

# LITCHFIELD chamber of commerce PAGEANT

## *Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Application Form*

Contestant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (Circle one): Youth (S) (M) (L) (XL) Adult (S) (M) (L) (XL) (2XL) (3XL)

Contestant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contestant's Attending School: \_\_\_\_\_

Pageant Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the sponsor a Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Member:      Yes      No
- MEMBER sponsor fee: \$50; NON-MEMBER sponsor fee: \$75
- Checks should be made payable to Litchfield Chamber of Commerce and submitted at time of application.

**“I understand that I am entering a contest that is judged by independent out-of-town judges. I will be judged on my interview skills, overall beauty/poise, speaking ability, enthusiasm, and stage appearance. I will attend the Christmas Parade and the 2022 LCoC pageant along with (Miss only) at least 80% of Chamber pre-planned events. I agree to follow all practice and backstage rules listed on pages 3-4. I agree to all of the following information provided in this packet.”**

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

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE BRING COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO FIRST PRACTICE ON  
AUGUST 8TH WITH SPONSOR CHECK.**

# *Official Contestant Biography Form*

## *2021 Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Pageant*

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

Parent Names (written as to be read on stage): \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies:

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite quote:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Three words that best describe you:

\_\_\_\_\_

Life Ambitions/Career Goals:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Honors & Awards:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Activities, Community Service, Leadership Positions, Sports Teams:

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Favorite Litchfield Party in the Park Event:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to be the next Little/Jr./Miss Litchfield Chamber Queen:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***Please read the following practice rules and contestant contract information and sign. 1-8 applies to every pageant contestant. 9-13 pertains mainly to Jr. Miss and Miss contestants...***

**Contestant Contract & Practice Rules:**

1. All entrants must be enrolled in a Litchfield public or private school, home-schooled, and be within age range by the day of the pageant.
  - a. Little Miss/Misters: ages 5-7
  - b. Jr. Miss: ages 11-13
  - c. Miss: ages 16-21
2. All contestants are required to sell at least 30 raffle tickets. There will be a \$50 cash prize to the contestant in each age division that sells the most. All raffle tickets and money are due Thursday, September 16th.
3. Entrants must be of good moral character and, if selected as royalty of Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, will refrain from conduct deemed detrimental to the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce which shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce.
4. All decisions of pageant judges are final and non-appealable.
5. All practices will be closed-practice. Parents are not permitted to stay and watch. This helps the girls keep their attention on practice time and helps them build friendships to the fullest extent.
6. Unsportsmanlike behavior, bullying, cyberbullying, rude comments, inappropriate social media involvement and posts, inappropriate behavior/attitudes, etc. will not be tolerated by LCoCP staff and representatives. Such behaviors will include dismissal from pageant participation. We take contestant behavior super seriously as they are competing for a role-model centered title. Please list all contestant social media below.  

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7. If the new royal personnel cannot fulfill all of the expressed duties, or violates any rules set forth in the guidelines, she/he will immediately relinquish her title, crown and all prizes upon the direction of the Pageant Director. The first runner-up will then be eligible for the title.
8. Agrees to only wear the sash that was awarded to her by the Litchfield Chamber. The sash may not be altered in any way. Embroidery of name only on the back. Two additional crown pins may be added.

**JR MISS & MISS CONTRACT SPECIFICS**

9. Scholarship money won can be used towards a four-year university, community college, or vocational school (Miss only).
  
10. The Queen will not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages while representing the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, including, but not limited to, her time spent during the Party in the Park weekend. The Queen, regardless of age, will not be permitted to smoke or consume alcohol WITH or WITHOUT her crown during the festival.
  
11. Throughout their reign, she will conduct herself in an appropriate manner and present herself as a respectable young lady at all times, even when not officially representing Litchfield Chamber of Commerce. The Queen should be respectful, cooperative, and punctual. If there is any disciplinary action taken by a school or other entity, the Pageant Director/Committee will investigate any allegations and it will be the sole discretion of the Pageant Committee whether any action should be taken.
  
12. She must maintain immaculate personal grooming at all times when in public and her wardrobe must be in a pressed and clean condition at all times. The Queen/Jr Miss should dress modestly, classy and appropriate for the event in which she is attending.
  
13. The Queen agrees to cover all visible tattoos with cosmetics or a Band-Aid for appearances. Visible body piercings will be limited to only the ear and only 1 earring in each ear lobe. Hair must be a natural shade. Nothing else is acceptable.

**“I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Official Contract printed herewith, and agree to comply with them in every way during my reign as Miss/Jr Miss/Little Miss/Little Mister Litchfield Chamber of Commerce. I understand that if I fail to follow the guidelines given to me, the Pageant Director/Committee reserves the right to take away my title. I promise to represent myself, the pageant, the chamber and my town to the best of my ability.”**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Shopping List per Division***

### **Little Miss:**

- Shade of blue casual sundress and shoes for Opening Dance/Introduction.
- “When I Grow Up” outfit for onstage question.
- Formal gown (short or long) and shoes for formal wear and walk.
- \*Please bring all shoes, jewelry, gowns, and etc. to pageant day in organized fashion.

### **Little Mister:**

- Pageant t-shirt, jeans/khakis, and shoes for Opening Dance/Introduction.
- “When I Grow Up” outfit for onstage question.
- Formal outfit and shoes for formal wear and walk.
- \*Please bring all shoes, jewelry, gowns, and etc. to pageant day in organized fashion.

### **Junior Miss:**

- Interview Dress and shoes. Preferably a knee length “Sunday best” dress.
- Black, knee length dress and shoes for Opening Dance/Introduction.
- Themed wear. Will discuss the theme at the parent meeting.
- Short Formal Dress and flat-2” shoes/heels for formal wear and onstage question.
  - Jr. Misses are not required to wear heels but must not exceed the 2” heel height requirement. Jr. Miss outfits must be modest, no low v-necklines or higher than fingertip length hems. Jr. Miss short formal dresses must have some type of straps.
- \*Please bring all shoes, jewelry, gowns, and etc. to pageant day in organized fashion.

### **Miss:**

- Interview Skirt/Dress Suit with simple stud earring, panty hose, and nude, closed-toe heels.
- Black, knee length dress with heel of choice for Opening Dance/Introduction.
- Speech dress. Preferably a business dress or skirt suit. Can definitely be the same suit worn for the interview.
- Long Formal Dress with heels and jewelry of choice for formal wear.
  - Gowns must not have a low v-neckline, skirts above fingertip length. Gowns may be strapless if so chosen, please make sure to have the gown altered to fit appropriately.
- \*Miss contestants are required to wear a 2”-4” heel for all categories.
- \*Please bring all shoes, jewelry, gowns, and etc. to pageant day in organized fashion.

### **Items suggested for contestants to pack:**

- Deodorant
- Body spray (no harsh perfumes)
- Outfit to wear post-pageant
- Extra makeup per division appropriateness
- Labelled garment bags

### **Items provided by pageant staff:**

- Hairspray
- Bobby pins
- Safety pins
- Sewing kit
- First aid kit
- Baby wipes
- Water bottles and SNACKS! (alert Brielle of any allergies)

## ***Practice Schedule:***

**ALL PRACTICES WILL BE HELD AT THE LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER  
UNLESS COMMUNICATED OTHERWISE.**

July 25th	7pm	Parent informational meeting and pageant sign-ups at the Litchfield Community Center.
Aug 8th	Littles 1p-2p Jr/Miss 2:30p-4p	<u>First Practice!</u> Bring your smiles, listening ears, and a water bottle! We will be learning stage directions and choreography!
Aug 15th	Littles 1p-2:30p Jr/Miss 2:30p- <b>5:30p</b>	<u>Picture Day!</u> Misses /Jr.'s - black top/dress, cute bottoms Littles - cute/nice outfit, pick a 'personality' color.  Misses/Jrs - We will be having an interview workshop after practice! Come with questions!
Aug 22th	Littles 1p-2:30p Jr/Miss 2:30p-4p	Another Sunday, another practice! We can't wait to hear about everyone's first week of being back to school!
Aug 29th	Littles 1p-2:30p Jr/Miss 2:30p- <b>5p</b>	Littles to practice as usual!  Misses/Jr.'s - <u>Mock Interview Day!</u> - please wear the interview outfit you're planning on wearing for the real interview or wear something similar.
Sept 10th	Everyone 3:30p	<u>Litchfield Homecoming Parade!</u> We will have a float for all of the contestants to ride on! Bring candy to throw, if you'd like. Wear all of your Panther Pride attire!
Sept 12th	Littles 1p-2:30p Jr/Miss 2:30p-4p	Outfit approval day! Please bring all the outfits to practice if they have not yet been approved by the director.
Sept 16th	Everyone 6p	Full run-through of the pageant on stage at the Litchfield Community Center.
Sept 17th	Everyone 3:45p	<u>Welcoming ceremonies</u> downtown at Party in the Park. Starts at 4p, please be there by 3:45p if possible.
Sept 18th	Pageant Day!	See pageant day itinerary*

### ***When attending practices, please bring...***

- Water bottle (please write the contestant's initials on the cap)
- Pageant day shoes to practice stage routines in.
- Raffle tickets and money if completed. Pick up more raffle tickets at practice!
- Masks are solely optional.
- Big Smiles and Respectful Attitudes!

### ***When attending practices, please do not bring...***

- Friends, family, visitors, etc... all practices are closed for contestants only.
- Food... unless there is a medical need or permission given. If your child has any food allergies, please make sure to disclose those with the pageant committee.
- Phones!! Contestants are to leave phones in their purses/bags or in their cars.
- Toys... I promise there will be no time for them!
- Bad attitudes. We are excited to be here learning and preparing, and we hope you are too! We completely understand kids will most definitely be kids and there will always be well-intended rowdiness. However, parents will be contacted if any behavior is overly disruptive or disrespectful. Bad sportsmanship is not tolerated. While this is a competition, we are also here to make friends and support each other!

### ***Attendance Matters...***

- We will be keeping attendance at practice and will count it as part of the competition's scoring system. Please try to arrive on time.
- These attendance sheets will be turned into the judges at pageant night. We do not feel it is fair to those who attend all practices for someone who only attended 1-2 practices to not be compensated for their time.
- If you are quarantined due to COVID, those practices will be deemed an "excused absence" and will not be held against you.
- Please let me know as far in advance as possible if you are unable to attend specific practices due to conflicts. School, school sports, and family come first. Please run your pageant practice schedule by your coaches asap.

### ***Director's Info...***

Please contact me if you have any questions! I respond fastest to text messages, but please leave me a voicemail if I am unable to reach the phone call. A Facebook page will be created for communication. Please text me if you do not have Facebook so I can best reach you!

Brielle Marten - (217) 556-2519  
briellemarten@gmail.com

## ***Pageant Week Itinerary:***

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th**

5:30 pm	Contestants arrive at Litchfield Community Center for Dress Rehearsal. 9pm tentative dismissal at the absolute latest. Please bring all items you would like your contestant to practice walking on stage in. Hair/makeup is not expected for dress rehearsal. Parents are permitted to stay for dress rehearsal to watch and help littles change backstage. *However, parents and contestants are not permitted to take any videos or pictures of contestants on stage without director approval.
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### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - PAGEANT DAY**

11:45 am	Miss contestants arrive at Holiday Inn & Express in Litchfield for Interviews.
12:45 pm	Jr. Miss contestants arrive at Holiday Inn & Express in Litchfield for Interviews. Miss contestants will be dismissed following their interviews.  Jr. Miss contestants will be dismissed from interviews following their interview. Please schedule a ride to be available to pick you up. Interview contestants: use this time after interviews and before arrival to relax, eat, and grab last minute items.
4:30 pm	ALL contestants arrive backstage at the Litchfield Chamber building in their opening dance/introduction outfit. Please make arrangements to be on time and ready to go!
5:00 pm	Pageant Begins! Little Miss and Little Misters will complete their part of the competition first. Junior Miss and Miss will complete their part of the competition to follow. All will be crowned at the end.

### **Pageant Day - Backstage Rules & Guidelines:**

- Parents are not permitted backstage until after final crowning when all contestants are dismissed from stage.
- Unplugged and tuned in! Contestant phones will be collected by pageant staff upon arrival and returned after crowning.
- Contestants are expected to be respectful and kind to all “glam-squad” backstage staff.
- Hairspray is to only be used by staff personnel.
- Jr./Miss Contestants are solely responsible for organizing their belongings in designated dressing room areas to prevent lost items.
- All contestants are expected to have good sportsmanship and support new royalty post-crowning. Bad attitudes will not be tolerated.