

# Miss Viburnum Scholarship Pageant

The Old Miners Day Committee and Miss Viburnum Committee are excited to host the 2025 Miss Viburnum Scholarship Pageant to be held on Friday, October 3th at 6:00 PM at the Viburnum High School gym.

## 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 5TH 2025.**

Categories:

- Little Miss Viburnum (Grades 2-5) **\$60.00**
- Junior Miss Viburnum (Grades 6-8) **\$80.00**
- Miss Viburnum (Grades 9-12) **\$100.00**

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 very encouraged to participate in all fundraisers possible.

### 1. Essay Competition Entry

All 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 must have a minimum of 300 words but not exceed 1000 words. Choose only **ONE** of the topics below to write about. Please 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 26th 2025**. Please email in .docx or .pdf format for your submission to [missviburnum2023@gmail.com](mailto:missviburnum2023@gmail.com).

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

## 2025 ESSAY TOPIC

- What are things you could do to show your hometown pride?
- What message would you give to young girls who look up to you?
- Describe a moment in time that shaped who you are today?

### 1. **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 it is important to be there. Immediately following the opening number, contestants will introduce themselves by saying their name and sponsor for the competition.

**Start time:** Friday October 3RD, 2025 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.**

## 1. Talent Competition

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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 26th 2025**.

## 1. 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.

## 1. On-Stage Question

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

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.**

## Scholarships & Awards

Miss Viburnum 2025- \$1000 Scholarship

Miss 1st Runner Up- \$500 Scholarship

Miss 2nd Runner Up- \$250 Scholarship

Junior Miss Viburnum- \$200 Cash Prize

Little Miss Viburnum- \$100 Cash Prize

Most Talented- Miss /Junior Miss/ Little Miss \$50 Cash Prize

Outstanding Author- Miss- \$50 Cash Prize

People's Choice Award- TBD Cash Prize

**Other SPECIAL awards:** Best Interview Miss

Best Evening Gown Presentation- Miss/ Junior Miss/ Little Miss

Most Photogenic (overall)

Miss Congeniality ( overall)

**All awards are subject to change without notice.**

\* **Miss Congeniality** 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 win.

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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 2025 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 5th, 2025. 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 OMDC 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.
- I understand that if i should win queen in a category, i will retire my crown the following year and be unable to participate in that category again.
- I understand that I must reside in the viburnum school district.

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category as of 2025-2026 school year: (Please Check One)

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

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