

TO : PORTSMOUTH CITY CLERK

FROM : GREG DAVIS

**RE: MISS PORTSMOUTH / MISS SCIOTO VALLEY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
MISS PORTSMOUTH OUTSTANDING TEEN
PROGRAM**

MRS. AEH:

**ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION
PACKETS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL,
MAYOR, CLERK AND AUDITOR FOR THEIR
REVIEW TO ACT UPON.**

MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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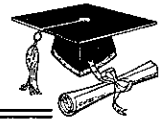
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Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program



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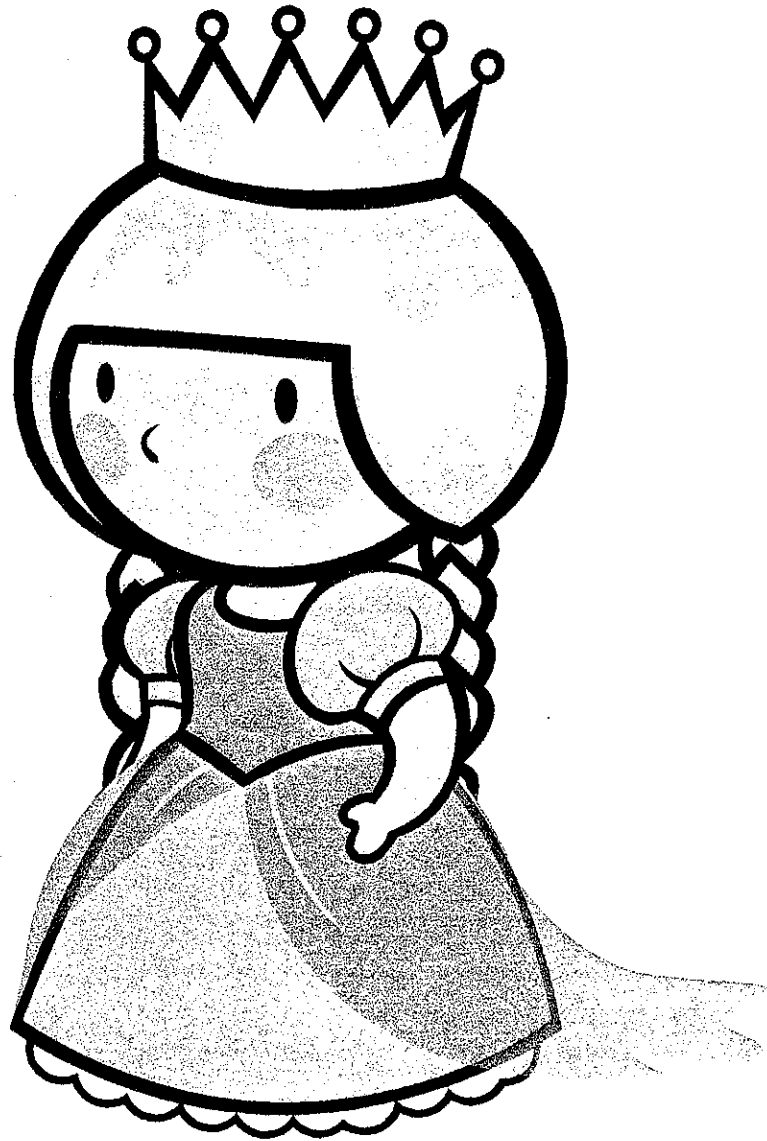
To: Portsmouth City Council - Mayor - Clerk - Auditor
From: Greg Davis
Re: Miss Portsmouth/Miss Scioto Valley Scholarship Programs and
Miss Portsmouth Outstanding Teen Program

Enclosed you will find 9 identical packets for your review. The Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program has been in existence in the Portsmouth area since 1958 providing college scholarships to young women. This year we have added another local title along with a Teen Program. So instead of having one winner we will have three and all of the winners advance to represent our area at State competitions held in Mansfield, Ohio next June both Miss Ohio and Miss Ohio Outstanding Teen respectively, with the chance of representing the state of Ohio at Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program. I am respectfully asking for a 1000.00 donation for our three programs for our scholarship program. This is far less then the city's donations to River Days, Miss Ohio USA, Civic Forum -4th of July - 14th Community Center. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at your earliest convenience and I look forward in hear from you very soon.

Warmest Regards,

Greg Davis
Executive Director

Dare to Dream...



from childhood fantasy to real life...

I. PROJECT SUMMARY

Dare to Dream...

scholarships
the chance to be visible in your community
opportunities to gain the tools for success
friendships and memories that last a lifetime

The Miss Portsmouth Miss Scioto Valley Scholarship Program is open to all women 17 to 24 years of age. As with all local, state and national competition, there is no entry fee to compete in the Miss America system.

For this reason the local competition must rely on corporate donations and/or grant funds to be able to offer scholarships to the contestants. This contest can far exceed anyone's expectations by being able to offer substantial scholarships, not only to the top three winners, but to other contestants as well.

The goal of the governing body is to offer scholarships to the winners and to other individuals for talent, interview, evening gown, and academics as well.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Miss Portsmouth program was established in 1958 and has been held consecutively for 47 years except for three years early on in the history of the pageant. During the 1960's and 1970's, the competition was sponsored by the local Jaycees and then by the Portsmouth Convention and Visitor Bureau. Since the mid 1980's, different individuals have been in charge of the program. Greg Davis, the current Executive Director, has been active with the Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program since 1988.

The Miss Portsmouth Miss Scioto Valley Scholarship Program is part of the Miss America organization. The local pageant is one of 15 in Ohio for young women to participate for scholarships.

The Miss America Organization is a not-for-profit organization that has maintained a tradition for many decades of empowering young women to achieve their personal and professional goals while providing a forum in which to express their opinions, talent and intelligence. Scholarships have been the cornerstone of the Miss America program since 1945 when Bess Myerson was the first Miss America to receive a scholarship from the Organization.

III. PROJECT NARRATIVE

Many girls dream of growing up to be a princess. One day many of these girls will live out their dream in pursuit of college scholarships.

Participation in the Miss America system not only helps young women pay for college and prepare for a career, it also provides an opportunity for them to gain additional life experience, working on issues of importance to society, enhancing their personal and professional skills, and developing their performance-related and other talents.

The young women will have a chance to enjoy some camaraderie with their fellow contestants, sharing friendship, telling each other about their great communities and discussing their futures. During this time of fellowship and competition, they will learn first hand what the Miss America tradition is all about.

Scholarships will afford the contestants a chance to help pay for their college education. Scholarships are a very necessary part of the Miss Portsmouth Miss Scioto Valley Program and the Miss America Organization. There are more than a thousand local competitions across the country.

Michelle Dawn Mooney, New Jersey Local Winner, 1993-1998, takes on the myth. "For years I've been fighting the myth that Miss America is a BEAUTY pageant. There are beautiful women who compete, but those who compete know that it's a combination of confidence, intelligence, character, talent, etc. Looking back at my six years of competing, I realize that I may be wrong. The Miss America competition has taught me the BEAUTY of a discipline, humility, candor, friendship, resiliency and grace. Knowing that I'm not a failure, even though I never became Miss America, or even Miss New Jersey, taught me the BEAUTY of determination. You can find BEAUTY in almost every situation."

Heidi York, former Miss Portsmouth, currently is a news anchor with WWAY News Channel 3 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She sent a letter in support of the local program, in which she competed, and said "Only one contestant can wear the crown, but every young woman who competes takes with them the 'Miss America Experience'. This experience gives every contestant the tools to be a winner in life."

Ellen Pasturzak Spinner, also a past Miss Portsmouth, sent in a letter of support which is enclosed. Ellen represented the Portsmouth area very well in competing and winning the title of Miss Ohio 1996 and representing the local community of Portsmouth and the whole state of Ohio in competing in the national Miss America Pageant.

Little girls will always have dreams. Little girls will always be their daddy's Princess. We should always encourage girls to dream and reach beyond the stars to fulfill their dreams. With the help of the Scioto Foundation, we can help make some young women's dreams come true in November 2005.

IV. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Upon grant approval:

1. Board will determine scholarship distribution
2. Set up a scholarship list
3. Send flyer statewide indicating the scholarships available to participants
4. Advertise in local media of receipt of scholarship grant funds to attract young women ages 17-24 to the program

V. EVALUATION PLAN

1. Provide a format to obtain experience and scholarships via the Miss America Organization through the local scholarship program
2. Identify businesses for potential sponsorships
3. Identify future donors
4. Help young women build their confidence for potential future scholarship programs and pageants
5. Instill the sense of community service, as each participant chooses an issue about which she cares deeply and that is of relevance to our society as her platform, to generate awareness for a variety of causes
6. Provide a forum for today's young women to express their viewpoints, talents and accomplishments
7. Provide scholarship grants to further participants' education
8. Empower young women to achieve their personal and professional goals

Letter from Ellen Pasturzak Spinner

I write to you today to express my gratitude for your involvement in the Miss Portsmouth program. Volunteerism by you and by countless others is the backbone of the Miss Ohio Scholarship program, an organization which has afforded me numerous academic and personal growth opportunities. Thank you for giving your time to a great cause!

Involvement in the Miss Portsmouth program was my first step toward my current profession as a Master's-prepared, Nationally Certified Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health. Ten years ago, a volunteer for the Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program, Susan Brown, called my home while on Seminar Break from Ohio State and recruited me to compete in the Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program. Ms. Brown explained the goals and ideals of the program, and encouraged me to have some fun with the show and interview. Her interest and enthusiasm sparked a flame in me that burned brighter and stronger and propelled me to even bigger stages — at the Miss Ohio Pageant, and eventually on to Atlantic City to compete in the Miss America Pageant!

The thrilling journey I had as Miss Ohio 1996 all began in my beloved hometown of Portsmouth, thanks to the Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program.

The scholarship money I received as Miss Portsmouth, and later as Miss Ohio, enabled me to enter graduate school immediately after completing my "tour of duty" as Miss Ohio 1996. In July of 1997, I was accepted to the Masters program in the Ohio State College of Nursing and in two years I became a nurse practitioner. I love my career, and I am thankful to have earned my degrees relatively early, thanks to the Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program and the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program and the Miss America Scholarship Program.

I sincerely thank you for your care, I thank the community and Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program sponsors for financial support, and I thank God for leading us all to one another.

Ellen (Pasturzak) Spinner



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Once again plans are under way for another Miss Portsmouth / Miss Scioto Valley Scholarship Program. This years program will be held at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts on Saturday November 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Our current Miss Portsmouth Nanciann Strosnider and Miss Scioto Valley, Roberta Camp, were both Top 10 Finalist at this years Miss Ohio Scholarship Program held in Mansfield on July 8, 2006.

Since 1958, Scioto County has used the opportunity to be able to help many young women achieve their educational goals by winning scholarship monies through this scholarship program. The Miss Portsmouth program is one of the oldest continuing and respected local preliminaries in the Miss Ohio/America system.

Miss Portsmouth and Miss Scioto Valley goes on to the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program in Mansfield can earn thousands of dollars. A great example was Ellen Pasturzak Spinner, who won the title of Miss Ohio, and represented our area and state in the Miss America Program. Ellen, now married with two sons, has completed her masters' degree in nursing.

We hope that you will join us in helping to continue to educate our young women by donating to our program. All scholarship monies won by any contestant is paid directly by the scholarship committee to the college or university that she attends and no "cash money" is ever given directly to a contestant. So, everyone can be assured there contribution does go to the scholarship accounts of our talented contestants.

We "THANK YOU" in advance for your past patronage, and look forward to working with you in the future. Any donation will be greatly appreciated whether it is a scholarship donation, gifts awarded to the winner and runner-ups and financial support in producing the actual event with production cost. The Miss Portsmouth Scholarship Program is staffed entirely by VOLUNTEERS who put in countless hours of dedication to our program. Again, any donation to our program will be greatly appreciated and will assist in helping young women achieve excellence.

Greg Davis

Executive Director

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