Miss Oakwood

University

Application
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

Department of Student Activities

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Mission Statement

Miss Oakwood is a spiritual, progressive, strong, vibrant, independent and intelligent woman who cares for the wellbeing of both herself and others. She is a role model in her church, her college community and the community at large. Miss Oakwood is willing to assertively address the challenges of today, while effectively reaching towards her goals for tomorrow.

The Miss Oakwood Pageant seeks to identify, develop, and promote leadership within the Oakwood University Community among Christian women between 19-24 years of age. The mission shall be achieved by accomplishing the following:

- Assisting women in developing a sense of identity and self-worth through exercise of poise and presentation.

- Celebrating the many shapes, sizes, colors and textures of beauty, achievement and womanhood.

- Providing women with a broader avenue for self-expression through their God given talents.

- Providing women with opportunities to enhance their professional and educational goals by offering alternative ways towards achieving merit and scholarship.

- Supporting progressive programs that are of civic, social, and cultural in nature.

- Developing programs that will promote community involvement and address relevant issues.

- Developing alliances with other nonprofit organizations to promote community growth and development.
ELIGIBILITY

To be able to participate in the Miss Oakwood University Pageant, you must meet all of the qualifications listed below.

1. All participants must be a sophomore, junior, or non-graduating senior.
2. All participants must be a full time registered female student.
3. All participants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
4. All participants must not have any affiliation (past or present) with a Greek organization (local or national)
5. All participants must be single.
6. All participants must be childless and must remain so for the duration of her reign if chosen to be Miss Oakwood University.

FEES

All contestants admitted into the pageant will be assessed a $100.00 non-refundable entry fee due by September 30, 2012. All contestants are required to raise at least $500.00; $250 due by November 30, 2012 and the remaining balance of $250 by January 30, 2013, for a minimum of $600.00 per participant. (ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

The Miss Oakwood Pageant places its focus on intelligence, community involvement and talent. Contestants will be given a preliminary evaluation in the following areas: talent and personal interview. For the talent segment, each participant must be prepared to perform a three-minute maximum presentation. Participants who pass the preliminary evaluation will be admitted as participants for the Miss Oakwood University Pageant.

WINNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The participant who is crowned Miss Oakwood University will be expected to participate in activities throughout her reign. She will serve as the University Ambassador and Public Relations representative of the Miss Oakwood University Pageant. She will also be responsible for traveling and making special appearances throughout the year at various functions. In the event the winner is unable to fulfill her responsibilities as “Miss Oakwood University”, the 1st Runner Up will assume her reign.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 1, 2012

Please turn in completed application into the Office of Student Activities
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

JUDGING CRITERIA

Introduction/ Creative Expression

The Introduction/ Creative Expression segment is an area of the competition where the contestants describe their personality and career goals in a creative fashion. The primary goal of each contestant is to convey what she feels is important for the judges and audience to know about her. The judges will assess how clearly, confidently and creatively each contestant speaks of herself.

Talent

The talent segment is suggested to be one of the most important tiers of the competition. Miss Oakwood contestants are able utilize this opportunity to display a wide variety of their God given talents, ranging from vocal, instrumental and drama, to specialty and combination talents. The judges evaluate the contestant’s individual talent section, overall performance and level of proficiency when assigning points. The contestant’s poise, perseverance and discipline demonstrated in her chosen talent is of high importance; however, judges are informed not to compare the contestant’s performance with professional performances on television or live stage.

EVENING GOWN

The evening gown segment allows each contestant to show their individual style, personality and character. Judges will evaluate how each contestant has utilized their personal selection of evening wear to make their own personal statement.

COMPOSITE

The composite segment of the competition is an opportunity for the judges to evaluate the contestants overall performance in the pageant. Contestants will be judged throughout the preparation period and will be scored on their overall attitude, communication, participation and team work. This score will be added to the above 4 categories on the night of Miss Oakwood and will aid in determining the three finalists.

QUESTION/ ANSWER

The questions and answer segment provides the judges an opportunity to hear the contestants speak extemporaneously on a given topic. The context of these questions are drawn from the contestant’s platform, personal history, stated goals and interests, as well as some of the most critical issues facing America today.

The winner of the question/ answer section is the winner of the pageant.
MISS OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY PAGEANT
CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Name __________________________________________________________

Date of Birth __________________________

School ID Number________________________

Present Address __________________________________________________

Permanent Address __________________________________________________

Present Phone Number _____________________________________________

E-mail address _____________________________________________________

Graduation Date: _____________________ Major:__________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average: ___________

Marital Status: ___Single  ___Married

For Costume Fitting:  Height _____ Weight _____ Shoe Size_____     Dress Size_____

   Pant Size _____     Blouse Size _____

Indicate your talent:
   ___Vocalist  ___Dramatic Reading/ Interpretation ___Instrumental Type

   ___Comedy Monologue ___Other: Describe ____________________________________________

Career Plans/ Future Goals:

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Hobbies and Extra-curricular Activities:

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Special Awards and Honors (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Name (s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) & Contact Information:__________________________________
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Do you require special medical attention?  ___Yes  ___No

If yes, what illness and what type of medical attention may be required?
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* A signed release form allowing the Pageant Director to attain your University transcript.

We pray this information has been helpful and we encourage you to pray and seek counsel regarding this endeavor. We urge everyone to take the time to read and truly understand Proverbs 31 as you contemplate this blessed journey before you. Thank you for interest in the upcoming Miss Oakwood University Pageant and we look forward to planning with you soon.

By signing below I am indicating that I have read and understand all requirements to participate in the Miss Oakwood University Pageant. All my questions have been addressed and I am ready to proceed to the next step.

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Signature of Applicant                    Date