

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Division



January 11, 2019

Attention Guidance Counselor:

The City of Orangeburg Parks and Recreation Department awards over \$3200 in college scholarships annually through our Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant. I would like to share information regarding our pageant with you in hopes that you will make it available to females in your Class of 2019.

Enclosed you will find an application that can be copied and distributed to young ladies who meet the eligibility requirements. I know many high school seniors are looking for aid with their higher education, and perhaps the Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant can offer that assistance.

Applications can also be found on our website – orangeburgparks.com – under the forms tab.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Garris at meredith.garris@orangeburg.sc.us or 803-533-6020.

Sincerely,

Meredith M. Garris
Program Coordinator
City of Orangeburg Parks & Recreation Department

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Greetings:

Thank you for your interest in the Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Program. We are very excited about the 2019 Pageant which will be held on Saturday, March 2 at 4:00pm in conjunction with the Princess of Roses Pageant in Stevenson Auditorium in Orangeburg.

Enclosed you will find an Application, Rules and Regulations Sheet, and general information on how the Pageant is coordinated. Please fill out the attached Application and send it with your \$40 entry fee and photograph (head and shoulders only) to:

Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant
367 Green Street
Orangeburg, SC 29115

The photograph will be used for publicity in The Times and Democrat, our social media, and the pageant program book. It may be color or black/white. The photograph is due with your application and will be returned at rehearsal. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 22, 2019. Refunds will not be issued after the deadline if you withdraw from the pageant.

Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, March 2 at 12:00 noon in Stevenson Auditorium. Rehearsal is mandatory for all contestants. All contestants will rehearse together at first, then talent rehearsal will fall in contestant order so contestants will have time to change and prepare for interviews that begin at 2:00pm. Please note: rehearsal and interview times may be adjusted based on the number of contestants (meaning rehearsal could begin at 11:00am if needed). If you cannot attend rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in the pageant - no exceptions.

All contestants will be contacted via email and/or telephone, so please provide valid information on your application.

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The Person You Most Admire Is _____

Because _____

Favorite Words That Inspire You _____

Is There Anything Else You Would Like To Share? _____

Talent You Will Perform _____

Write Your Own Brief Introduction For Your Talent Performance _____

Release

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and will abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the Orangeburg Queen of Roses Pageant and that I am eligible to complete in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Pageant. I will be able to serve as Queen of Roses at the Festival of Roses on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00am-12:00pm and ride in the Christmas Parade (typically the first weekend in December).

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____

*Parent Signature _____ Date _____

**Must be signed by a parent if the contestant is under 18 years of age.*

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Orangeburg Queen of Roses Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must fill out the application and return it by Friday, February 22 to the Parks & Recreation Department, 367 Green Street, Orangeburg. It may be mailed to Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant, 367 Green St, Orangeburg, SC 29115, but ***it must be in hand by 5:00pm on the February 22nd, 2019.***
2. A \$40 Entry Fee must be paid at the time the application is turned in. Refunds will not be issued after the deadline if you withdraw from the pageant.
3. A photograph (head and shoulders only) must be turned in with the application.
4. Contestant must meet the eligibility requirements previously set by the Orangeburg Festival of Roses Committee of being 17-22 years old, has never been married or pregnant, a full-time college or university student no later than the 2019 fall semester that is either a resident of South Carolina or is attending a South Carolina college or university. The reigning queen will not be allowed to compete the year following her reign. She may skip a year, and then, if still eligible, compete again. *Example: The 2019 Queen shall not compete in the 2020 Pageant, but may compete in the 2021 Pageant if all eligibility requirements are met.*
5. The Orangeburg Queen of Roses will be allowed to hold another title as long as it does not conflict with her obligations as Orangeburg Queen of Roses.
6. Awards:
 - Orangeburg Queen of Roses shall receive a sash, crown, trophy, and \$1,500 scholarship.
 - First Runner-Up shall receive a trophy and \$750 scholarship.
 - Second Runner-Up shall receive a trophy and \$500 scholarship.
 - Talent Competition Winner shall receive a trophy and \$500 scholarship.
7. All scholarships are paid directly to the school. To receive your scholarship, you must submit to the City of Orangeburg (1) a cover letter requesting your scholarship and (2) proof of enrollment at the school (bill, class schedule, etc.). Those who place in the pageant may have the school confirm enrollment immediately following the pageant. 2019 scholarships that are not requested before April 1, 2020 will not be paid and money will revert back into the scholarship account.
8. Judging will be based on a scale from 1-10 in the following categories: Interview, Casual Wear, Talent, and Evening Gown/On Stage Question. The contestant with the highest overall score will be crowned Orangeburg Queen of Roses. The contestant with the second highest score will be named 1st Runner-Up, and the contestant with the third highest score will be named 2nd Runner-Up. The contestant with the highest talent score will be named the Talent Competition Winner.
9. Duties of the Orangeburg Queen of Roses include appearances at the Orangeburg Festival of Roses on May 4, 2019 (introducing herself and the Princesses of Roses) and riding on the Queen/Princess float in the Orangeburg Christmas Parade (usually the first weekend in December).

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Guidelines for Phases of Competition Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant

Pre-Pageant Interview: *a brief chance for contestants to introduce themselves to the judges prior to the Pageant (2:00pm or after – specific time to be announced the week of pageant)*

1. Contestants should wear their casual wear outfit to the interview.
2. Questions will be based on your pageant application and may include questions regarding current events, pop culture, and trendy topics for the contestants' generation.

Casual Wear

1. Casual pants, capris, or shorts outfit of your choice - something that expresses your individual personality and that you feel comfortable and confident in on stage. **No dresses, skirts, or athletic attire (sneakers, sports bras, etc.).**
2. You will walk out on stage, stop at the microphone and give your name, age, and hometown. Then, you will continue making a circle around the stage while your bio is being read by the emcee.

Talent

1. Performance time shall not exceed 3.5 minutes.
2. Singers: Your music can include backup singers, but it should not include the original artist singing. It must be an instrumental or karaoke.
3. Dancers: Your track can include the original artist singing.
4. The emcee will need a written introduction for your performance, which is a part of your application. You will write this introduction yourself.
5. Your .mp3 track should be emailed to meredith.garris@orangeburg.sc.us by Monday, February 25. If CD is needed, a copy should be submitted with your application.
6. Your choice of costume should be appropriate for your performance.

Evening Gown/On Stage Question

1. A list of questions will be emailed to you no later than 24 hours prior to the pageant.
2. You may wear any formal length gown of your choice.
3. You will approach the emcee in your evening gown and pull a question from the stack. After answering your question, you will continue modeling your dress while the emcee reads more of your bio. Once finished, you will exit the stage.

Reminder

Judges are provided a list of what is to be worn in each phase of competition. They may or may not deduct points if you choose an outfit that is outside the stated guidelines.