September 8, 2008 **7:00 P.M.**

Miss Washington County

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Junior Miss Washington County

This pageant, a traditional and important part of the Washington County Fair, is proudly sponsored again in 2008 by the Fair Board of Directors and Committee and supported by local businesses. Queens in each category will receive a crown, trophy, banner and roses. Each will be crowned on Monday night of the Fair and will be introduced any/all nights during the remainder of the Fair. The four (4) runners-up chosen for each category receive a trophy and roses. Cash prizes to be awarded in both divisions are: Queen $100.00; 1st runner-up $75.00; 2nd runner-up $50.00; 3rd runner-up $35.00; 4th runner-up $25.00. The Queen and her Court in Both divisions are required to appear on the float provided for them in the 2008 Fair Parade on Saturday morning, Sept. 13.

Miss Washington County will have the opportunity to participate in the Miss Virginia Fair Association Pageant in January, 2008 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Any/ all participants agree to be available to the Miss Washington County Committee Chair and Committee members in order to prepare for the state pageant.

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior Miss: Contestants must be at least **12** but no older than **15** by the date of the pageant.

Miss Washington County: Contestants must be at least **16** but no older than **21** by the date of the pageant.

GENERAL PAGEANT REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

In order to be eligible to participate in this pageant, each contestant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a **resident of Washington County** Virginia;
2. Be **single** (never married and without children);
3. Meet all requirements of registration, sponsorship and/or payment of fees by the deadline, **August 28, 2008 at 5:00 pm.**

Contestants are required to wear a long or tea-length gown and model throughout the various rounds of the pageant. Contestants will be judged on natural beauty and appearance, personality (as evidenced by self-introduction and on-stage questions) and modeling ability/ self-confidence. In an effort to comply more closely with the State competition requirements and enhance the opportunity for our own contestants, Miss Washington County contestants (ages 16-21 only) will be required to participate in an interview process as part of the overall pageant process this year. The interview competition will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, the day prior to the pageant. Interviews will be randomly assigned and will be conducted beginning at 1:00 PM at the Fairgrounds building on Sunday afternoon, September 7. This is a very important component in our pageant and will constitute .33% of the total score utilized in the determination of the 2008 Queen and her court. Interviews will last for approximately ten (10) minutes and will be judged by a separate panel of independent judges . Because of the increased need for additional planning, **the deadline for applications is Thursday Aug. 28 at 5:00 PM. All contestants (and parent or guardian with contestants under the age of eighteen) will meet at that time at the fairgrounds facility for a question/answer session to prepare each contestant for her respective interview and/or activities. Entries will be accepted ONLY at that time. Late entries will not be accepted – please do not ask for time extensions. COME PREPARED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ON Aug. 28 – Each contestant will be photographed at this session! The photos will be used in our official program.**

While Jr. Miss contestants will not participate in the formal interview process, they are to attend the registration session along with the Miss contestants. This has never been a requirement in the past, but in an effort to teach more, train better and improve our pageant, we are now requiring the Jr. Miss contestants to come to the preparatory meeting as well. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EITHER AGE GROUP!!!.** We hope to produce a better program for our pageant, and we simply cannot do it by finding out who our contestants are the day before the pageant. Contestants are to

arrive at the Fairgrounds no later than 6:30 on September 8, 2008. Limited dressing area will be provided. The pageant portion of the Miss Washington County pageant will immediately follow the Jr. Miss pageant.

Contestants in both divisions are expected to exhibit courtesy above reproach, and will agree to remain through the duration of the events to demonstrate courtesy and respect for the pageant and its contestants.

Rehearsal/Orientation for Jr. Miss contestants will be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday Sept. 7 beginning at 2:00 PM.

Contestants only are admitted free to the Fairgrounds the evening of the pageant, all others are charged regular admission fee.

Both Queens and their respective Courts must agree to represent the Fair by riding the Queen's float in both the Fair parade held in Abingdon on Saturday Sept. 13 as well as in the Abingdon Christmas Parade held in mid November.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Officers and Directors of The Washington County Fair reserve the right to alter any/all age divisions or regulations if it is necessary to do so in the best interests of the pageant.

Entry fee per contestant is $20.00, and can be made payable to: **Washington County Fair**

If you have questions that are not addressed in this material, call:

Deborah C. Icenhour
276) 628-4416

I hereby release The Washington County Fair, Deborah C. Icenhour and any/all committee members or workers from liabilities due to injury, property loss or illness resulting from participation in this or any Washington County Fair sponsored activities.

Contestant:_____Date_____

Parent/Guardian:_____Date_____

Miss Washington County
"Miss Photogenic"
Competition

To participate in this portion of the competition, contestants are to bring:

- **An 8X10 color or black & white headshot** photograph to the Sunday, September 7th sessions, interviews for Miss contestants, rehearsal for Jr. Miss contestants.
- A **$10.00 entry fee** is charged for this portion of the competition.
- The photographs are to be **framed** and will be judged accordingly. A cash prize will be given for the winner in Jr. Miss and Miss categories.

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******Attention Jr. Miss Contestants******

- ✓ Bring your parent with you to practice and orientation sessions. It's always helpful to meet everyone and it keeps us on the same page. Write down any questions you might have regarding details of the pageant.

******Attention ALL Contestants******

- ✓ Bring the shoes you plan to wear in the pageant so that you are able to practice in them.
- ✓ Contestants MUST have materials submitted in a timely manner, comply with all rules of the pageant and participate in all activities. Be sure that you are a current resident of Washington County Virginia and that you qualify pursuant to all other rules set forth on page 1. Each year we attempt to make our local pageant a little more like the state pageant so that we may compete better.
- ✓ GOOD LUCK to each of you, but remember this: Good Luck is generally the result of hard work!!! This pageant is about beauty (which is defined in multiple ways and is often referred to as "in the eye of the beholder"…), confidence and how one can expend her own time and efforts to become beautiful and confident. We'll talk more about this on August 28th, but for now remember that it's so much more than "skin-deep".

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*****CONTESTANT BIO*****

Miss & Jr. Miss Washington County entry forms must be fully completed before they will be accepted. Please take time to include replies to all blanks, being especially careful to include **any/ all activities, honors, clubs, etc. in which you are involved, either in school, church or in your respective communities.** It is much easier for a contestant to relax while modeling if the M.C.s (emcee s) have plenty of material regarding her and can keep talking about her for the total time she is on the stage. (While all of your information may not be included in your BIO, we need enough to make each one unique and as interesting as each of you are!)

PLEASE PRINT: (COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS)

Check one:

☐ Jr. Miss Washington County ☐ Miss Washington County
(Interview questions may be based in part on your individual responses on this Bio sheet.)

Full Name:_____

Preferred Name/ Nick name:_____

Age & Birth date: _____e-mail address:_____

Address:_____Phone:_____

Parents:_____
Address: (if different from above)_____
Current School and grade or year :_____
School Leadership roles held:_____
School activities or club participation:_____
School honors or awards:_____
Community Leadership positions, activities, awards or honors:_____
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Special Talents:_____
Hobbies or interests: (talking on the phone is not a hobby!!!)_____
If I could be granted one wish it would be:_____
Favorite Fair activity:_____

College I am currently attending or would like to attend_____
Future Plans:_____
My favorite quotation:_____
(Hint: One of mine is "What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve." or "We must all accept that among life's most valuable lessons are those of learning how to win graciously and even more important, how to lose gracefully.")

Something I would like to be remembered for:_____
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If I could choose to do anything and be assured that I would not fail at it, I would:_____
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Because:_____
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If I ever became Miss Virginia State Fair, I would be required to choose a platform of public service to perform. My choice for this would be: _____
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Please sign: _____
(Contestant's signature)