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Dear Prospective Contestant:

Thank you for your interest in participating in this year's Annual Miss Caribbean/ MD Pageant "Women of Prestige". The Pageant is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 13th 2016 at Coppin State University's James Weldon Johnson Auditorium. We are confident that all of our beautiful contestants possess the outstanding qualities of a Caribbean Queen.

Enclosed are the following Miss Caribbean MD Pageant documents for your review and completion:

- Application Form
- Consent Form
- Contestant Release
- Affidavit
- Categories
- Judging Criteria
- Rules & Regulations
- Roles
- Prizes, Awards & Gifts

Participants of the Pageant must be a Native of Caribbean/West Indies or of parental descent of which one parent being a National of the Caribbean/West Indies and a current resident of the State of Maryland, between the ages of 18-28. Has never been married and has never given birth to a child.

Please return the application to our office, together with your \$50.00 non-refundable entry fee and a 5 X 7 photograph of yourself, by **August 13, 2016**. To: WIN-A 5721 McCormick Ave. Baltimore MD 21206. Applications submitted without entry fee and/or photograph will not be accepted.

We are very excited about working with all of our contestants and look forward with great anticipation to producing a successful and fun-filled pageant. If you have any questions and /or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (410)-245-0200.

Sincerely,
Mark Kendal, President

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Miss Caribbean Maryland Pageant 2016 Application Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone # (home): _____ Telephone # (cell): _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth _____ Height _____

Place of Birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Parents Name & place of Birth (if you were not born in the Caribbean/West Indies):

Education: High School: _____ YR. Graduate: _____

College /Univ.: _____ YR. Graduate: _____

Graduate Sch.: _____ YR. Graduate: _____

List Scholastic Honors, Offices Held in High School/ College/Community: _____

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Hobbies/Sports/Special Interest: _____

Type of performing arts you will present: _____

Briefly state some interesting facts about yourself: _____

Why would you like to become Miss Caribbean/MD ? _____

What are your future aspirations? _____

** Any misrepresentation made in this application will be sufficient cause for immediate disqualification from the pageant.

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CONSENT FORM

I, _____, hereby applied to participate as a 2016 contestant in the Miss Caribbean/MD pageant on **Saturday August 13th 2016**. In making this commitment, I also accept the rules governing the competition.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby release and discharge the West Indian National Assoc. Inc. (WIN-A) and other sponsors from all claims and damage, demands, whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of our participation in said event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Participant Signature

Enclosure: Rules and Role of Contestant/Queen.

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CONTESTANT RELEASE

I hereby consent to the use of my name and/or pictures and/or recording of my voice, or any reproductions of the same in any form, by WIN-A Pageant Committee for the purpose of advertising or trade. I agree that such photographs and plates and/or negatives connected therewith shall remain the property of WIN-A pageant Committee.

Signature: _____
Contestant

Date _____

Witness: _____
WIN-A Representative

Date _____

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AFFIDAVIT

On _____ appeared before WIN-A
Date Contestant

Pageant Committee and made an oath to the following:

1. _____ is not now, and has never been married, and has
Contestant
never given birth to a child.

2. My character has always been good, and I am a reputable person in my community.

3. _____ is _____ years old.
Contestant Age

Signature: _____
Contestant Date

Witnessed By: _____
WIN-A Representative Date

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PAGEANT CATEGORIES

Native Wear/Costume

Swimwear

All contestants wear a one-piece swimsuit ONLY. Each contestant may choose any of the colors shown below.



Talent

Evening Wear

Question & Answers

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Judging Criteria

Native Wear/Costume

Contestants will present themselves in a costume/native wear. (limit 3-5 minutes) A description of the costume/native wear is needed. Generally, a judge will look for creativity when judging a costume. They will also look for a costume that is well made. This segment will be worth 20 points and will be judged as follows

- 5 pts** - Visual Impact
- 5 pts** - Creativity
- 5 pts** - Presentation
- 5 pts** - Craftsmanship
- *Point deduction (if too short or too long)

Total 20 points

Talent

Contestants must present a talent (limit 3-5 minutes). Talent MUST be approved by April 30 by Desiree Kendal. *Talents involving water or fire are prohibited.* This segment will be worth 20 points and will be judge as follows

- 5 pts** - Overall Performance
- 5 pts** - Stage Appearance
- 5 pts** - Originality
- 5 pts** - Personality
- * Point deduction (if too short or too long)

Total 20 pts

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Swimsuit

Contestants must present themselves in heels wearing a tasteful one piece solid color swimsuit of their choice. This segment will be worth 20 points and will be judge as follows

- 5 pts** - Poise, posture and Personality
- 5 pts** - Confidence and technique (turn, walk, style, pace/flow movement)
- 5 pts** - Physical fitness
- 5 pts** - Connection to audience and judges (smile, facial expression)
- * Point deduction (deviation of walking pattern)

Total 20 pts

Eveningwear

Contestants will present themselves in an evening gown of their choice. Gown should be full length and of tasteful design. This segment is worth 20 points and will be judged as follows

- 5 pts** - Overall appearance (attire accessories, age appropriateness)
- 5 pts** - Stage presence (attitude, poise, personality)
- 5 pts** - Confidence and walk (style, pace, flow movement)
- 5 pts** - Photogenic quality (smile, hair, makeup)
- * Point deduction (deviation of walking pattern)

Total 20 pts

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Question and Answer

Contestants will have 10 seconds to answer question, this segments will be worth 20 points and will be judged as follows

10 pts - Content of answer

5 pts - Speech (grammar, dictions, articulation)

5 pts - Presences and Personality

* Point deduction ()

Total 20 pts

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entrant must be at least 18 years' old and under 28 years of age.
2. Entrant must certify that she is not now and has never been married, has never had a marriage annulled, and has never given birth to a child.
3. Entrant must be of good health and good, moral character.
4. Entrant must agree to fully participate and cooperate in the Miss Caribbean/MD Pageant should she be selected as the winner. She also agrees to further abide by all the rules and regulation governing the pageant.
5. Entrant must never have posed nude or semi-nude in any pictures, films or publications.
6. Mail 5 X 7 photograph of herself and an entrance fee of \$50.00 (check or money order) with application.
7. Entrant must sell 25 pageant tickets at a cost of \$25 (for adults) per ticket. Pageant tickets for children under 16 years old are \$15 per ticket. More tickets can be requested. All pageant ticket money is due two weeks before the Pageant.
8. Entrant must sell 100 raffle tickets at a cost of \$3 per raffle ticket or \$5 for 2 raffle tickets. More tickets can be requested. All raffle ticket money is due a month before the Pageant.
9. Entrant must attend all practices.
10. Entrant can either sponsor themselves or get a sponsor/sponsors to fund them for the Pageant. However, only one sponsor name will be placed on the entrant's sash.
11. I hereby agree if chosen as the winner of the contest, I will be available to participate in other events selected by WIN-A Pageant Committee. I also agree to

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- make personal appearances, television interviews, and photo assignments to promote the pageant during the year.
12. I have read the rules and regulations set down by WIN-A pageant committee and agree to abide by all requests. I understand that falsification of any information on my entry application or breaking any of the rules or regulations set forth for contestants is justification for immediate disqualification, and that the decision of the Pageant Committee is final. I also understand and agree not to hold the Pageant, pageant coordinators, committee persons, or sponsors, liable in case of injury or accident during my travels appearances, or participation in any pageant events or rehearsals.

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ROLES

AS A CONTESTANT:

To abide by all of the rules and regulation of WIN-A Pageant committee.

To be punctual at all rehearsals and planned events.

To be respectful of all the other contestants and Pageant coordinators.

AS A FIRST RUNNER-UP:

Assume the responsibilities and duties of Miss Caribbean/MD in the event that she is unable to fulfill her obligations.

Maintain active participation and commitment to her respective platform.

Serve as a role model to the Caribbean community at large.

AS PAGEANT QUEEN:

Be a true ambassador for WIN-A and serve as a role model to the Caribbean Community at large.

Represent WIN-A and officiate at its functions and events when requested.

Assist WIN-A in promoting its goals and objectives.

Fulfill obligations as requested by WIN-A and making the organization her first responsibility.

Maintain active participation and commitment to her platform.

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Prizes, Awards & Gifts

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| QUEEN: | \$1,000.00 Cash Set of Luggage Digital Camera Bouquet of Flowers Tiara & Miss Caribbean/MD Sash |
| 1 st RUNNER-UP: | \$500.00 Cash Dinner for TWO (2) Victoria's Secrets Gift Card Digital Camera Bouquet of Flowers |
| 2 nd RUNNER-UP: | \$300.00 Cash Dinner for two (2) Victoria's Secrets Gift Card Bouquet of Flowers |
| SPECIAL AWARDS: | Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic |
| GIFTS: (All Contestants) | Trophies, DVD of Pageant |
| RAFFLE: | 32" Flat Screen TV Blue Ray DVD Player I pad Mini |

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