



Miss Birmingham

An Official Scholarship Program of the
Miss Alabama and Miss America Pageants

Dear Contestant and Parents:

Let me take this opportunity to tell you that we at the Miss Birmingham Pageant are delighted to have you as a Rising Star contestant, and we are planning a day for all our Rising Stars that should prove to be fun, exciting and enjoyable!

On pageant day, all Rising Star contestants are asked to arrive at 12:45 PM. They will participate in a fun craft activity, learn and rehearse the opening number and onstage walk with their Miss Birmingham Contestant, will receive a Miss Birmingham goody bag, and have dinner provided by the pageant.

During the pageant, the Rising Stars will be featured in the Opening Number and each Rising Star will be presented in an onstage walk with her Contestant, introduced by the reigning Miss Alabama. The Rising Star paired with the Contestant who is crowned Miss Birmingham 2011 will be crowned Miss Birmingham's Rising Star 2011 and will accompany Miss Birmingham to the Miss Alabama Pageant in June!

Below are Frequently Asked Questions with more information about the Miss Birmingham Rising Stars Program:

❁ **WHAT IS A RISING STAR?**

Rising Stars is a mentoring program practiced by every official preliminary to the Miss Alabama pageant and is open to young ladies between the ages of 7 and 11. The Rising Star winner makes appearances with Miss Birmingham throughout her year of service and goes on to accompany Miss Birmingham to the Miss Alabama Pageant in June. While there, she will meet other young Rising Stars, will be introduced onstage, and participate in a production number with Miss Birmingham and the other Miss Alabama Contestants. It is a wonderful opportunity for her to participate in the excitement of this program!

❁ **WHAT DOES MISS BIRMINGHAM'S RISING STAR WIN?**

The winner will receive a prize package that includes a crown and crown bag, autograph pads, and will have her \$350 entrance fee to the Miss Alabama Pageant paid by the Miss Birmingham Pageant.

❁ **HOW IS MY ENTRANCE FEE USED?**

As a franchise of the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc. and part of the Miss America Organization - the largest source of educational scholarship money to young women - the goal of the Miss Birmingham Pageant is to offer educational scholarship awards to the scholarship preliminary winner and runners up. Your entrance fee of **\$50** per contestant assists the Miss Birmingham Pageant in achieving that goal.

If you have any questions about any portion of the pageant, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail at missbham@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2011 pageant and getting to know you as we move toward crowning a Rising Star winner who could go on to become a future Miss Birmingham, Miss Alabama and even Miss America!

Remember - compete only with yourself and do it better than the time before.

Regards,

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