

Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc.

Pageants' Committee



Presents:

*Miss St. John 2016-2017
Application*

*Please have this application notarized and returned to **Ms. Leona Smith / Mrs. Enid Doway** on or before **Thursday, February 15, 2016** with all attachments.*

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Your daughter _____ has shown an interest in vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017, and we are asking for your permission for her to participate in this year's competition and selection show. Should your daughter be allowed to participate we promise you, it will be both an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Eligibility for Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017:

- ❖ The contestant should be ages of 16-21. By this we mean that she should be 16 years of age on or before July 4, 2016 and may not make her 22nd birthday before July 4, 2016.
- ❖ The contestant must have and maintain a 2.5 (C) average in all academic classes or have a high school diploma or equivalency.
- ❖ Must have passed their last grade in school.
- ❖ Must be of good moral character (3 personal references required).
- ❖ Must not currently be holding a title of any kind.
- ❖ **Must be single, not have been married, not be pregnant, or have had any children.**

Qualifications for Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017:

- ❖ Personal Interview – 100pts.
- ❖ Introductory Speech –25 pts.
- ❖ Swimwear –50pts.
- ❖ International Wear/ Costume – 100pts.
- ❖ Talent – 100pts.
- ❖ Evening wear – 100pts.
- ❖ Impromptu Question and Answer – 25pts.



CONTRACT

The Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017 Selection Pageant will be held on June 25, 2016 at 8:00p.m. It will begin with an introductory production, not judged, by all of the contestants and the reigning Miss St. John. Because of the complexity of this production all contestants must attend each practice. The practices are closed to the public and members of the contestant's entourage. We close these practices to promote a relaxed, stress free atmosphere for the contestants. A schedule will be given by April 15, 2015 of the exact dates and time of the practices, so please make all necessary arrangements. The Queens' Committee will be responsible for this production.

The soliciting of sponsors is permitted and will be the sole responsibility of the contestants, parents and chaperones. All monies collected are to be in the forms of checks or money orders made payable to the **"Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John"**, not the contestants, parents or chaperones for tax purposes. If a contestant has incurred a balance due to vendors or any individual after the selection show, the neither Pageants' Committee or will the Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John will be held responsible. Any and all unpaid balances will be the sole responsibility of the contestant, her chaperone and her parents/guardians.

NOTE: If for any unforeseen reason, a contestant has to withdraw from participating in the Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017 Pageant, (This includes withdrawal by the Festival and Cultural Organization) all monies that were received from sponsors (to include the Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John) as well as any items of clothing and expenses spent by the Queens' Committee must be returned to the Committee within 72 hours of the contestant official verbal or written withdrawal. Note: There will also be a \$3,500.00 withdrawal fee for expenses incurred by the committee.

The St. John Festival and Cultural Organization Pageants' Committee will be responsible for taking the photographs that will be displayed in the newspapers and other media. This will be a closed photo session. We close these sessions to promote a relaxed, stress free atmosphere for the contestants. **Please Note:** The photographs that are produced by this session are the sole property of the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization Pageants' Committee and are not to be displayed in any medium other than those approved by the committee.

On the night of the Pageant each contestant will be allowed 2 person in the back stage area, because of space limitations. This will be explained closer to the pageant. Each contestant will also be given 2 complimentary passes. All others are expected to buy a ticket or pay at the gate.

The Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc. has prided ourselves on hosting and producing fair and unbiased pageants for the past 62 years, with that being said all scores are final, closed and sealed to public scrutiny for exactly one year to date of the pageant. **No exceptions.**

Contestant Responsibilities and Penalties:

- ❖ As a Contestant vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017 you are required to conduct yourself in a respectable manner at all times during the term of your reign. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of pageant.
- ❖ Promptness and Attendance is a requirement at all functions.



- ❖ As a contestant you cannot be or become pregnant during the term of your reign. If this ensues you will immediately be withdrawn from the pageant and be required to make all financial restitutions.
- ❖ As a contestant you are required to maintain a 2.5 average in all classes. Failure to do this will result in withdrawal from the pageant.
- ❖ An Introduction speech is required at the Pan-O- Ramma to be held on June 4, 2016.
- ❖ A calendar of events will be given to you at the first meeting. Please make every effort to attend each function, as they are not arbitrary.
- ❖ As a contestant you are required to choose a Chaperone **to be approved** by the Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John. **Please Note: The Official Chaperone is the only person that can act and or receive information on behalf of the contestant.**

Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016- 2017 Responsibilities and Penalties:

- ❖ As Miss St. John Festival Queen you are an Ambassador of the island of St. John and as such you are expected to conduct yourself in a respectable manner at all times during the term of your reign- Failure to do so will result in dethroning.
- ❖ Promptness and Attendance is a requirement at all functions- Failure to do so will result in dethroning.
- ❖ An acceptance speech is required to be given on the day of Coronation, which is June 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and also at the opening of the Festival Village which is June 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m
- ❖ Miss St. John is also expected to reign over the July 4th Parade, which begins at 11:00 a.m. on that day, then co-host the rest of the parade with the Anchor of the Channel 13 Broadcast. .
- ❖ Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016- 2017 will be given a crown, scepter, and banner, which are the property of the Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John and must be given to the Chairperson when requested. These items are to be worn only when instructed by the Chairperson of the Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John Pageant Committee as they are a representation of the Committee as a whole.
- ❖ It will be the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that the Queen has the appropriate attire to wear when invited to any special events. (To be discussed.) **Accessories such as hair dressing fees, shoes, stockings, socks, jewelry, and etc. are not the responsibility of the Organization.**
- ❖ **ALL** requested appearances of Miss St. John Festival Queen **must be approved** by the Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John Pageant Committee, not by parents, chaperones, or friends of the Miss St. John Festival Queen. If for any reason the Queen is not available for an appearance, the First Runner-up will assume her position for that appearance. The First Runner-up will be provided with the proper attire as well as the crown, scepter, and banner for the event.

If you will allow you daughter to participate in this year's selection, please sign the consent portion of this application and return it to the Festival & Cultural Organization as soon as possible. Please complete the consent in its entirety.

The application/ contract deadline is **February 15, 2016.**



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Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016- 2017 Consent Form

Please Type or Print Legibly

Full Name: _____
Age: _____
Birth Date: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Parents/Guardians: _____
Physical Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Home Telephone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Parents Work Telephone Number: _____
School Attending: _____
School Address: _____

I have read and understood the attached qualifications and requirements for contestants vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017 and do hereby give my daughter _____ permission to participate in this years' Miss St. John Selection Pageant to be held on June 25, 2016.

Contestants' Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____

A copy of your most recent report card should accompany this application.
Please have this form notarized before returning.

Must be returned by: **February 15, 2016**

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Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016- 2017 Contestant-Chaperone Consent Form

Please Type or Print Legibly

I, (Chaperone Name) _____ agree that I will promote a positive experience for all the candidates while assisting the contestant for whom I am serving as a chaperone. I understand that I am serving as a representative to the contestant and to the overall pageant system. I will promote the characteristics of a role model for all those whom I come in contact with. I am providing assistance with wardrobe changes and ensuring that my candidate arrives to committee requested appearances and practices on time and is prepared.

Contestant Name: _____

Chaperone Physical Address: _____

Chaperone Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

I have read and understood the attached qualifications and requirements for contestants vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2016-2017 and do hereby give agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of this years' Miss St. John Festival Queen Selection Pageant to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Winston Wells Ballpark.

Chaperone's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Contestants' Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please have this form notarized before returning.

Must be returned by: **February 29, 2016**

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