

2024 Miss Viburnum Scholarship Pageant

The Old Miners Day Committee and Miss Viburnum Committee are excited to host the 2024 Miss Viburnum Scholarship Pageant to be held on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Viburnum High School gymnasium.

Requisite Sponsorship & Fees

Each contestant is responsible for procuring her own sponsor. A sponsor can be a regional business, organization, parent, grandparent, family member, or friend. Sponsors will be announced during the pageant, posted on the Miss Viburnum social media page, listed on the contestant's sash, and other promotional releases. Payments from the sponsor can be made by cash, check, or money order made out to MISS VIBURNUM. **ENTRY FEE IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 9TH 2024.**

Categories:

- ★ Little Miss Viburnum (Grades 2-5) **\$40.00**
- ★ Junior Miss Viburnum (Grades 6-8) **\$60.00**
- ★ Miss Viburnum (Grades 9-12) **\$80.00**

Please do not wait until the last minute to find a sponsor! There are many local businesses that would love to help; just ask the Miss Viburnum Committee.

The Competition

1. Fundraising

All contestants are required to participate in at least one fundraising event. There will be multiple opportunities to participate. Contestants are highly encouraged to participate in as many fundraisers as possible.

2. Essay Competition Entry

All Miss and Junior Miss contestants are required to participate in the essay portion of the competition. The essay submission will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, personality, and creativity.

All essays must be in MLA format (double spaced, 12pt font, Times New Roman) and not exceed 1000 words. Choose only **ONE** of the topics below to write about. Please

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have your **name and category** for the cover page of your essay. Do **NOT** include your name in your essay, as we would like our judges to score anonymously.

Essays are **DUE BY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2024**. Please email in .docx or .pdf format for your submission to missviburnum2023@gmail.com.

In the email's subject line, please write the following: Contestant's Name-Final Essay Submission.

2024 ESSAY TOPIC

- ★ What would you like to accomplish during your reign as Jr. Miss Viburnum or Miss Viburnum?

3. Personal Interview, Opening Number, and On-stage Introduction

Our panel of judges will meet with each contestant to get to know them better on an individual basis for up to 5 minutes. This is the time to tell the judges more about you and show your personality. All questions/topics will be age appropriate and most likely based on your Judge's Bio Sheet.

All contestants will participate in the Opening Number and On-Stage Introduction. The opening number's choreography will be rehearsed during practices, so attendance is important. Immediately following the opening number, contestants will introduce themselves by saying their name and sponsor for the competition.

Start time: Friday October 4th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location: Viburnum High School Gym

Interview and opening number attire: Interview attire will be as if you are interviewing for a job. You want to make a good impression for the judges during this portion of the competition, so dress the part. If you do not have the proper attire, please ask the Miss Viburnum Committee and we will help you find the perfect outfit. **The opening number attire will be determined later on.**

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4. Talent Competition

All contestants are required to participate in the talent portion of the competition. Contestants will be judged on presentation, entertainment factor, showmanship, overall composure, and appearance. Each contestant will have up to four (4) minutes to perform. A talent can be anything from singing and dancing, to a science experiment, or teaching the audience something new. Music and costumes must be age appropriate.

All contestants are **REQUIRED** to have their talent presentation approved by the MVC no later than **SEPTEMBER 23RD 2023**.

5. Formal Wear Parade and Individual Presentation

All contestants will participate in the Formal Wear Parade. Immediately following this presentation will be the individual and judged portion of the competition.

Attire: Full length or tea length gowns are acceptable. No cocktail dresses. Choose a dress that is age appropriate, easy to walk in, and shows your own personal style.

6. On-Stage Question

All contestants will answer one on-stage question. A list of potential questions will be provided one week prior to the pageant.

Each contestant is allowed **one FEMALE companion** to join her backstage and will be assigned to a dressing room by the Miss Viburnum Committee. If you have any special circumstances that need to be taken into consideration, please discuss with the Miss Viburnum Committee prior to the pageant. Remember, borrowing or re-wearing a favorite evening gown or talent costume works! If you are having trouble finding an evening gown, please let us know and we will help you find a dress. **Makeup, hair, and attire need to be age appropriate.**

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Scholarships & Awards

Miss Viburnum 2024	\$1000 Scholarship & other prize
Miss 1st Runner Up	\$500 Scholarship
Miss 2nd Runner Up	\$250 Scholarship
Junior Miss Viburnum	\$200 Cash Prize & other prize
Little Miss Viburnum	\$100 Cash Prize & other prize
Most Talented Miss / Junior Miss / Little Miss	\$100 Cash Prize
Outstanding Author Miss / Junior Miss	\$100 Cash Prize
Miss Hospitality	\$100 Cash Prize
People's Choice Award	TBD Cash Prize

Other SPECIAL awards: Best Interview Miss / Junior Miss / Little Miss, Best Evening Gown Presentation Miss / Junior Miss / Little Miss, Most Photogenic, Miss Congeniality

All awards are subject to change without notice.

* **Miss Hospitality** prize will be awarded to the young lady who is the most helpful and outgoing.

* **People's Choice Award** will go to the young lady with the most votes by the public the night of the pageant. \$1 equals 1 vote. This will be awarded on Saturday on the main stage.

All special awards have no bearing on winners of the pageant. Miss Viburnum, Miss 1st runner up, and Miss 2nd runner up scholarships will be awarded to each winner upon high school graduation. Proof of continuing education must be provided to the Miss Viburnum Committee and/or Old Miners Days Committee before funds will be released. All other cash prizes will be paid to the winners within 10 days of the pageant.

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OLD MINERS' DAY

DISCLAIMER OF MISS VIBURNUM COMMITTEE (MVC) AND OLD MINERS' DAYS COMMITTEE (OMD) RESPONSIBILITY:

- I understand that the MVC and OMD are not responsible or liable for any illness, injury, damage, loss or expense due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, natural disasters, terrorism, or other such causes.
- I understand that the MVC and OMD are not responsible or liable for any loss, damage, or theft of my personal belongings.
- I understand that entry into the 2024 Miss Viburnum Scholarship Pageant gives permission to both the MVC and OMD to use photographs, audio, and video of the contestant in all promotional mediums.
- I understand that my talent must be approved by the MVC by September 10, 2024. If I perform a talent that was not approved, then I am subject to immediate disqualification.
- I understand that I may be disqualified for inappropriate behavior during events, rehearsals, and the competition.
- I understand that no refunds will be given under any circumstances. The MVC and OMD Committee have up to 10 days after the competition to disburse cash prizes. Scholarships will be disbursed upon high school graduation and proof of continuing education must be provided.

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Age Category as of 2024-2025 school year: (Please Check One)

Little Miss 2nd-5th Grade Junior Miss 6th-8th Grade Miss 9th-12 Grade

Please contact **Trishia Rice** 573-366-4028 or **Jessica Pryor** 573-604-0626 with any questions.