



## Miss Marigold Pageant 2019 Contestant Application

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Miss Marigold scholarship pageant! As directors, we are excited to get to know you over the next few months as we help you prepare to compete in one of our communities longest running traditions for young women. Over the course of the next few months, we are here to help guide you and ensure you feel ready and confident when you step onto the stage on August 10. Along the way we'll help you craft a resume, sharpen your communication and interview skills, prepare your talent, walk across a stage in heels, and get to know an amazing group of young women.

The Marigold Festival Pageant committee will accept up to 12 contestants. Slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Please turn your application in at your earliest convenience to ensure your spot. Applications may be turned in at the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, 402 Court St., Pekin. (You only need to return the last 4 pages, please keep the rest of this packet for your reference.) The deadline is June 21, 2019.

**If you have questions, please contact any of the directors listed below:**

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Available Scholarships:

(Please note that our pageant does not award any cash prizes.)

**All contestants will receive scholarship awards as follows:**

Miss Marigold \$2500

1st Runner-Up \$500

2nd Runner-Up \$250

All other contestants \$50

**Judging is conducted and scored as follows:**

Talent 25%

Interview 30%

On-Stage Question 15%

Evening Wear 15%

Community Service & Platform 10%

Academic Achievement 5%

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT CRITERIA CAREFULLY:**

1. There is NO ENTRY FEE to participate. Applicant must pay a \$100 **refundable** deposit to be entered into the pageant. (Check made payable to: Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, no cash please.) This deposit should be attached to the Contestant's application and turned in by the application deadline of June 21, 2019. This deposit will be returned in full upon completion of the pageant OR in full prior to the dropout deadline of July 8, 2019. If a contestant decides to withdraw any time after the July 8 deadline, the money will be used to reimburse their contestant sponsor. If you have questions, please contact a member of the pageant committee.
2. Applicant must live, work, or attend school in Pekin, Illinois.
3. Application must be received by the deadline of Friday, June 21, 2019 at 4:30pm.
4. Applicant must be female, never married, and never have conceived a child.
5. Applicant must be between 16-23 years of age and at least a senior in high school (as of fall 2019) at the time of the pageant.
6. Applicant understands that she is responsible for a pageant wardrobe consisting of an evening gown, interview suit or dress, an opening number outfit, and talent clothing appropriate to her talent.
7. Applicant must have a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or better at time of application. **(Please attach a copy of your most recent grade report, i.e. spring of 2019, that includes your cumulative GPA.)**
8. Applicant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crime except minor traffic violations, nor shall they have any criminal charges pending.
9. Applicant agrees to sign a separate Code of Conduct if she becomes Miss Marigold.
10. Any exceptions must be approved by the pageant committee.

# Pageant Expectations

1. Contestants are required to attend all scheduled meetings and rehearsals unless she notifies the pageant committee at least 24 hours in advance and is excused.
2. The pageant committee must approve all clothing for the event BEFORE pageant day.
3. Contestants must have everything they will use on pageant night at the dress rehearsal.
4. All contestants will be considered members of the "Miss Marigold Court" and must ride in the Marigold Festival Parade on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Failure to participate will result in forfeiture of your scholarship. Exceptions \*may\* be granted if a member of the court is participating in the parade with another group (i.e. a high school team) but **must be approved by the pageant committee by August 1, 2019.**
5. Contestants are responsible for their own hair and make-up for the pageant. Each contestant is allowed ONE backstage assistant. We prefer these assistants not be the contestant's mother. Backstage assistants will not need to purchase a ticket for the pageant.
6. The pageant committee must approve a contestant's talent presentation. Talent presentations are not to exceed 2 minutes. Note: Contestants are responsible for ALL materials relating to their talent. This includes but is not limited to: accompaniment (whether live or on CD), props, computer presentations, DVD's, etc... Please plan AHEAD and ask about what formats are best for the theater. Everything must be submitted in an independent format (i.e. on a DVD) - do NOT plan to use anything sourced on the Internet (i.e. YouTube or Prezi.)
7. All contestants will receive a scholarship award in the form of a check made out jointly to the contestant and the school of her choice. Contestants are responsible for submitting the scholarship retrieval form (you'll find it in the contestant packet) **BEFORE March 1, 2020 UNLESS** you are the new Miss Marigold Queen. All scholarships are forfeited if not requested by the deadline or cashed within 90 days of issuance. Miss Marigold 2019 may elect to receive up to 1/2 her scholarship in 2019 and the other 1/2 at the successful completion of her reign in 2020 OR she may wait and collect it in its entirety at the end of her reign.
8. Should Miss Marigold 2019 choose to represent our city as an at-large contestant at the 2020 Miss Illinois pageant, she may elect to use some of her scholarship money (approximately \$800) to cover the entry fee, sash, and crown costs. All other expenses would be the responsibility of Miss Marigold. Competing at Miss Illinois is NOT mandatory and is NOT a consideration in the selection of Miss Marigold.
9. All contestants will be expected to send thank you's to pageant contributors.
10. All contestants are responsible for their own insurance.
11. The decisions of the judges are confidential and final.
12. The decisions of the Pageant Committee are final.
13. By signing this application, contestants agree to all of the expectations listed above.

## **Miss Marigold Expectations**

The following are the minimum expectations of Miss Marigold queens. Failure to meet these expectations may result in the forfeiture of your title and scholarship prizes. The Marigold Festival Committee has full discretion over decisions relating to any possible forfeitures of a Miss Marigold Queen.

1. She must maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher and send her report card to pageant directors at the end of each semester.
2. She must conduct herself in a manner consistent with the Miss Marigold title and subsequent community expectations which accompany it.
3. She must participate in various activities of the Marigold Festival (including through the conclusion of the festival on Sunday at 5pm), as well as various community events throughout the year.
4. She must wear her sash and crown (and appropriate clothes - no jeans!) and be accompanied by an adult at all times when attending community events.
5. She must ensure that all requests for appearances are cleared with the pageant committee.

Miss Marigold 2019 will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct that includes all of these things after she is crowned. Her parents/guardians will also be asked to sign it.

## **Miss Marigold Contestant Social Media Policies**

Once you make the decision to participate in our program, your past and present is a determining factor in your eligibility. If inappropriate language, photos, videos, or any other form of communication are discovered, your eligibility is at the sole discretion of the Miss Marigold pageant committee. This is a zero-tolerance policy that will be enforced.

As a member of the Miss Marigold community, you are representing our organization at all times on social media. This extends during the months leading up to the pageant for all contestants and during the entirety of Miss Marigold 2019's reign.

There is no clear line between your association with the Miss Marigold pageant and your personal life once you are a contestant or after you are crowned Miss Marigold. Always be honest and respectful in both capacities. With the ease of tracing authors back from their posts and the amount of information online, finding the actual identity of a poster from a few posts and a screen name is not impossible. Always write as if everyone knows you. Never write anything you wouldn't say out loud to all parties involved.

**Remember that when it comes to online posting, perception is reality. The Internet is not anonymous, nor does it forget. Others may look for ways to criticize you or to bring you down. Don't give them the ammunition.**

### **REMEMBER!**

**Everything you post on any form of social media is public information, whether you like it or not. It is a permanent record of your character, personality, moral beliefs, behavior, and reputation. If you have ANY doubt that what you are about to post may come back to haunt you, DON'T POST IT!**

**Submitting your signed contestant contract indicates your agreement with and willingness to abide by the social media policies listed here.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

It IS OK to miss a contestant meeting. We just ask that you let us know with at least 24 hours' notice if you need to miss a meeting and do your best to attend as many as possible. All of our meetings are designed to prepare you for the pageant and are very carefully planned out. If you have to miss a meeting, please be sure to find out what you've missed.

Having said that- it is MANDATORY that you be able to attend the first contestant meeting and that you bring a parent or guardian along with you. It is also VERY IMPORTANT that you be available for the photo shoot (DATE TBD!!!!)

Wardrobe for these photos will be discussed at the parent meeting.

Date & Time	Event	Location
Friday, June 21st @ 430PM	APPLICATIONS DUE	Pekin Chamber
Monday, July 1st 6-8PM	PARENT MEETING	Pekin Chamber
Sunday, July 7th @ 6PM	INTERVIEW NIGHT	TBD
Sunday, July 14th @ 6PM	MARKETING YOURSELF	TBD
Sunday, July 21st @ 6PM	STAGE PREP / TALENT	TBD
Sunday, July 28th @6PM	WARDROBE / DEADLINES	TBD
Sunday, August 4th @6PM	FINAL PREP	TBD
Thurs, August 8th @12PM	STAGE PREP	Pekin High School
Friday, August 9th @5PM	DRESS REHEARSAL	Pekin High School
Sat, August 10th @12PM	<b>PAGEANT DAY!</b>	Pekin High School
September 6th-8th	Marigold Festival	Pekin Park

## 2019 Miss Marigold Pageant Contestant Information Form

### General Information

Full Name:

Phone:

Home Address:

City:

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth:

Age:

Birth date:

Father's Name:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names & ages of brothers and sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (for opening number shirt) \_\_\_\_\_



## **Educational Information**

High School Attended:

Graduation Year:

Current Grade Level:

Current GPA:

University Attended (or planned to attend):

Graduation Year:

Grade Level:

Current GPA:

Major (or planned Major):

Honors in High School and/or College:

Sports:

Other Extra-Curricular Activities:

**Personal Information**

Talent for Pageant:

What special training have you had in your talent field?

Hobbies:

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Job Experience:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Interesting

Facts About Yourself:

What is your future ambition and why?: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I attest that all the information contained in this application is true and I agree to abide by the expectations and social media policies for Miss Marigold and as a member of the Miss Marigold Court.

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

***If contestant is not 18 or older, the signature of a parent or guardian is required***

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date

## Insurance Waiver

**Adequate insurance for our daughter is provided.**

Contestants Name:

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Return this completed and signed application by Friday, June 21st, 2019 to:  
Miss Marigold Pageant Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce 402 Court St Pekin, IL 61554

Checklist of items to be submitted:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Information Form (2 pages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Waiver for Contestant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Spring 2019 Semester Report Card
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 check made payable to the Pekin Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Memo: Miss Marigold Deposit