



2011 Miss Birmingham Rising Star  
Pageant Information

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT**

**Completed Packets should be received no later than October 25, 2010**

**USE THE CHECKLIST ON PAGE 4 TO MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS  
RETURNED WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKET**

**PLEASE NOTE – PACKETS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY BY US MAIL  
PLEASE DO NOT REQUIRE A SIGNATURE IF SENDING VIA PRIORITY MAIL!**

**Packet Documents:**

1. Eligibility Requirements
2. Pageant Day Schedule
3. Opening Number/Competition Information
4. Checklist For All Documentation
5. Publicity Release Form
6. 2011 Miss Birmingham Rising Star Contestant Contract

**All pageant forms are listed on the Miss Birmingham website – [www.missbham.com](http://www.missbham.com)**

**2010 Miss Birmingham Rising Star Eligibility Requirements:**

1. You must be between the ages of 7 and 11
2. You must be a United States citizen
3. You must either live or attend school legally within the state of Alabama
4. You must be 7 years of age on or before November 7, 2010 and no older than 11 years of age as of December 31, 2011 to participate

# 2011 Miss Birmingham Rising Star Pageant Day Schedule

- ❁ **Registration is between 1:00 and 1:30 PM** – All Rising Star Contestants should plan to arrive at the pageant **no later than 1:00 PM** (there will be signs directing you to the entrance)
  - ❖ During Registration, any Rising Stars who are not already paired with a contestant will draw a number from a bowl; those Rising Stars will then draw contestant names during Orientation in numerical order
- ❁ **Orientation will begin promptly at 1:30 PM**
  - ❖ If by chance there are more contestants than Rising Stars, another random drawing will take place for any Rising Stars who wish to participate.
    - ❖ Each will draw a slip of paper from a bowl – if that paper has a ‘star’ on it, that Rising Star will draw another contestant name from the bowl. We will draw until all contestants are assigned.
  - ❖ **Please note:**
    - ❖ This second drawing is not required and we completely understand if a Rising Star’s contestant is special to her and she does not want to also represent another contestant
    - ❖ Any Rising Star who does choose to participate in this random drawing has the opportunity to represent more than one contestant, thus increasing her opportunity to become the next Miss Birmingham’s Rising Star
    - ❖ Please be prepared to let us know if you would like to participate in this second drawing when you arrive
- ❁ **Rehearsals will begin promptly at 2:00 PM**
  - ❖ At 2:00 PM, Rising Stars will rehearse the opening production number and their onstage walk – parents will be shown to the dressing rooms to unload pageant attire
  - ❖ At 3:30 PM they’ll have fun doing a take-home craft, receive a goody-bag & have snack time until 4:30PM when they will again rehearse the opening number and proceed to the stage to rehearse opening number and onstage walk with their contestant(s)
- ❁ **At 5:30 PM all Rising Stars will go to the dressing room area to get ready for the pageant with the assistance of their moms**
- ❁ **Moms are asked to arrive at 5:00 PM.** You will be directed to the dressing room and asked to get all opening number clothes, hair & makeup items ready for your Rising Star’s arrival in the dressing room at 5:30 PM.
  - ❖ *Please note that hair & makeup must be completely ready by 6:15 PM. At that time, Rising Stars should be in their Opening Number outfit (jeans, a solid brightly colored top & sneakers or ballet flats). All moms will proceed to the auditorium and all Rising Stars will be escorted back stage*
  - ❖ Pageant Moms will be there to assist your Rising Star if you are unable to arrive at 5:00 PM – please let us know during registration
  - ❖ Dinner is provided by the pageant and may be eaten after Opening Number
  - ❖ Pageant Moms will help all Rising Stars change into their dresses for Onstage Walk after dinner and will escort them to the backstage area at the appropriate time for their onstage presentation
- ❁ **Pageant Moms** will be available at all times to answer any questions and assist the Rising Stars. *We are committed to taking very good care of all our Rising Stars!*
- ❁ **All Opening Number and Pageant Attire** should be with each Rising Star upon arrival at the pageant & clearly labeled with her name – we will have someone in the dressing room with these items at all times
- ❁ **Any Forgotten Items** should be brought at 5:00 PM
- ❁ **Snacks and Dinner** will be provided – *Please let us know if your child has specific food allergies upon your arrival*
- ❁ **Please label** anything that you wish to keep – *any items left at the pageant without a label cannot be returned*

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## Opening Number Attire & Competition Information

### **Opening Number Attire:**

- Well-fitting, full length jeans
- An age-appropriate, **solid brightly colored top (red, pink, yellow, blue, green, purple, etc. – not black or white and not multi-colored)** – NO STRAPLESS & NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, PLEASE
- Sneaker/tennis shoes (like Keds® or Sketchers®) OR ballet flats

### **Competition Information:**

#### **On Stage Walk:**

Miss Alabama 2010 – will introduce each Rising Star contestant during her onstage walk with her assigned or chosen Miss Birmingham Contestant immediately after the Evening Gown competition – where each Rising Star will curtsy and exit the stage.

#### **What to Wear:**

Dress should be Sunday-Best or Tea length with appropriate shoes

**PLEASE – NO PAGEANT GOWNS**

#### **Makeup:**

Makeup should be age-appropriate & natural and should complement the contestant's complexion & natural beauty – Rising Star contestants should NOT appear 'heavily' made up

#### **How the Rising Star Winner Is Chosen:**

The Rising Star who is partnered with the Contestant selected by the panel of judges as Miss Birmingham 2011 will be crowned Miss Birmingham Rising Star 2011!

The Rising Star winner will receive a crown and will accompany Miss Birmingham 2011 to the Miss Alabama Pageant in June 2011. In addition, the \$350 Rising Star entrance fee for the 2010 Miss Alabama Pageant will be provided by the Miss Birmingham Pageant.

#### **Photo Competition (Optional):**

Each year, we offer the opportunity for contestants to submit photos that will be judged individually for the most photogenic contestant overall. Contestants may submit as many different photo entries as they like, to show versatility. Each photo will be judged individually and a winner selected prior to the Rising Star pageant.

The fees for this phase of competition are **\$100 for 8x10** and **\$50 for 5x7**.

**All fees go toward the Miss Birmingham Scholarship fund and will be earmarked for scholarships awarded to the 2011 Miss Birmingham winners.**

Competition photos will be placed in the **Miss Birmingham Pageant Program Book** with your specified caption underneath, and you will receive a **complimentary** Program Book the night of the **Miss Birmingham pageant on November 7<sup>th</sup>** (\$10 value).

Photos should be e-mailed to the Director at [missbham@hotmail.com](mailto:missbham@hotmail.com) or mailed on CD by the deadline to the address below.

**Deadline for entry into this phase of the competition is October 25, 2010 for both photos and fees.** Checks should be made out to Miss Birmingham and mailed to:

**Miss Birmingham Pageant – Photo Competition**  
513 Saint Lauren Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242

# 2011 Miss Birmingham's Rising Star Pageant Contestant Checklist

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS IS OCTOBER 25TH**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size:  Youth Small  Youth Med  Youth Large  Youth XL  
 Adult Small  Adult Medium  Adult large  Adult XL

**Please Copy Photos and Forms on good quality 8½ x 11 paper**  
**Photos will NOT be returned**

- 2 Completed Copies of This Form – Miss Birmingham Rising Star Contestant Checklist**
- 2 copies of a black & white or color headshot photo on good quality copier paper – Photos will NOT be returned – please DO NOT send originals. Name and Age must be written in pencil on the back of each copy.
- Miss Birmingham Rising Star Local Pageant Agreement (*signed & notarized*)
- Contestant Information Sheet (*this form contains the introduction to be read during Rising Star presentation*)
- Publicity Release Form (*signed*)
- Photo in electronic format (\*.jpg, \*.png, \*.gif) for Program Book e-mailed to: [missbham@hotmail.com](mailto:missbham@hotmail.com)
- Entry fee of \$50 by October 25<sup>th</sup> (make check payable to Miss Birmingham)
- Yes, I am entering the **Photo Competition** – Please send Photo Competition photos on good quality photo paper, as they will be used for judging and will be displayed in the lobby.
- Photo Competition Ad / Program Book Ad in PowerPoint, Publisher, or JPEG format e-mailed to: [missbham@hotmail.com](mailto:missbham@hotmail.com) OR Mailed on CD to the address below.

Mail completed Application Packet with name on outside front of envelope to:

**Miss Birmingham Rising Star Pageant – Contestant's Name**  
513 Saint Lauren Way  
Birmingham, AL 35242

2011 Miss Birmingham Rising Star  
Pageant Day Rules

**MOMS ARE ASKED TO ASSIST RISING STAR CONTESTANTS  
IN THE DRESSING ROOMS BETWEEN 5:00 PM AND 6:15 PM**

**BEFORE & AFTER THAT TIME  
NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE DRESSING ROOMS  
OR THE BACKSTAGE AREA  
OTHER THAN CONTESTANTS AND PAGEANT OFFICIALS**

MISS BIRMINGHAM STRIVES TO TAKE GOOD CARE  
OF EACH RISING STAR CONTESTANT  
AND PROVIDES **PAGEANT MOMS** TO ANSWER QUESTIONS  
AND ASSIST WITH OTHER CONTESTANT NEEDS  
DURING THE DAY & DURING THE PAGEANT

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Pageant Day Rules:

- 1. RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!** Treat everyone involved with the pageant the way you want to be treated. Our volunteers have put in a lot of work to get everything ready for today. Make sure you thank them!
- 2. HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS AND SMILE!**
- 3. GET TO KNOW YOUR CONTESTANT** – she is excited to spend time with you during the day and would like to hear all about you, your family, your hobbies, and your interests!
- 4. NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY ALLOWED BACK STAGE!**
- 5. NO OUTSIDE HAIR STYLISTS OR MAKEUP ARTISTS ALLOWED!**
- 6. NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN DRESSING ROOMS OR AUDITORIUM** – We want to avoid spilling anything on pageant attire or contestants' belongings. There will be a place just for you to hang out and eat; all meals & snack food will be provided by the pageant
- 7. PAY ATTENTION DURING CRAFT TIME & REHEARSALS** – This time is for you and we want you to have a GREAT experience!
- 8. CELL PHONES MUST be turned OFF or placed in SILENT MODE during the pageant and must not be used by contestants during pageant day except during breaks**