

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Division



Greetings:

Thank you for your interest in the Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Program. We are very excited about the 2016 Pageant which will be held on Saturday, March 5th at 2:00pm 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
P.O. Box 1321
Orangeburg, SC 29116-1321

The photograph will be used for publicity in The Times and Democrat 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 26th, 2016.** Refunds will not be issued after the deadline if you withdraw from the pageant.

Rehearsal will be held on **Friday, March 4th at 5:30pm** in Stevenson Auditorium. **Rehearsal is mandatory for all contestants and generally lasts about 2.5 hours.** If you cannot attend rehearsal, you will not be allowed to participate in the pageant - no exceptions. If you have any other questions, please contact Meredith Garris at meredith@worg.com or 803 516-8400 or Zachary Tarrant at ztarrant@orangeburg.sc.us or 803-533-6020.

Sincerely,

Meredith M. Garris
Pageant Coordinator

Zachary Tarrant
Program Coordinator, City of Orangeburg Parks and Recreation Department.

Enclosures

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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 I have read, understand, and will abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the 2016 Orangeburg Queen of Roses Pageant and that I am eligible to complete in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Pageant.

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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2016 Orangeburg Queen of Roses Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must fill out the application and return it by Friday, February 26th to the Parks & Recreation Department, 367 Green Street, Orangeburg. It may be mailed to Orangeburg Queen of Roses Scholarship Pageant, P.O. Box 1321, Orangeburg, SC 29116-1321, but ***it must be in hand by 5:00pm on the February 26th deadline.***
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 2016 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 2016 Queen shall not compete in the 2017 Pageant, but may compete in the 2018 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. 2016 scholarships that are not requested before April 1, 2017 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, Sportswear, 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 April 30, 2016 (introducing herself and the Princesses of Roses on the Garden Stage) and riding on the Queen/Princess float in the Orangeburg Christmas Parade (usually the first Saturday afternoon 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 (12 noon or after – specific time to be announced the week of pageant)*

1. Contestants should wear their sportswear 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.

Sportswear

1. Casual capris or shorts outfit of your choice, something that expresses your individual personality and that you feel comfortable and confident in on stage. **It must be capris or shorts.** No sequins.
2. You will walk out on stage, stop at the microphone and give your name, contestant number, 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 CD can include backup singers, but you may not use a CD that includes the original artist singing; it must be an instrumental or karaoke.
3. Dancers: Your CD 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. Please bring more than one performance CD to rehearsal (just in case).
6. Your choice of costume should be appropriate for your performance.

Evening Gown/On Stage Question

1. A list of questions will be given to contestants at rehearsal on Friday evening.
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.