

2021 MISS RHS PAGEANT

The Miss RHS Pageant will be held **Friday, March 5, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. in the RHS auditorium.

Due to the Guidelines for Covid-19, there are some changes and modifications to the pageant. I will make every effort to continue the Pageant traditions and timeline however some things will be out of my control.

Please understand everything listed below is subject to change. Please read this application carefully.

**** New**** Pageant Application Turn In Session:

To streamline the application process, each girl wishing to compete in the pageant will turn in the required pageant application and participation materials on January 15th between 2:00 pm-3:30 pm in Ms. Coan's classroom. You will be excused from your 5th block class to turn in paperwork. **No parents are allowed at the turn in session.** This will be the only day and time that you can submit the application and required pageant materials. **No materials will be accepted early.** If you are quarantined or sick, you will be allowed to submit your application and accompanying materials on the first day you return to school. Please note all checks should be made payable to RHS. You should have correct change for all cash payments. Cash payments should be in an envelope with the name of the contestant/Little Sister/Rising Star and be labeled what the money is for ie... Photogenic, Program Ad, etc.... Receipts will be issued at the application turn in session.

The following pageant materials are due on January 15th during the turn in session:

- _____ (1) Hard copy of the completed application. *No changes to the application after submission*
- _____ \$30 entrance fee- Make checks payable to RHS. Place all cash in an envelope with contestant name and what the payment is for ie.... Entrance fee, Program Ad, etc...
- _____ Contestant/Parent Signed Agreement Form
- _____ Parent Names Form for Publicity
- _____ Contestant Information Form
- _____ Signed Pageant Day Check out permission slip
- _____ Talent Form
- _____ Talent Music- CD/Flash Drive
- _____ Little Sister Application, \$30 participation fee, head shot picture- Picture/Application may be sent digitally
- _____ Rising Star Application, \$30 participation fee, head shot picture- Picture/Application may be sent digitally
- _____ All program Ads with pictures and payment- Includes Contestants, Little Sisters and Rising Stars. Payment in an envelope with contestant/little sister/rising star name*** More information on the attached form.
- _____ Pageant Photogenic entry fee \$5(optional) Money in an envelope with contestant name
- _____ Pageant Photogenic Picture (optional)- If not using Joseph Romans Headshot

Completing the Application Process-

A hardcopy of your final application should be turned in at the turn-in session. Please make sure you have answered each question fully. See details below.

Included in this package is a paper copy of the application for you to use as a **rough draft** in completing the digital application. The digital application allows the application to be typed. Hand written applications will **NOT** be accepted. Take time completing the application. The answers you provide will not be judged but the judges will receive a copy of your application to use to conduct the interview. It is important you be able to discuss each of your answers on the application in detail with the judges during the interview.

2021 Miss RHS Pageant Digital Application Instructions-

Your application **MUST** be typed. By locating the application on the Russellville City Schools website you will be able to fill in a pdf of the application. The information will not be saved to the website so be sure you print the completed application. You will want 2 copies of your completed application; one to Ms. Coan and one for you to keep. **Please turn in a copy of your completed typed application on January 15th at turn in session.** Remember **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED LATE** and no changes can be made to the application after submitting!! The application can be found at this link on the Russellville City Schools website:

<https://www.rcs.k12.al.us/domain/1359>

Before printing and turning in your application to Ms. Coan, make sure you have included all information and that it is correct. No changes will be allowed on your application or talent form after the forms have been submitted. The application must be typed. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR ON THE APPLICATION. JUDGES WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO DEDUCT POINTS DURING THE INTERVIEW FOR APPLICATIONS WITH MISPELLED WORDS AND MISSING INFORMATION.**

Anyone who does not abide by the rules will forfeit and will not receive a refund. If you withdraw from the pageant for any reason, no refunds will be made after January 29th, 2021. *Be sure you make a copy of the application for your own use in preparing for the interview.*

Photogenic Contest (optional)

Any contestant that wishes to participate in the “Most Photogenic” contest may do so by submitting a photograph (either 5” x 7” or 8” x 10”) and an additional \$5. Pictures for the “Most Photogenic” must be turned in at the submission meeting. If you wish to use the Joseph Romans headshot, please purchase that directly from Joseph Romans photography and submit. Joseph Romans photogenic pictures will be accepted through February 26th. Photogenic is a stand alone category meaning the results do not affect the scores for the grade reps, Miss RHS or alternates. Photogenic picture must be a hardcopy not a digital copy.

Remind Sign Up-

Please sign up to receive remind communications for the pageant by texting @dc7d46 to 81010. This will be how you will be notified about due dates, practices, etc... Your parent is also welcome to join this remind account so they can also be notified.

Pageant Program Ads-

Again this year there will be a program book with all contestants' pictures and biographies. Ads will be sold and may include pictures of the contestants/Little Sisters/Rising Stars. The program will be sold at the pageant. The form for purchasing an ad is included in this packet. Please turn in your ad information, picture (if being used in ad) and money at the turn in session on January 15th.

Publicity Pictures-

In an effort to have a more uniform look and better quality pictures for the program and newspaper, ALL Miss RHS contestants will have a headshot made by Joseph Romans Photography during the school day on Wednesday, January 21st beginning with seniors at 9:00 am. You will have an assigned time for your picture session. **EACH CONTESTANT SHOULD WEAR A SOLID BLACK TOP** of their choice and blue jeans- without holes and a wedge/heel shoe/boot. We will also take a couple of group shots on this day to be used in the program and the local newspapers and social media. You will receive a notice about the time and location once all applications have been submitted. This picture will be available for purchase through Joseph Romans Photography website at www.josephromans.com You can purchase the picture through the website if you wish to use it as a photogenic picture.

Pageant Talent Competition-

Every contestant **MUST** participate in the talent portion of the pageant. Please complete the talent form listing your talent and submit with your application at the turn in session on January 15th. To eliminate the repetition of music, the contestant who turns in her music selection first along with their application and entry fee will get the selection. Limit for talent time will be 1 minute and 45 seconds. Anyone that goes over this time will be penalized. You may submit a CD or a flash drive of your music. Make sure you check the time of your music before turning it in. There will be a time keeper; so please stay within or under this time frame. Make sure you have several backup copies of your CD/flash drive in case one is damaged. The CD/flash drive you will be using for the pageant must be turned in at the turn in meeting on January 15. After this date, your talent cannot be changed. Be sure you put your name on the CD/Flash Drive and have it ready to play. Only the song which you are performing should be on the CD/Flash Drive. If you sing, make sure there is no vocal background on your accompaniment CD/Flash Drive.

Your chosen Little Sister (6th-8th Grades) will introduce your talent at the pageant. Please keep a hard copy of your talent introduction with you at the pageant in case a Little Sister substitution has to be made at the last minute.

Pageant Opening Number and Pageant Rehearsal Schedule-

There will be an opening number featuring contestants. Opening number is not judged. The choreography for the opening number will be posted online. A link to the video will be sent to all contestants via their school email by the end of the day on January 29th. It is each contestants responsibility to learn the dance **BEFORE** the first **mandatory** rehearsal. Rehearsal schedule is listed below. These rehearsals are **mandatory** unless illness so make hair and nail appointments accordingly and if you have a job you will need to notify your supervisors. There will be no practice on Monday or Wednesday so that you can get your evening gowns, talent costume, etc. ready for the pageant. For any of these rehearsals, contestants may wear the shoes that they will be wearing for opening number and evening gown on the night of the pageant to practice dancing/walking. There will be a dry-run of the entire pageant on Thursday, March 4th 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.. The talent portion of the practice will begin at approximately 5:00—starting with the 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade. You will be able to set stage placement, music and lighting during this practice. Each contestant will perform their talent twice. If you wish to practice an additional time that will occur after everyone has had the chance to run through their talents. **NO ONE SHOULD BE ON THE RCS STAGE PRACTICING TALENTS BEFORE THIS THURSDAY!** If you have questions about stage size please don't hesitate to ask.

Thursday, March 4th 3:00 pm- Little Sisters will practice talent introductions **first**. This will allow these girls to leave practice and not have to sit through the entire pageant run through. You should make sure your Little Sister has an introduction written out for her BEFORE this practice. After Little Sisters have practiced ALL the introductions they are free to leave. Each Miss RHS contestant should be present in the auditorium to hear their little sister practice their introduction.

Mandatory Practices: You will receive a more detailed schedule after February 12th.

Sunday, February 28th-1:30-4:30 pm

Monday, March 1st- NO PRACTICE

Tuesday, March 2ND – 3:15-6:45 pm (“Your Sweet” Donut Party and rehearsal with Rising Stars; awards ceremony, and opening number)

Wednesday, March 3rd- NO PRACTICE

Thursday, March 4th – 3:00-7:30 pm ??? (Little Sisters will do an introductions practice first, this way they will not have to wait for all the talents to practice. They will be free to leave.)

Pageant T-Shirt and Merchandise

For participating each contestant will receive a Miss RHS **t shirt free of charge**. Please include your t shirt size on the information form to be turned in at the turn in meeting. You **MUST** wear the t-shirt to school on pageant day as your pass to be dismissed from class to check out for the pageant. You will also need to shirt to the Sunday practice for a publicity picture.

Pageant Wardrobe Needs

Contestants will need the following:

- A Sunday type dress/suit with heels for the judges interview
- An evening gown (No two-piece evening gown with exposed midriff)
- An outfit for talent competition (Nothing risque’—sheer/see through, skin/midriff showing, etc.)
 - Please practice in your talent outfit prior to the pageant to insure that it is appropriate during your performance. Your movements during your performance can affect the fit of your outfit! Remember the outfit should not be risque’—sheer/see through, skin/midriff showing, etc.
- For opening number you will need the following outfit:

SOLID color Jumpsuit (Long Pants Only) in your choice of color. FYI- The stage curtains are black and will be the backdrop for the pageant. The jumpsuit should meet RHS dress code. You will be wearing this jumpsuit to do the opening number dance so it should not restrict your movement. Opening number shoes- pumps or wedges, closed or open toed to compliment your jumpsuit- NO FLATS!! You will be dancing in the shoes so wear something you are comfortable moving around in. You may wear the jumpsuit from last year if you wish to help reduce the costs of participation.

Pageant Day Schedule

Below is a TENTATIVE time schedule for pageant day. These times are subject to change and are based on the number of contestants who submit an application by the deadline. A finalized itinerary will be sent to each girl after the application deadline and the number of contestants is confirmed.

March 5th Tentative Schedule- SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!! Based on # of contestants

10:00 am- Contestants will be allowed to check out of school to prepare for the pageant. This absence will be excused and WILL NOT count against exam exemption

1:00 pm- Interview process begins for 9th graders

2:15 p.m.- Evening gown pictures begin with Freshmen

3:45p.m.- Evening gown competition (Closed to the public)

5:00 p.m- Dinner Break

7:00 p.m.- Pageant Begins Once the contestant arrives on campus for their scheduled interview time, the contestant will NOT be allowed to leave campus until the pageant concludes.

Pageant Dressing Rooms- *** Changes Read Carefully****

ALL Miss RHS Contestants will be using the fine arts building as a dressing room. You will NOT be allowed to enter the building until 1:00 p.m. Please be respectful that student instruction will be occurring in the building until this time. A school official will be present to ensure parents do not enter the building prior to **1:00** and disturb classes. Only (1) parent/sister/friend per contestant **WITH A PASS** will be allowed to enter the building and set up the contestants dressing area. **No one without a pass will be allowed to enter the Fine Arts building during the pageant to allow for social distancing and spacing in the dressing area.** A police officer and a school official will be checking passes during the evening. **Passes will be strictly enforced.**

****MORE INFORMATION ON PASSES TO FOLLOW.*

Men in the Dressing Rooms-

Men/Boys are only allowed in the Fine Arts building for the first 15 minutes of dressing room set up time (1:15) and at the conclusion of the pageant **AFTER** all girls have changed from their evening wear **IF THEY HAVE A PASS.** I realize it is nice to have Dads/Boyfriends to help carry the heavy load but they should wait outside the Fine Arts building front doors. Please be mindful of your fellow contestants. Men can wait on the sidewalk outside the Fine Arts building but should not be in the dressing rooms while other girls are changing or wish to change. Men/boys should not come to hang out in the dressing rooms to eat, chat, etc...**even with a pass.** Contestants may step outside the building for these interactions. Remember others may not be as comfortable as you with your male relatives and/or male friends. **The police guard will be checking passes each time a person wishes to enter the Fine Arts area so please try to limit the coming and goings.**

Passes- **** NEW****

Due to Covid restrictions each contestant will only be allowed 1 support person pass for the dressing room area. This pass can be used by anyone the contestant wishes (*see above concerning male visitors to dressing area*). It can be rotated through any number of family, friends, pageant coaches etc... but each contestant may only have (1) support person with them at any time in the dressing area.

In addition to the (1) support person pass, each hair stylist/make up artist who plans to work on hair/make up at the pageant must have a Stylist pass. You must declare your hair dresser or make-up artist. I realize some of you share a hair dresser, this does not give you an extra pass. This is an effort to reduce the number of people in the dressing area. I will total the number of stylists requesting passes, if there is room to safely issue more stylist passes I will begin with senior contestants offering an additional pass. Each person must give me the name of their hair stylist or

make-up artist on the Pass Request form due at the turn in meeting. Hair Stylist and Make Up artist can share a pass, but they will not be allowed in the dressing area at the same time. Your support person can share their pass with a stylist but they cannot be in the dressing area at the same time. I realize this may be confusing, please feel free to ask questions. The support and stylist passes will be given out at the Thursday Night practice. Passes will be strictly enforced!! Please understand that I want this experience to remain a community event however, we must do things in a safe way.

***** NEW*****

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE TO WATCH PERFORMANCES!! ONLY CONTESTANTS, ESCORTS, LITTLE SISTERS, RISING STARS AND PAGEANT STAFF WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE WINGS BACKSTAGE!! In the past, hair dressers/stylist/Moms were allowed to step backstage to watch you perform, that will not be allowed this year due to COVID. Everyone wishing to watch the pageant will need to purchase a ticket. Stylist/Support passes will not be a pass to enter the audience to watch the pageant. Remember I must keep a count of capacity for the auditorium so only ticket holders will be allowed into the auditorium.

I am hoping to purchase a virtual ticket for the dressing room area so that the contestants and the support persons can watch safely from the dressing area.

Ticket Sales- * NEW*****

Due to Covid Restrictions the maximum number of audience members for the pageant will be limited to 400 people. After all applications have been submitted and the number of contestants has been determined each contestant will receive a set number of tickets that can be purchased by their family and friends and the family of their Rising Stars and Little Sisters. You will be responsible for selling the tickets. The money for these tickets or the unsold tickets will be due on February 18th to Dr. Holland. **If the money or unsold tickets are not returned on this date, the contestant will not be allowed to participate in the pageant.** After this deadline, if there are extra unsold tickets, those will be sold at the door the night of the pageant. I will make an announcement at practice the week of the pageant the number of available tickets. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED BY RCS FOR ANY UNUSED TICKETS**

Virtual Streaming-

The pageant will be available for Live Streaming. This is still in the planning stage. More information will be available and publicized once details are finalized.

Auditorium Seating-

Pageant attendees are asked to sit with their own families and socially distance themselves. Masks should be worn by those attending the pageant.

Florist and Good Luck Deliveries-

To minimize the traffic of strangers into the dressing area, tables will be set up in the Fine Arts Building and each contestant will have a marked space on the table where their good luck gifts/floral deliveries can be placed. It is the responsibility of the contestant to check their space for deliveries during the evening. Contestants can move their deliveries into their dressing area at any time. An explanation of the delivery process will be sent to local florists about the delivery tables.

COVID Restrictions-

Every effort will be made to continue the pageant as planned out in this application and per tradition. Please understand that some things may be out of the control of the pageant coordinators and RCS administrators. Please be flexible and understanding as we navigate the unknown.

For Office Use-

Contestant # _____

Grade Level- _____

Contestant's Name- _____

2021 Miss RHS Pageant Application Hard Copy

Please complete the application form **ONLINE** so that it is typed. Hand written applications will NOT be accepted. Print 2 copies. Give one completed copy to Ms. Coan along with the signed agreement form, entry fee, wallet size publicity picture and parent names. Keep the other copy of the completed application to practice for your interview. Check all spelling and grammar. Applications with misspelled words will have points deducted during the interview portion of the pageant.

Application deadline is Friday, January 15th, 2021 at the submission meeting from 2:00-3:30 in Ms. Coan's Room NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Grade _____ Age _____

Number of Years Attended Russellville City School System (including Kindergarten) _____

Hobby/Past Time You Participate In- _____

Person Admired (other than parents/family) _____

Favorite Food _____

Favorite Movie _____

Favorite Entertainer _____

Favorite Social Media Platform _____

Favorite Quote _____

School/Community Activities-(Example- Band, Cheerleader, Student Booster Club, Church Choir) Choose a maximum of 5 school/community activities you participate in during the 2019-2020 and/or 2020-21 school year. No resumes will be accepted

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Community Service-Choose a maximum of 5 community service activities you participated in during the 2019-2020 and/or 2020-21 school year. No resumes will be accepted

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Funny or Interesting Fact about Yourself. Example: I have met Governor Kay Ivey or I have marched in a parade at Disney World

Talent Performing in the Pageant- (Example- Tap Dance to “Sweet Home Alabama”)

For Office Use Only-

Date Application Turned in _____ Time _____

Contestant Information Form
Due January 15, 2021 at the Turn In Session

Contestant's Name-_____

Contestant's Grade Level-_____

Contestant's 2B Teacher-_____

T-Shirt Circle Size- Adult Sizes

S M L XL 2XL Other _____

Contestant Cell phone Number- (_____) _____ - _____

Stylist Pass Request

Hair Stylist or Make Up Artist Name-

Parent Names

Form Due Friday, January 15, 2021 at Submission Meeting

Contestants Name-_____

Grade Level-_____

Please see the sample formatting below for listing parental information

Parents/guardians name—List how you want it to appear in the newspaper, program, and yearbook.

Suggested Formatting for Parental Information

These are only suggestions. If you are unsure of the best way to list your parent/guardian information please ask Ms. Coan for assistance.

***Biological Parents are married to each other-**

John and Jane Doe

***Biological Parents are divorced and step parents will not be listed-**

John Doe and Jane Doe

*** Biological Parents and Step Parents will be listed- Do not include what is in parenthesis**

John (Biological father) and Susan (Step Mother) Doe

Jane (Biological Mother) and Steven (Step Father) Smith

*** Deceased parent-**

Jane Doe and the late John Doe

*** Guardians**

Cindy Coan daughter of guardians John and Jane Doe

*** Grandparents as Guardians**

Cindy Coan granddaughter of James and Joan Smith

Talent Form

Form and Talent Music CD/Flash Drive Due January 15, 2021 at the Turn In Session

Contestants Name _____

Grade- _____

If you sing, make sure there is no vocal background on your accompaniment CD. Should you have a piano accompanist, you must indicate that on the application. If you play the piano, list the song you will play. If you dance, list type dance, i.e. jazz, tap, ballet, etc. and the name of the song you will be performing and the artist performing music. **Music should not include offensive language or lyrics!!!!**

Talent Type (Example- Tap Dance, Vocal, Piano)-

Accompaniment (If Applicable)-

Song Title and Original Artist (If applicable)-

Special Sound Needs- (Example- Wireless Mic)

The sound technicians will be at pageant rehearsal on Thursday, March 4th, 2021 to set sound and stage lighting for each individual talent. Be prepared to express what you would like to have during this rehearsal.

Talent Outfit - Please practice in your talent outfit prior to the pageant to insure that it stays appropriate during your performance. Your movements during your performance can affect the fit of your outfit! Remember the outfit should not be risqué—sheer/see through, skin/midriff showing, etc.

Miss RHS Pageant/Contestant Agreement Form
Due January 15, 2021 at the Turn In Session

Contestant

I have read all the information regarding the Miss RHS Pageant and agree to comply with all requirements as specified.

Contestant Name Printed _____

Contestant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parents/Guardians

We have read all the information regarding the Miss RHS Pageant and agree to comply with all requirements as specified.

Parent's Name Printed _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____