**MISS SHINING STAR INFORMATION SHEET**

**December 13-14, 2019**

**Welcome to the Miss Shining Star Pageant. This year’s pageant will be held on December 13-14th  (in hopes of missing the extreme flu season in January and February). Winners will reign through 2020.**

**The pageant will be held at Cornerstone Church of Knoxville (same location)**

**1250 Heritage Lake Blvd, Knoxville TN**

**Please do not call the church for information concerning the pageant.**

**Four pageants (according to age divisions) will be held on Saturday. Times will be determined by number of entries and will be posted in November on the website and the MSS Facebook page.**

**This year we will request a $20 registration fee to be accompanied with the registration form. (This small registration fee is meant to give “ownership” to those who sign up. Every year we have a number of girls sign up and then not show up for reasons other than sickness, leaving us with extra crowns, trophies, flowers, gift bags, etc. that have been purchased for them in advance. Hopefully this will help each girl/family understand their commitment.) *The registration fee is non-refundable.***

**Each girl will appear twice on stage. During the first time on stage the girls can wear anything they want that represents our theme “Winter Wonderland”. This can be a coat and boots or other winter clothing, or they may choose to appear as a snowman, the Grinch, or maybe even a fruitcake (?). Girls are not judged on the costume itself, but this gives the girls an opportunity to express themselves in a fun way.**

**The second time on stage each girl will appear in a party dress. This can be any length, color or style (it does not have to be Holiday colors).**

**Awards will be given as follows in each age division:**

 **Queen (chosen by judges)**

 **First Runner Up (chosen by judges)**

 **Photogenic (chosen by judges)**

 **Spirit of the Pageant (chosen by staff)**

 **Inspiration (chosen by girls)**

 **Princess (each girl not receiving one of the above awards)**

**The decision of the judges is final.**

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE - Our pageant is funded by donations from the community. Each girl has the opportunity to help in our fundraising by finding sponsors for the pageant. This can be businesses, individuals, family members, etc. The girl who collects the largest amount of donations in each age group receives a special crown and sash and is introduced on stage in a special presentation. We ask that you consider helping us raise the money to put on a spectacular pageant. Donations can be made on-line at the Miss Shining Star site. Make sure that those that are donating in your honor puts your name in the designated box (on line) or on the check when making their donation. Any amount is acceptable and appreciated.**

**A Christmas party and Talent Show will take place on Friday night, December 13th, for everyone, including our special needs guys. The talent show is open to both contestants as well as guys. Winners will have the opportunity to perform their talent at one of the pageants the next day. There is no cost to attend or enter the Talent show. Light snacks will be there for everyone to enjoy. After the party at 6:00 p.m., the Talent Show will begin at 7:00. You can enter the talent show by marking it on your registration form, or by texting 865-599-9662 with your name, age and the word TALENT.**

**When your entry is received (for the Pageant or Talent) you will receive a text message within 5 days of receipt. If you do not get a message within a reasonable amount of time, please contact us by text to 865-599-9662.**

**All information other than what is mentioned above will be posted on our Miss Shining Star Facebook page, as well as on the website:** [**www.MissShiningStar.org**](http://www.MissShiningStar.org) **Please refer to these two places for updates regularly.**

**RECAP:**

***Send in your pageant registration and $20 to:***

 **Miss Shining Star**

 **7446 Ladd Road**

 **Powell, TN 37849**

***Text talent entry to 865-599-9662* (if you do not indicate it on your form)**

***Check the following sites for updates:***

 **www. MissShiningStar.org**

 **Facebook page: Miss Shining Star**

***Donations* can be made on line at** [**www.MissShiningStar.org**](http://www.MissShiningStar.org)

***\*We ask that you always check the updates for needed information or refer to this guideline sheet before texting your questions. With over 80 participants, it is hard to answer everyone in a timely manner. Thanks for your understanding!***