



Miss Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau Application 2017

The purpose of the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program is to surface young women with agricultural backgrounds to serve as leaders in the effort to promote our agricultural industry and the Farm Bureau organization throughout the year and in the future.

Eligibility Criteria for the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program

1. Contestants must be young women between the ages of 16 and 19 who may not turn 20 by the date of the state contest at the end of August.
2. Contestants must be single, never married, not engaged, not pregnant nor already have children.
3. Contestants must not have been convicted of misdemeanor or felony.
4. Contestants and/or their parents or guardians must be Maryland Farm Bureau members who are considered to be “in good standing” based on timely payment of membership dues in the county Farm Bureau that they represent. Each contestant under the age of 18 must have written consent from a parent or guardian to enter the contest.
5. Each contestant must be selected and certified by a County Farm Bureau to be the Miss County Farm Bureau for the year of the state contest.
6. Contestants are welcome to compete in the state contest more than once if they have not previously been selected as Miss Maryland Agriculture or a Runner Up.
7. All contestants **MUST** participate in the Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation Program in Timonium in August. The orientation program will allow contestants to gain knowledge, experience, and Farm Bureau expertise that will assist in their preparations to compete for the title of Miss Maryland Agriculture.
8. All contestants must participate in the full 2 days of competition in Timonium at the end of August.

Part I – Resume

Your resume is a written compilation of your education, work experience, credentials and agricultural accomplishments. References are not requested. Please use the Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12pt. and do not exceed 1 page in length.

Part II – Essay Question Response

Please select one of the questions listed below and answer it in an essay format not to exceed 1 page in 12 point, double spaced font. Please include your name and county at the top of the page.

1. What is the benefit of an agricultural fair to the surrounding community?
2. Why is it important to have farms in Maryland? Discuss the importance of food security for our state and for our nation.
3. Why is it important for farmers to be able to diversify and try new things? How has new technology benefited your farm or farms in your area?
4. How do new regulatory requirements by government impact farm operations? Give an example of a government requirement that has changed the way your farm or your neighbor's farm must operate. Does the change help or hurt the farm? Does it help or hurt the local community?
5. How can Farm Bureau help farmers protect their businesses? What are the advantages of working together as a group to promote farm practices and new technology, and to influence legislative actions in Annapolis and Washington?

Part III – Personal Info & Membership Verification

Please provide a photo copy of your Driver's License and complete this form:

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

State: _____ County: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ (You must be 16 – 19 at the time of the state contest, held at the end of August)

Polo Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Farm Bureau Membership # _____

Miss Maryland Agriculture Contestant – Code of Conduct

When participating in any activity representing Maryland Farm Bureau as a Miss, you are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct. **If you violate the Code of Conduct, you may be asked to relinquish your title as Miss and all scholarships or expense funds provided. Please read carefully.**

- Your appearance as Miss is by invitation only, unless instructed otherwise by the Miss Coordinator. Do not show up wearing your sash if not invited. Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearance or representations on behalf of Maryland Farm Bureau are prohibited.
- For your personal safety, you must be accompanied by a chaperone over the age of 21 while wearing your sash and representing Maryland Farm Bureau at any event. Even if you are 18 years or older.
- Smoking, the use of illegal controlled dangerous substance or alcohol consumption is prohibited.
- Foul language and/or public displays of affection with dates/companions while wearing your sash and representing Maryland Farm Bureau is prohibited.
- Engagement in an illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the internet, including social networking sites are prohibited.
- Defamation of Miss Program or Maryland Farm Bureau via oral, written or internet posting is prohibited.
- When wearing your sash, professional behavior and appropriate attire is expected:
 - o Attire appropriate for specific appearance or event. (Business Casual, Professional, Formal)
 - o No jeans, sneakers, or flip flops. Boots only permitted if appropriate use.
 - o No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
 - o No outfit that is low cut, short, or revealing.
 - o No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Miss Program.

I, _____, agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlines above. I acknowledge that violation of the code may result in the immediate dismissal from an event and/or the Miss Program and repayment of scholarships and funds.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Release and Consent Form

Please select one box each section and complete with full names and signatures.

Authorization to Obtain and Use Images & Interviews

I, _____, being eighteen years of age or over
Or

I, _____, (Parent/Guardian)

do hereby grant permission to the Miss Program and its affiliates and subsidiaries, to interview, photograph, and/or videotape me or my minor child participating in the Miss Contest; and/or supervise any others who may conduct an interview, photography and/or videotaping; and/or permit others to use information from the aforementioned interviews, images or videos in educational and promotional activities without compensation.

Hold Harmless Agreement

I, _____, being eighteen years of age or over
Or

I, _____, (Parent/Guardian)

do hereby release and forever discharge and agree not to sue and to indemnify and hold harmless the fair, Farm Bureau, Miss Program, and their governing boards, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all liabilities, claims, and demands, and causes of action of any kind on account of any loss, damage, illness or injury to person or property in any way arising out of or relating to my/my child's participation in the Miss Program, whether due to negligence, mistake or other action or inaction.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Miss Contestant Health Form

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

 Last First Middle
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Contestant Cell: (____) _____

Home Address: _____

 Street City ST Zip
Parent/Guardian Name: _____

P/G Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Emergency Contact: _____

 Name relationship phone

Physician's Name & Address: _____

Physician's Number: _____

Insurance Provider: _____ Policy #: _____

List any allergies: _____

List any medications: _____

Other Medical, Surgical, or Psychiatric Conditions:

Medical Release: This form gives authority to the Miss Committee to administer any medicine as listed above, by the contestant. By signing this form you are also giving permission for your child (accompanied by a member of the committee) to be transported and treated at a medical facility, in case of an emergency.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete ALL required pages of this application and submit to Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau by email to ardoverfarm@yahoo.com or mail it to 145 Ardover Lane, Millington, MD 21651

Applications and all health and permission forms are due by **March 1st**, 2017. If you have any questions, please call Rosie Jackson, Queen Anne's County Miss Coordinator at (443) 262 – 1041.

Application Checklist for Required Pages / Items

- Resume and Essay Question
- Personal Info/Membership Verification and Consent Agreement
- Code of Conduct
- Release and Consent Form
- Health Form
- Photo copy of your Driver's License