

Contestant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Marion Popcorn Festival

**Contestant Checklist**

Applications **MUST** be postmarked on or before JULY 9<sup>th</sup> 2010- NO exceptions  
**Please print your name on the contestant line at the top of each page and circle the appropriate category**

Documents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application and Contract (Page 2 & 3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Information Form (Page 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Information (Page 5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competition and Personal Appearance Rules (Page 6)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Involvement Information Sheet (Page 7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship and Award Rules and Procedures (Page 8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Production Rules and Guidelines (Page 9)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof Of Age – Birth Certificate/Driver's License
- \_\_\_\_\_ Head and Shoulder Photograph, forward facing, solid color background
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two 2 Minute Music CD's for your talent presentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript(s) or Grade Report(s) from most recent school year,  
if you want to be considered for an Academic Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of High School diploma or copy of most recent college transcript to verify eligibility
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks\*\* payable to: Miss Marion Popcorn Scholarship Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Video Order Form

**Please print your name on the contestant line at the top of each page**

**\*there will be a \$50 returned check fee. Any returned checks and applicable fees must be paid by cash or certified check 7 business days prior to the date of the competition or contestant will be ineligible to compete. If a check is returned following the competition any scholarship monies will be held until payment is received in full.**

**In the event that an outstanding amount is owed to the Miss Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program from a prior year, those fees must be paid in full by cash or certified check before a current application will be accepted for the 2010 competition. The MMPFSC reserves the right to require all fees for future competitions then be paid in cash or by certified check.**

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**All information must be mailed to Shanna Sharp 460 Kensington Ave,  
Marion, Ohio 43302 and questions emailed to [shanna\\_sharp@hotmail.com](mailto:shanna_sharp@hotmail.com)**

## **Application and Contract**

### **I. Introduction**

1. In seeking to participate in the Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program, each contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the program, rules for contestants, and rules and procedures for using scholarship funds.
2. By signing this application and contract and submitting it to the Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program, the contestant (or legal guardian) represents and agrees that all facts and representations contained in this contract and application and attachments are true and accurate.

### **II. Eligibility**

1. I am currently \_\_\_\_\_ years of age. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Contestants must have graduated from high school by the application deadline of July 9, 2010. Contestants must also be 24 years of age or younger as of August 7, 2010 to qualify.
2. I attend \_\_\_\_\_ school in \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio.
3. I understand that, in order to compete, I must reside in or be enrolled in and attending classes at a school in, Marion, Delaware, Hardin, Morrow, Union, Crawford, or Wyandot county, Ohio.
4. I am a legal citizen of the United States of America.
5. I am and have always been female.
6. I am not now and I have never been married. I am not currently and I have never lived with a boyfriend.
7. I am not now pregnant, and I have never been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent or legal guardian of any minor child.
8. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
9. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense.
10. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.
11. I am in good health, and can participate in the competition without causing a health risk to myself or anyone else.
12. I do not consume any illegal substances or abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
13. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the competition or at the Marion Popcorn Festival.
14. I understand that if, at any time, facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition or my rein as a title holder or runner up should change, the Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program committee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition or continue my rein.
15. I agree to make myself available for all Marion Popcorn Festival activities and events. This includes, but is not limited to, the Popcorn Festival parade, entertainment events, and sports events.
16. I agree to allow the Marion Popcorn Festival scholarship committee to act for me and my interests in making commitments for appearances and scheduling events.
17. I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, and pictures for advertising, news, and promotional uses.
18. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, THAT I MAY NOT MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS TO THIS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT. I WILL BE BOUND BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED IN THE OFFICIAL MISS MARION POPCORN FESTIVAL DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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## **Application and Contract (continued)**

### **Commitments for service as Miss Marion Popcorn Festival**

#### **III. Obligations and Agreements**

1. I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program is subject to the terms and conditions of the scholarship rules and procedures attached to this application. By signing this application and contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and procedures. I understand that all Scholarships, monetary awards, and prizes awarded are forfeitable in the event that I breach this contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a contestant or title holder. Any and all scholarship and monetary awards will be sent after the Festival.
2. All photographs, video tapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether "still" or "live", and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsements rights as a contestant, participant, or title holder remain the property of the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program in perpetuity.

#### **IV. Entry Fees**

1. All applicants are required to pay a \$50.00 entry fee to participate in the Miss Marion Popcorn Festival competition. The fee is due and payable on or before July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for application to participate in the program.
2. Refunds will only be issued if requested in writing 14 days prior to the competition.

I understand that if I am to receive the title or place as a runner up in the competition that the facts of eligibility will continue to remain effective until the 2011 pageant date. If at anytime, my eligibility may come into question, The Miss Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Committee in its sole discretion, will have the right to revoke my title, and or any prizes or monetary award I may have received as well as suspend me from any future Popcorn competitions.

On the basis of all these statements and agreements, I request the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program to accept my application to participate as a contestant in the Miss Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program competition. I agree to comply with all terms and conditions of this application and contract in its entirety, together with all attachments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date  
(required if contestant is not 18 years old)

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**Medical Information Form**

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**\*Please be advised that any information provided on this form will be used for the sole purpose of seeking medical care, if necessary, while the contestant is under the supervision of The Miss Marion Popcorn Scholarship Committee. The information will not be used for any other purpose and shall be kept in strict confidence.**

Contestant name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who should be called in case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical insurance company name: \_\_\_\_\_ policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician name: \_\_\_\_\_

List allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical conditions and or medications that an emergency doctor should be informed of:

\_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is valid until September 15, 2010 or one year from the date of the pageant if the aforementioned contestant shall receive the title of Miss Marion Popcorn Festival or one of the runners up for the title. After the designated expiration date this document will be shredded unless the document was previously used to accommodate medical care. This document serves as a wavier of privacy rights for the disclosure here on and I understand this document may be shared with medical professionals if necessary. This document may be in the possession of Popcorn designees as necessary. I understand it is the Parent/Guardian responsibility to inform the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program if allergies or medical conditions are discovered after the completion of this authorization.

I understand that contestants/parents/guardians are responsible for all medical/dental expenses incurred during the time in which a contestant participates in Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program activities and Marion Popcorn Festival are not responsible for any such expenses. I certify that the above information is true and accurate.

**Pre-authorization for medical treatment regarding contestants below the age of 18:**

I hereby authorize Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program to seek emergency medical care for \_\_\_\_\_ .I also authorize physicians, health care providers, registered nurses, and emergency responders to provide emergency medical care.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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**General Information**

Contestant name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want your name listed in the program book and in the newspaper  
\_\_\_\_\_ age on August 7,2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Home address, city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_  
(your home address must be in the eligible jurisdiction of competition)

Home town \_\_\_\_\_ home phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(that you or a parent checks regularly)

Parent/guardian names as you want them listed in the newspaper:

**For example:**

John and Mary Smith of Marion  
John Smith of Marion and Mary Smith of Marion  
John Smith of Bucyrus and Mary and Bill Jones of Marion  
John and Jane Smith of Columbus and Mary and Bill Jones of Bucyrus

Your parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Your high school \_\_\_\_\_

What year did you graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Your college \_\_\_\_\_ major \_\_\_\_\_

College status as of August 7,2010 freshman sophomore junior senior post-graduate

What are your plans after graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will your talent presentation be \_\_\_\_\_

What song \_\_\_\_\_

**\*you must provide 2 copies of your 2 minute music on cd \* see production guidelines sheet  
\*you must provide proof of age (birth certificate, driver's license)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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**Competition and General Appearance Rules**

1. The Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program Committee designs, plans, and facilitates the rules and competition for Miss Marion Popcorn Festival.
2. Five to seven people will be assigned to judge the competitions based on the rules of competition as defined by the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship committee.
3. Two people will be assigned to audit the judge's scores.
4. The decision of the judge's is final. Any questions concerning the judging will be directed to the judge's chairperson.
5. **A Hostess Mom, appointed by the committee will be assigned to each contestant. No additional parents or family members will be allowed back stage or in the contestant dressing area on the date of competition, or during the dress rehearsal.**
6. Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to the rehearsal, competition, and Marion Popcorn Festival events.
7. The Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program Committee and the Marion Popcorn Festival are not responsible for accidents or injuries, nor are they responsible for lost or stolen personal items.
8. A contestant may only win the title of Miss Marion Popcorn Festival one time.
9. Dress rehearsal is mandatory. If a contestant cannot attend the dress rehearsal, prior permission must be granted by the program director.
10. No duplicate talent presentations will be allowed. The contestant who submits their paperwork first will be allowed to perform the selected talent presentation to the music of their choice.
11. No smoking or alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed by contestants while on festival grounds or while in any form of representation of the Marion Popcorn Festival.
12. Poor attitudes or discipline problems will not be tolerated.
13. No disruptive behavior by contestants or family members will be tolerated.
14. Chaperones will be selected by the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship program committee. At no time will a boyfriend be considered as a chaperone.
15. The title holder and her court (attendants) will have their crowns and sashes available to wear at all events. Crowns and sashes will not be worn on the festival grounds or anywhere else, unless a chaperone is present.
16. Clothing will be in good taste and modest. Title holder and her court will be informed of the appropriate clothing to wear at the parade and entertainment events.
17. No visible tattoos or body piercing, except earrings are permitted.
18. No still or video taping of any sort will be permitted during the competition. Their will be time allotted at the end of the competition for photos of the contestants. All press has first priority to photographs immediately following the competition due to publishing deadlines.

I understand and agree to comply with the competition and personal appearance rules. I understand that failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification from the competition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date  
(Required if contestant is not 18 years old)

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## Community Involvement Information Sheet

Full Name:  
Hometown:  
Date of birth:

Education:  
(list all schools attended  
And courses of study)

Scholastic/Career Ambition:

Scholastic honors:

Extra curricular activities:

Community activities:

Accomplishments:

Leadership roles:

Other interesting facts:

Why do you want to be Miss Marion Popcorn Festival?

**Use this sheet as a guide. Answer all questions. Please return no more than 2 typed pages. Make sure to include ALL activities and awards, no additions may be made after the application deadline. Attach your most current, official grade report or transcript, with a clearly marked cumulative GPA as well as the GPA scale (e.g. 3.8 on 4.0 or 5.3 on 6.0 scale) if you want to be considered for an academic achievement award. The academic award is not necessarily based solely on the GPA.**

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### **Scholarship Rules and Procedures**

1. Scholarships may be expended for tuition and related expenses, room and board, books, training, tutoring, and other educational expenses approved by the Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program Committee.
2. Requests for scholarships are processed upon receipt of your written request. All requests must include statements or invoices with remittance address. Credit Card receipts will not be accepted unless accompanied by the original receipt showing method of payment and detailed listing of the purchase.
3. If the time required for processing the request extends beyond the due date, the contestant may submit proof of payment and request direct reimbursement.
4. Scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the loan is not in default and provided the student has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. Contestants must submit documentation for the school or lender that shows that the contestant is either the primary or secondary payer of the loan obligation.
5. Contestants must use their scholarships within one calendar year. The year begins on the date of the Miss Marion Popcorn Festival Competition. If funds are not requested during this period, the scholarship will be forfeited.
6. Miss Marion Popcorn Festival and her court are required to attend popcorn festival events, as stated in the contract and application. Specifically relating to attendance, full scholarship awards will not be given, if the title holder or court member does not attend all required events during Marion Popcorn Festival weekend. The title holder and court are required to attend and participate in the Marion Popcorn Festival parade, and the entertainment events held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of the Marion Popcorn Festival weekend. One fourth of the total scholarship awarded will be deducted for each missed event. The Miss Marion Popcorn Festival Scholarship Program Director has the sole discretion to approve any missed function in the event that the contestant is unable to attend due to an academic related occasion. However, all attempts must be made by the contestant to attend required festival function.
7. Requests for scholarship payment should be mailed to:  
MARION POPCORN FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
3515 S 600 E  
Waldron, Indiana 46182

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THESE RULES REGARDING THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MARION POPCORN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN CORRELATION WITH THE RULES OUTLINED IN THE APPLICATION AND CONTRACT ANY SCHOLARSHIP MONIES MAY BE REVOKED IF I DO NOT ABIDE BY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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**Competition & Production Guidelines**

- The time limit for talent competition is 2:00 minutes or less.

**Contestants must turn in 2 competition cd's. Cassette tapes will not be accepted. If a contestant is not using cd accompaniment she must turn in 1 tape of her talent for timing purposes (ex. Piano, monologue, etc). The cd must have contestant's name on both the jewel case and the actual cd. Also there may only be 1 song on the cd.**

- A contestant may pre-record herself as a back-up vocalist or instrumentalist and use that tape to accompany her live talent performance here. However, it cannot be announced to the judges that the accompaniment tape contains any performance by the contestant. She will be judged solely on what she is doing live, and no exceptions will be made to this. A talent cannot be performed electronically.
- If a contestant wishes to perform a double talent, i.e. singing and dancing, or singing and playing piano, she must do both live on stage. She will only receive points for what is done live.
- There can be no duplication of a talent act among the contestants. This is determined on a first come, first serve basis. The first contestant to register her talent with the local director is the one who will have preference.
- A contestant may not include in a vocal medley the same song another contestant is planning to sing as a solo or as part of a different medley. The same song, though, may be played on a musical instrument by a second contestant or used as accompaniment for dance
- The contestant will be the only individual on stage during the actual presentation of talent.
- NO disrobing of any kind on stage – this includes removing any type of costume, etc during any portion of the competition. Any disrobing of any sort will automatically result in a zero score for that portion of the competition. Eyewear is excluded from this rule.
- Any props that a contestant has on stage must be used and provided by the contestant. The local pageant is not responsible for providing any props.

no props will be permitted unless they are absolutely functional! A contestant may not use any of the following:

- No mood setters or background enhancers
- No props that imitate those used in a Broadway or screen version of her music
- No props that require excessively large stage areas and complicated setting up
- No use of motion pictures, slides or projections of any kind
- No live animals
- No props involving safety hazards such as: fire batons, sword twirling, knife throwing, archery, etc.

If you require a vocal microphone, or are playing an instrument that will require a microphone, indicate your preference.

Wireless microphone on a stand \_\_\_\_\_

Wireless body microphone \_\_\_\_\_

additional microphone \_\_\_\_\_

if you do not indicate your preference, our production crew will make that determination.

**I have read, understand and agree to follow the production rules and guidelines set forth.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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**VIDEO ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make arrangements to pick up my video

Contact me by phone at \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me by email at \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my video mailed

(Additional \$3.00 shipping per video)

Address to be mailed to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Videos  x \$30 = \$

Additional shipping  x \$3 = \$

TOTAL \$