. Each contestant will receive a free Pageant T-shirt and two free tickets to the Miss Mundelein Pageant for their family or friends. All cash awards will be distributed at the end of the Queen's reign if she has satisfactorily fulfilled all her obligations as described in the packet, which will be distributed during the Information Meeting on June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

FINAL NOTE:

Everyone is going to have a great time! Won't you join us? PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION, ALONG WITH ENTRY FEE AND SIGNED WAIVER TO:

Miss Mundelein Pageant
c/o Village of Mundelein • 440 East Hawley • Mundelein, IL 60060 • (847) 949-3200
By: 4:00 p.m. June 17th

MISS MUNDELEIN PAGEANT APPLICATION
(Typed Application is Preferred)



Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

Nickname _____ E-Mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____

Hair Color _____ Eyes _____ Height _____

If student, where and what grade next fall? Include your major if applicable. _____

If you graduated high school, name your school and year of graduation. _____

If employed, where, title, and what type of work? Is it full or part-time? _____

Parents Name (Give both first names) _____

Address of Parents, if not the same as yours. _____

List both parents' occupation and where employed:

Father: _____

Mother: _____

How many brothers and sisters do you have and where do you fit in age wise?

List your favorite hobbies or activities _____

List any honors or awards you have received _____

(PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE)

List any organizations to which you belong _____

What are your future plans? (College, Career, etc.) _____

Have you been in any other Queen contests and how did you place? _____

What is your favorite musical group? _____

If I could do it over, I _____

I'd give anything to meet _____

A really great evening to me is _____

The one thing I can't stand is _____

If I could change one thing about myself, I'd _____

The best time of my life _____

The three words that best describe me are _____

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC
OR THE JUDGES?

I do hereby attest that all the information on this application is true. I understand all the pageant requirements during and after the pageant, and hereby affirm that I meet these requirements, and will abide by these requirements if selected Queen or Runner-Up. I further understand that if selected Queen and I am unable to uphold the Queen's Expectations, set by the Pageant Director, I will be asked to relinquish my crown and all other winnings to the 1st Runner-Up in my age group.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian MUST sign if participant is under the age of 18

**WAIVER, RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR THE VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN**

READ CAREFULLY

By participating in the Mundelein Community Days Pageants, you will be releasing all claims for injuries arising out of this program, that you or the other named participants might sustain. The terms "I", "me" and "my" also refer to parents or guardians as well as participants in the program.

As a participant in the Mundelein Community Days Pageants, I agree to assume the full risk of any damages or loss, which I may sustain as a result of, participating, in any manner, in any and all activities connected with or associated with such program.

I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I may have as a result of participating in the Mundelein Community Days Pageants against the Village of Mundelein

I do hereby fully release and discharge the Village of Mundelein from any and all claims for injuries, damage or loss, which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in the Mundelein Community Days Pageants.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Village of Mundelein from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by anyone, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my conduct and the activities of the Mundelein Community Days Pageants.

I understand the nature of the Mundelein Community Days Pageants, and have read and fully understand this Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. If registering via fax, your facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Participant Name: _____

Parent or Guardian MUST sign if participant is under the age of 18 DATE

Participant MUST sign if 18 years or older DATE

Queen's Expectations

- If chosen to be Miss, Junior, or Little Miss Mundelein, you must agree to represent Mundelein with the utmost dignity and grace. This will include attendance at the Lake County Community Pageants, rehearsals, interviews, photo sessions, and any/all other functions associated with the Lake County Community Pageants.
- You must agree not to enter any other pageants while fulfilling your current Village Queen responsibilities, except for the Lake County Community Pageant.
- You must agree to refer all appearance requests to the Mundelein Pageant Director for approval and then abide by the decision, should your request not be approved.
- Should you no longer reside in Mundelein, enter another pageant, or in any other way become ineligible, you must relinquish your title, crown, and prizes to the next eligible runner up. The Mundelein Pageant Committee will administer this provision with the utmost integrity and sensitivity.
- You must agree not to engage in drinking alcohol, drug use or smoking of any kind while holding your title.

Note: If you should turn 21 while holding the title, you still may not engage in drinking alcohol while representing Mundelein and wearing your crown & sash. If you are attending an event on your own time (in other words not representing Mundelein at a planned event) be aware that you are still being viewed as the current Miss Mundelein and as such your conduct will be scrutinized. If the Pageant Director is made aware that you were seen behaving in a manner deemed inappropriate for a Queen, she may choose to have you relinquish your title.

- All newly crowned Queens must inform the Pageant Director of their Myspace.com, Facebook.com or any other social networking accounts on the Internet. You must also agree to grant permission to the Pageant Director to all of your social networking accounts on the Internet. Any pictures posted on the Internet must be done in a tasteful and appropriate manner, which includes, but is not limited to, pictures depicting you with alcohol, drugs, or smoking of any kind. Any distasteful or inappropriate content may result in the Pageant Director's decision to have you relinquish your title.
- Any emailing or texting which is deemed threatening or bullying in nature will not be permitted during your reign and any such occurrences brought to the attention of the Pageant Director may result in her decision to have you relinquish your title.
- You must **never** chew gum while you are representing the Village of Mundelein and wearing your crown & sash.
- You must **never** wear jeans while you are representing the Village of Mundelein and wearing your crown & sash.
- You are expected to conduct yourself in a lady-like manner at all times. You are representing your village and are expected to act as a Queen.
- Visiting Royalty sections at other pageants are reserved for current and former Queens only. Parents, boyfriends, friends, etc., should not sit in these areas.
- You are responsible for obtaining prizes for your successors. In addition, you will be required to assist with the preparation process for the following year's pageant as delegated by the Pageant Director and Assistant Pageant Director. Queen's mothers are also responsible for assisting with the following year's pageants.

- Commitments to appearances **MUST BE HONORED**. You will receive an event schedule and description sheet each month. You must complete the form indicating what events you will be able to attend and return to the Pageant Director in a timely manner. It is the expectation of the Mundelein Pageant Committee that you will attend every event. If for some reason you cannot attend an event you have previously committed to, you must communicate this to the Pageant Director no later than one week prior to the event so that the 1st runner up can be contacted to attend in your absence, if necessary. If you are sick, please contact the Pageant Director as soon as possible to arrange for a replacement.
- It is important that you write Thank You notes to **EVERY** business that has supported your pageant. These businesses are always impressed by something as simple as a Thank You note. Please remember that you will be continually sending notes throughout your entire reign. Pre-printed note cards with your name and title are beneficial.
- When your pageant year is over and you have crowned a new Queen, you will **ONLY** be allowed to wear your sash to events. Only the current reigning Queen is allowed to wear her crown to events. Whenever you wear your sash, remember that you are still representing the Village of Mundelein and therefore must act accordingly.

I have read and understand all the Queen Expectations hereby swear that I will abide by these Expectations, if selected Queen. I further understand that if selected Queen and I am unable to uphold the Queen's Expectations, Rules and Regulations set by the Pageant Director, I will be asked to relinquish my crown and all other winnings to the 1st Runner Up in my age group.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian **MUST** sign if participant is under the age of 18)