



Dear Jr. Miss Contestant:

I am so glad you are considering participating in the very first Jr. Miss Strassenfest Scholarship Program. Rest assured great steps have been taken to ensure this event will be an enjoyable experience for you. Here are a few highlights of the contest:

The event will be held at the Jasper Arts Center on Saturday, July 31 at 7:00pm. Jr. Miss Contestants will appear on stage in between sections of the Miss Strassenfest pageant. Jr. Miss Strassenfest receives a \$500 savings bond and the opportunity to serve as a role model and representative during the Fest. The 1st runner-up receives a \$250 savings bond. 2nd runner-up, Jr. Miss Congeniality and Jr. Miss Photogenic titles will be awarded and receive special gifts. Each contestant also receives several gifts compliments of our local business community.

The contest will be divided into three sections: 1. interview 2. introduction/community involvement and 3. age-appropriate formal dress. During the afternoon of July 31, you'll participate in an interview with a panel of three judges to personally speak about your accomplishments and future goals (most information outlined on your application). Judges may also ask questions from the Strassenfest program booklet (brochure). Your first round on stage will consist of an introduction to the judges and audience to encourage public speaking and presentation skills along with a brief video presentation describing your community involvement. The second and final round on stage will be the formal dress competition.

Here are some important dates to add to your calendar now:

- Pictures will be taken on July 13 from 2:30 to 4:00pm at McCarty's studio. After the group photo, an orientation meeting will be held. A parent or guardian will need to attend this meeting with you.
- There will be a modeling practice at the Jasper High School Auditorium on July 20 at 6:00pm.
- Dress rehearsal will be held at the Jasper Arts Center on Thursday, July 29 at 6:00pm.

I will send a letter with additional information to you after June 30.

Make sure you read through this material and send the completed application post marked no later than June 30, 2010. Emailed applications will also be accepted as long as they are received by the deadline.

I'd love to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call me at 630-1311 or 482-5761. Please leave a message if needed.

This is your time to shine! I look forward to helping make this an adventure that will always be a highlight in your life. And...the very first Jr. Miss Strassenfest could be you!

Sincerely,

Darla S. Blazey
Jr. Miss Strassenfest Coordinator