



P.O. Box 2931 – Mechanicsville, VA 23116
804-746-2018 or 804-387-9182

Email: misshanover@yahoo.com - Website: www.misshanover.com
Sue & Buddy Cox, Directors

January 2012

Dear Ladies!

Thank you for your interest in competing for Miss Hanover 2012, an official Miss Virginia local preliminary competition. We are happy to work with you individually prior to the February 12th competition if you would like to visit our home one evening. Please read all documents enclosed and provide information promptly.

The Miss Hanover 2012 competition will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 in the auditorium of Imperial Plaza, which is a senior community on Bellevue Avenue in Richmond. The interviews will be held midday in a private dining room at the same location. While the judges have lunch, you will rehearse your talents in the auditorium. There will not be a dress rehearsal – just a talent rehearsal. We will provide you details about the stage production once your entry information is received. **The deadline for paperwork is Sunday, February 5.** Your paperwork must be typed and error-free (your paperwork makes the first impression). You will complete the standard Miss Virginia local entry form plus include a one-page Community Service Essay. In addition, you must raise \$100 for Children's Miracle Network, so please adhere to that procedure and deadline.

We are proud of our former Miss Hanover winners in Miss, Teen and Preteen, and look forward to continuing this scholarship opportunity in the future. Miranda Harrison is the current Miss Hanover and attends Marshall College in West Virginia. Miranda won a local title and will compete for Miss West Virginia in July.

At this time, our gift list and scholarship amounts are not ready to publish as we continue to work in these areas. Also, the competition on February 12 is only the Miss division. We will appoint a teen and preteen representative. We are excited about this adventure to Miss Virginia together, and promise to help you using our resources and experience along the way. Please work diligently now to compete on your A level! Be prepared to serve as Miss Hanover in our community. You will have appearances and scheduled events during your year of service.

Please email your questions to: misshanover@yahoo.com. I check email during the day. We are available most evenings so please call our home number if you would like to talk to one of us. All mail should be sent to Miss Hanover at the address above or delivered to: 9310 Swannanoa Trail, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Be mindful of the deadline date for paperwork and Children's Miracle Network donation.

Good Luck!

Sue & Buddy Cox

AREAS OF COMPETITION

- > Private Interview – 25% of total score. A podium will be used, and you may stand anywhere accept in front of it. Total interview time is 10 minutes. At 9 minutes 30 seconds you will be informed that you have 30 seconds to make a closing statement about the topics discussed in your interview or information you want the panel to know about you.
- > Talent – 35% of total score. Total talent time is 90 seconds. If you run over 90 seconds, the panel will be informed. Timing is strictly enforced. You are encouraged to reserve your talent song with the director. No two contestants may dance to the same song; nor can two sing the same song. However, one contestant may sing, one may dance, or one may play the same song on a musical instrument. There is a piano on stage for pianists.
- > Lifestyle & Fitness in Swimsuit – 15% of total score. Two-piece swimsuits are permissible on the local level and must appropriately cover areas of your body. No thong or string bikinis allowed. This category shows the judges panel that you maintain good physical health. You should show energy, stage presence and poise while modeling your swimsuit. If you have a question about your swimsuit, please discuss with the directors prior to the competition date.
- > Evening Gown – 20% of total score. Your gown selection should show your sense of style and confidence. This category allows the judges to assess your beauty, poise, grace and stage presence.
- > Onstage Question – 5% of total score. These 2 questions are derived from your judges information form. One question may be light and the second one may be platform related or another interesting fact you provided.

PHOTOGRAPH

You must provide a photograph that is focused on your **head and shoulders only**. It must be free of a busy background, outdoor trees, etc., and no other person or pet in the photo. Please send your photo electronically to: misshanover@yahoo.com by **February 5th**. Photo may be color or black & white, but it will not be printed in color. The size is no smaller than 5x7 and no larger than 8x10. Your photo will be included in the judges books, so be mindful of “first impression” when selecting the pose.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ESSAY

Along with your entry form, please provide a one-page, typed, error-free essay about your platform – why it is relevant, what have you done to promote it, what is your plan to continue this platform. Be sure to include how you would promote it to school children. Put a title and your name at the top of the page. It will be included in the judges books to use for interview or onstage questions. Guidelines and directions are on the next few pages to help you.



Guidelines for the Platform Statement

The Platform Statement is your opportunity to explain to the judges what your chosen platform is and why it is important for the local community to embrace this platform. In addition, it should explain how your platform will further the local Organization “brand” to the public.

Write what you feel is critical for the judges to know about your platform and why it is necessary for you to have the job of the titleholder to promote this issue. What you write will be what the judges know about your platform, your role in successfully dealing with this issue, and the role the Miss Hanover Organization may play in your plan. The entire form must fit on one page with 1" margins on all four sides using the Times New Roman font style.

This essay may include some of the following items (this is not to be meant as an exhaustive list):

- A clear definition of the platform and the specific issues you wish to address
- A plan on how you have or will create awareness of the platform
- The way in which you have or will change attitudes regarding the issue
- The way in which you have or will change behaviors related to this issue
- The way in which your platform issue will move the local Organization forward
- Your media plans
- Your marketing strategy
- How you propose to fund your ideas/plans
- Any significant accomplishments you have made in regard to your issue.

Your head & shoulders Photo, Platform Statement Essay and Judges Resume comprise your entire application for this job. The judges will receive exactly what is submitted on these documents. Any items that do not meet the criteria or are submitted after the deadline - **February 5** - will not be given to the judges.

Once you have printed the essay, you must sign and date it. Your signature on the Platform Statement verifies that all information on both the Judges Resume and the Platform Statement is true and accurate. If it is proven that any information on these forms is not true, correct, and factual, you risk losing the Miss Hanover title.

Following is a sample of a properly formatted and complete Platform Statement.

Name: Jane Doe

Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Inclusiveness

It is imperative that this nation face and embrace its cultural diversity. While many people have talked about this issue, I believe that most of them have only paid lip service to the true necessity of what needs to be addressed related to this issue. There is a false truth in merely accepting and tolerating cultural diversity. I intend to prove that in order to accept and understand people of other cultures; one must be willing to step out of a personal cultural comfort zone and identify the origin of their prejudice. I will specifically focus on three areas: Children, Communities, and Businesses.

The title of Miss Teen East Texas, combined with the national media already looking at the surface of this issue, will allow me to create the national awareness that must exist. Currently, the term “Cultural Diversity” is well known in the halls of institutions of higher learner and, perhaps, even in the public school classroom because of the need for some to be politically correct. But, in order for us to make a true change in attitudes and behaviors of Americans, we must move beyond talk and into action and policy changes.

My plan is to motivate the media and to partner with the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). This organization has chapters in every major city in the nation and, in many cases, those chapters have community leaders involved who can, with encouragement and challenging, bring this issue out of hiding and into the public light in each of those communities.

Obviously the media and the NCCJ already exist. However, what is lacking is a lighting rod to draw attention to this issue. This is where the Miss Teen East Texas, Miss Teen Texas, and Miss America’s Programs step into the lead. What better role is there for Miss Teen East Texas to be an agent of change in organizing our nation to accept our differences and to create an environment that values each person on individual characteristics rather than on stereotypes or assumptions?

Miss Teen East Texas should not be seen just as a young woman who cuts ribbons and appears in parades. Our country’s ethnic make-up is changing rapidly and our citizen’s fear of terrorism can explode already existing, but deeply hidden prejudices. I want to be the leader that this area of our state needs.

This nation needs this issue addressed now and through the already existing NCCJ and its local and state organizations combined with the power of Miss America’s programs, we can make a concrete difference now, which will change the direction and the future of our city, state, and nation.

Signature and Date

OTHER INFORMATION

There is no host hotel since our competition begins midday and ends early evening. There is a Holiday Inn on the Boulevard located about 2 miles away.

Stage Competition Opening: You may wear your interview outfit for opening introductions and onstage questions. More details to come.

Interview schedule will be posted after the deadline has passed. Interviews will be held in the private dining room at Imperial Plaza. The Virginia Room is nearby where you may wait until called for your interview.

A reception honoring our Miss Hanover winners, parents and volunteer workers will be held following the competition. The details are not final at this time, so more information to come.



The Children's Miracle Network is the national charity of the Miss America Organization and its state and local competitions. It is a major focus for Miss Hanover, too. Every contestant who competes in a local competition is required to raise \$100 for the CMN hospitals.

Contestants may register on line at www.missamerica4kids.org for this collection requirement instructions. Please note that your collection site must state that the required \$100 was raised for Miss Hanover in order to be eligible to compete for Miss Hanover on February 12.

You must give the director a copy of your profile page with proof of funds raised prior to Friday, February 10. This is a Miss America Organization requirement. When you have reached your goal, please email me your profile page and qualification report.



TALENT FORM

Directions: Please email the completed form to: misshanover@yahoo.com to reserve your talent music and help us prepare the script. Give some thought to your talent introduction putting yourself as the emcee. What do you want the emcee to say about your performance?

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ (One that you check frequently.)

What is your 90-second talent? (Sing-what style? Dance-what type? Musical Instrument-what is it?)

Are you using music? Yes No

Title of your music:

(Example: Singing a show tune titled “You Can't Get A Man with a Gun” from the musical “Annie Oakley”.)

Yes, I will provide a DVD of my talent song – properly labeled with name, title of song, track number.

Yes, I will keep a back-up copy in the dressing room in case of a malfunction.

Are you using a microphone? NO / Check your preference. Hand-Held Stand Other

Please list below your special training, performances, number of years training, and other pertinent information?

Attach a second page if you need more space.

To set the stage for your talent performance, please write your own introduction.



An Affiliate of the Miss Virginia and Miss America Scholarship Organizations

P.O. Box 2931 - Mechanicsville, VA 23116
Directors: Sue & Buddy Cox – Home: 746-2018
Email: misshanover@yahoo.com
Website: www.misshanover.com

ADVERTISING RATES – PROGRAM BOOK

Business Card –1/4 Page	\$ 25
One-Half Page (6" x 4")	\$ 50
Full Page (6" x 8")	\$100
Covers	\$150

Do you need an ad? We will create one for you at no additional charge!

Your ad must be camera-ready and may be emailed to: misshanover@yahoo.com

If you mail your ad, please do not staple this form, check and ad together.

Cut the form below to send with your payment. Ads must have a form.

Make your check payable to: Miss Hanover
Mail to: P.O. Box 2931, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Deadline is February 5, 2012

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Contestant's Name (if applicable) _____

Message: _____



A Preliminary to Miss Virginia and Miss America Scholarship Organizations

SEAT TICKET RESERVATIONS

Sunday, February 12 – 3:00

**Miss Hanover 2012 Competition and
Crowning of Miss, Teen, Preteen, Junior Miss**

**Auditorium of Imperial Plaza Senior Community
1717 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227**

**\$15 per seat with program book included
\$10 per seat for children under 10**

The Imperial Plaza residents and staff welcome the Miss Hanover Organization for its residents to enjoy. However, there are only **205 total theater seats in the auditorium**, and 50 seat tickets are reserved for residents. There is limited seating so please think about reserving your seat tickets in advance to ensure you have them. **Your tickets will be mailed to you or go to the ticket table for pick-up IF you pay for them before Sunday, February 5th.** Unsold seat tickets will be sold at the door. There is a one dollar additional fee if you want them mailed to you. Proceeds from ticket sales increase our scholarships.

If you have any questions regarding tickets or group seating requests, please email: misshanover@yahoo.com or call Sue Cox at (804) 746-2018.

**Make check payable to Miss Hanover
Mail to – Tickets, P.O. Box 2931, Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

_____ I want _____ # of adult tickets @ \$15 each.

_____ I want _____ # of children's tickets @ \$10 each.

_____ I will pick-up my tickets on Sunday, February 12 at the auditorium ticket table.

_____ I want my tickets mailed to me prior to February 5. (Add \$1 for postage & handling)

\$_____ Total amount enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Contestant's Name (if applicable) _____