

2011 Miss Freedom Festival Pageant Informational Packet

The MFF Pageant is open to any young lady from the ages of 2 years to 18 years. Contestants **must** be 2 years old on or before 05/01/11 and **must not** be 19 before 05/01/11. A copy of the contestants' birth certificate must be shown at registration. A picture of the contestant must accompany entry form and payment and is due on or before April 16, 2011.

Responsibilities of Title Winners:

All title winners are required to attend and or perform at the Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 4, 2011 and help to promote the festival in the weeks prior to the Festival. Miss Freedom Festival and Division title winners will appear in the Lowell Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec 10, 2011 (tentative) and may be asked to promote, attend or perform at future sponsors' functions. Title winners who are not able to meet these responsibilities may be asked to resign their title. Contestants and Chaperones are expected to display good sportsmanship. Failure to do so may result in disqualification with No Refund.

Fees and Available Discounts

Initial Entry Fee is \$65

Optional Category Fees

- \$10 Most Photogenic
- \$10 Talent Competition
- \$5 Best Eyes Competition
- \$5 Best Smile Competition
- \$5 Best Hair Competition

Available Discounts

- \$ 5 off for returning contestants
- * \$ 5 off returning contestant with referral (each)
- \$ 5 off if entry received on or before April 2, 2011
- * \$ 5 off for sibling registration (each)

* Entry forms must be mailed together for discount.

- * **Lowell Women's Club Community Support Award:** (Optional) The Contestant who collects the most signatures (\$1 each) or sponsors (\$25 each) will be awarded the Lowell Women's Club Community Support Award and will receive a \$50 refund off of the initial entry fee. ****All signature and sponsor monies must be turned in by April 30, 2011. **See instructions and collection form on page # 6 in this packet if you wish to participate in this optional competition. Refund to be determined by draw in case of tie.**

A \$35 Service Fee will be charged for any returned check.

Awards

There will be a winner in each age division. Those winners will receive a tiara, banner and a trophy and the opportunity to represent Lowell at the Freedom Festival and Lowell's Christmas Parade. The overall Miss Freedom Festival winner will receive a crown, banner, a trophy and an opportunity to represent Lowell at the Freedom Festival and Christmas Parade as well as a \$500 cash award after stated responsibilities are met. Winners in Optional Categories will receive a plaque and all contestants will receive a participation award.

Deadlines

NO entries accepted after April 16, 2011. **NO** entries refunded after April 16, 2011. **ALL** Sponsor and Signature monies are due by April 30, 2011 to qualify for award.

Age Divisions

Baby Miss	2yr - 3yr
Tiny Miss	4yr - 6yr
Little Miss	7yr - 9yr
Junior Miss	10yr -12yr
Young Miss	13yr -15yr
Teen Miss	16yr -18yr

Areas of Competition & Competition Requirements

Beauty	All Ages	Formal, party, church or pageant dress
Sportswear	Little - Teen	Off-the-Rack, everyday outfit
Sleepwear	Baby -Tiny	Off the rack pj's or gown
Photogenic	Optional	Submit photo by 04/16/11. One overall winner.
Talent	Optional	3 Minute maximum. One overall winner.
Best Eyes	Optional	No special requirements. One overall winner.
Best Smile	Optional	No special requirements. One overall winner.
Best Hair	Optional	No special requirements. One overall winner.

On stage Interview Question

Ages 7 -18 will be asked an on-stage interview question during the Sportswear Competition based off of information on registration sheets. We will give you the question ahead of time to prepare.

Communications

Most of our communications are via email and facebook. Please make sure that we have a good email address for you and be sure to friend us , "Freedom Festival Pageant" on **Facebook** to keep up to date.

Photography

No cameras allowed in the dressing or staging areas. A professional photographer will be on hand to photograph each contestant. Affordable photo packages can be purchased from:

Anne Abernathy Photography
704-263-8828

Required Attire for Introduction Line-Up

All contestants must come to registration in blue denim shorts, jeans, capris or skirt and a solid white tee shirt and white shoes.

Audience Vote

The audience will have an opportunity to buy votes for their favorite contestant the night of the pageant for \$1 per vote. ** This is a separate award and Audience Vote does not factor into overall title.

Registration Time

All Contestants and one Chaperone must register between 3:00 and 3:30 on the day of the pageant. Please do not bring anyone else with you. Sound checks will be performed on CD's for talent competition between 4:30 and 5:00. ****Note: Pirated or copied cd's often do not read on school's sound system.**

Rehearsal Time:

There will be a mandatory rehearsal to learn the opening number on Friday, May 6th at the Lowell Community Center. Tentative time 6:00 pm. Baby & Tiny Miss Contestants may be excused from this.

For additional information or questions regarding the pageant, please visit the Miss Freedom Festival website, <http://missfreedomfestival.wetpaint.com> or contact us by email at missfreedomfestival@live.com

Things to remember:

Remember to copy the provided Pageant Flyer (page 3) and distribute it to family / friends to ensure a **BIG** fan base and lots of Audience Votes. (Optional)

Remember to collect your signatures and sponsors and turn in by April 30th. (Optional)

Remember to put your name on your Talent CD and to pick it up after the pageant is over.

Remember to pick up your Photogenic photo after the pageant is over.

Remember that contestants should bring mirror and towelettes (If needed) as there is no running water in the dressing and staging areas.

Remember that restrooms are in a separate building. Bring umbrellas if threat of rain.

Remember that there is only one chaperone pass given for each contestant. All others must enter through the Lobby and pay admission.

Remember that children who are not competing are not allowed in the dressing room or staging areas.

Remember to eat a good lunch before Registration. Light snacks will be provided.

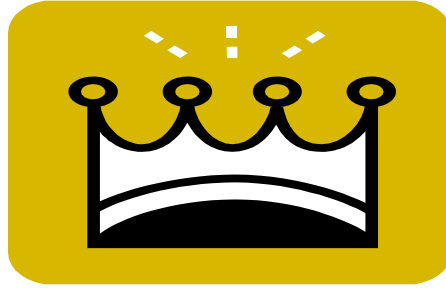
Remember to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

Complete and return both pages of Entry Form (4 & 5 of packet) along with entry fees and contestant photograph before April 16, 2011 to:

Lowell Women's Club
1043 Marguerite Drive
Lowell, NC 28098

Make checks and money orders payable to: **Lowell Women's Club**

Freedom Festival Page



DATE: Saturday, May 7, 2011

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Holbrook Middle School Auditorium
418 South Church Street
Lowell, NC 28098

ADMISSION:

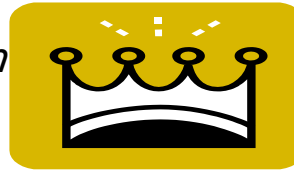
Adults \$5.00

Children 12 & under \$2.00

Remember to place your audience vote for \$1
Send your favorite contestant a Candy-Gram for \$1
concessions, programs and pageant novelties for sale

Contestant: Copy and distribute this page to invite your family and friends to come out to support you and cheer you on!

*Miss Freedom
Festival Pageant*



ENTRY FORM

Contestant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Age _____ **Birthday** _____

Parents _____

Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
County _____

Phone # _____ **E-mail** _____

School _____ **Grade** _____

Hobbies _____

Awards _____

Special Training _____
(dance, vocal, instruments, art, drama, etc) _____

Tell us your favorite:
Color _____ **Foods** _____

TV Show _____ **Song** _____

Book _____ **Movie** _____

What is your ambition: _____

Who is your role model and why: _____

Have you ever competed in a Beauty Pageant? _____ **If yes, name the pageant(s)**
and title(s) that you have won. _____

Contestant's Name

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Initial Entry \$65.00

Optional Competitions

Talent \$10
 Photogenic \$10
 Best Eyes \$5
 Best Smile \$5
 Best Hair \$5

A	
Subtotal A	\$

Available Discounts

For returning contestants \$5
 *For returning contestant with referral (each) \$5
 For entry received on or before April 2nd. \$10
 *For sibling registration (each) \$5

B	
Subtotal B	\$

Initial Entry **\$65.00**
 Sub Total A (add) \$ _____
 Sub Total B (subtract) \$ _____

** Entries must be mailed together for sibling or referral discount.*

Total Entry Paid \$ _____

****If competing in Talent competition, please describe talent and accompaniment:**

****Send a photo of contestant for the program booklet with registration form and entry fees to:**

Lowell Women's Club
 1043 Marguerite Drive
 Lowell, NC 28098

Last day to enter is April 16, 2011.

We can not refund entry fees after April 16, 2011.

Parent Permission & Signature

As the parent or legal guardian of the above Miss Freedom Festival Contestant, I give my consent for her to participate in the contest on Saturday, May 7, 2011. I further give my consent for her picture or likeness to be used in future promotions for the Miss Freedom Festival Pageant, The Freedom Festival or other promotions for the Lowell Women's Club or The City of Lowell. I have read and fully understand the responsibilities of the title winners and verify there is no reason why my daughter, should she win a title, can not fulfill those responsibilities.

 Parent or Legal Guardian Signature Date

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Lowell Women's Club Community Support Award

Hello! My name is _____ . I am competing for the title of **The Lowell Women's Club Community Support Award** as a part of the **Miss Freedom Festival Pageant**. You can help me by signing below and donating \$1 for each signature or by donating \$25 you can sponsor me and your business card will be added to my sponsor page in the pageant program book. Thank you!

1	11	21
2	12	22
3	13	23
4	14	24
5	15	25
6	16	26
7	17	27
8	18	28
9	19	29
10	20	30

CONTESTANT: Make copies of this sheet if you collect more than 30 names and/or sponsors. **Be sure to collect Business Cards for sponsors. Write your name on the back of the card and submit them with your money.** Family members may sponsor, but no photos please.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Lowell Women's Club

Mail this and additional Community Support pages before April 30, 2011 with monies and Business Cards to:

The Lowell Women's Club
1043 Marguerite Drive
Lowell, NC 28098