

GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL OF MARYLAND, INC.
International Order of Job's Daughters, Inc.

41st ANNUAL
MISS MARYLAND JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT

Dear Daughters, Council Members and Friends of Job's Daughters:

The 2008-2009 Miss Maryland Job's Daughter Pageant will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Directions to the Scottish Rite Temple are attached.

Your Bethel is invited to elect a Daughter as your Contestant and a second Daughter to serve as your Alternate. The Alternate will take the place of the Contestant if the Contestant is unable to attend the rehearsal or the Pageant. **Both Daughters** will be expected to attend the rehearsal, take the written test on general knowledge of Job's Daughters (which includes the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Grand Guardian Council) and the Ritual, and recite the Initiation lecture of the **Third Messenger**. There will be a registration/entry fee of \$15.00 per Daughter. This fee will enter your Contestant or Alternate in the pageant, cover the ticket cost and pay for their pageant picture. Your **BETHEL** check should be sent with the Contestant and/or Alternate's information sheet **postmarked by October 13, 2008 to Dianne Regner 9726 Wyman Way Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Phone (301) 599-8491.**

The election shall be by secret ballot and conducted in the same manner as a Bethel election with a majority of votes cast necessary for election of your Contestant. If you wish to send an Alternate, the same procedure shall be repeated. Please exercise good judgment in your selections. Not only will these Daughters be representing your Bethel, they may be selected to represent our state at the Miss International Job's Daughter Pageant in Richmond, Virginia in July 2009. Each Bethel Guardian Secretary will give the enclosed information form and parent letter to the Contestant and Alternate immediately following the meeting at which they are elected. The Daughters are to complete the form and return it to the committee chairman with a (Headshot (school) picture) **postmarked no later than October 13, 2008.** Parents should acknowledge receipt of the information letter as soon as possible and **postmarked no later than October 13, 2008.** The Contestants will receive their pageant numbers according to the order that the chairman receives their completed forms.

The written test will be given in two parts. The first part will be a take home-open book test. The test will be distributed at the ritual competition on Oct. 27, 2008 to all registrants. If you do not pick the test up at the competition, it will be mailed to you requesting a receipt. The test must be **postmarked by November 14, 2008.** Deductions **will** be made for all tests that are not returned on time. It is recommended that you send your test via registered mail. Deductions will be made for lost tests.

Tickets for the pageant may be purchased in advance at a cost of \$7.00. The deadline for ordering tickets will be November 14, 2008. The **39th Street entrance will be the only door open. Doors do not open until 6:00 p.m. No one will be admitted through the kitchen door.** Tickets may also be purchased at the 39th Street entrance on the night of the pageant at a cost of \$10.00. A portion of the pageant ticket receipts will be contributed to the Miss Maryland Job's Daughter Scholarship Fund. We urge you to order your tickets in advance using the attached form.

We hope you will be able to join Mom Laura Bell and Dad Charlie Hampton, for the Miss Maryland Job's Daughter Pageant.

In Love of Job's Daughters

Dianne Regner
Bill Bowen
Pageant Chairmen

Approved: Laura Bell, Grand Guardian
Charlie Hampton, Associate Grand Guardian

GUARDIAN SECRETARIES NOTE: PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF ALL PAGEANT INFORMATION TO YOUR CONTESTANT AND ALTERNATE. THANK YOU

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2008-2009 MISS MARYLAND JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT

Associate Bethel Guardians are requested to read the requirements prior to election and assure complete understanding by all Daughters. Associate Bethel Guardians are also requested to see that the election is conducted according to the Election Procedure outlined in the Grand Guardian Council Handbook.

Bethel Guardians are requested to verify that their Bethel's Contestant and Alternate have completed and returned their forms with the registration/entry fee to the Chairman by mail postmarked no later than **October 13, 2008**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BE ELECTED

1. The Daughters elected must be a member in good standing of the Bethel.
2. In order to qualify for the Miss International Pageant, a Daughter shall have reached her 16th birthday by the time of the 2009 Miss International Pageant at Supreme Session. **Please note:** Any Daughter (with exception of the current Miss MD Job's Daughter and the current Miss MD Congeniality) of the Bethel may be elected as the Contestant or Alternate, but if she has not met the qualification for Supreme entry, she will be disqualified at the International level, but will still reign as Miss Maryland Job's Daughter. The next qualified runner-up of the Maryland Pageant will represent Maryland at the Miss International Pageant to be held at the Supreme Session in Richmond, Virginia in 2009.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PAGEANT

1. Each Contestant and Alternate must complete the information form provided and return it (and the registration fee and a headshot picture) to the Chairman, Dianne Regner, **postmarked by October 13, 2008**
2. All Contestants and Alternates must complete the at home-open book portion of the test and return it by mail **postmarked by November 14, 2008**.
3. All Contestants and Alternates will be required to attend the rehearsal and preliminary activities, which are scheduled for the same day of the Pageant. All will be expected to arrive at 1:00 p.m. and must stay until the Pageant has concluded.
4. **All Contestants and Alternates** are required to take a written test on general knowledge of Job's Daughters and the Ritual (in two parts – Part I take home-open book, Part II day of pageant) and recite the Initiation lecture of the Third Messenger. The lecture will be done in robe secured with a white cord, satin or cotton, and the daughter's regalia will be judged as per regulations.
5. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will automatically disqualify the Contestant/Alternate.
6. The Daughter chosen as Miss Maryland Job's Daughter will be expected to travel to Official Visitations whenever possible, attend all Grand Guardian Council activities on weekends, attend Pennsylvania, Virginia Grand Guardian Council Sessions and Delaware Jurisdictional Guardian Council Rally, and other activities which promote Job's Daughters. If the Daughter chosen as Miss Maryland Job's Daughter cannot or is not qualified to attend the Miss International Pageant, the first eligible runner-up will attend in her place.

Dear Parent:

Your daughter, _____, has been elected by the Daughters of Bethel No. _____ to represent them in the Miss Maryland Job's Daughter Pageant on Saturday, December 6, 2008. This should be an honor for your Daughter since her Bethel sisters elected her. Participation in the Pageant should be a great experience, as she will make lasting friendships.

If your Daughter is chosen Miss Maryland Job's Daughter, she would be expected to participate in the following ways:

1. Travel to Official Visitations whenever possible.
2. Attend most Grand Guardian Council activities – most are held on weekends with their dates published in the Grand Guardian Council calendar or in Bethel communications.
3. Attend the Pennsylvania, Virginia Grand Guardian Council Sessions and Delaware's Jurisdictional Guardian Council Rally, at the expense of the Grand Guardian Council of Maryland. Since these sessions require advance paid registration, it is the responsibility of the Miss Maryland Job's Daughter and her parents to notify the Grand Guardian if attendance could be questionable.
4. Attend the 2009 Supreme Session in Richmond, Virginia where she will represent Maryland Job's Daughters in the Miss International Job's Daughter Pageant.

If your Daughter is selected Miss Maryland Job's Daughter, she will have many opportunities to gain self-confidence, poise and the ability to speak before large audiences. Your Daughter will need your support and encouragement to accept the responsibilities that go with this title. It is probable that there will be someone in your area to assist your Daughter in traveling should you not be able to travel to all meetings and functions. It is important to keep the current Grand Guardian, Laura Bell (443) 226-4953 and Bunny Russell (301) 862-2623 after May 9, 2009 informed of your Daughter's activities. Either of these people will be happy to assist you and your Daughter. It will also be necessary to schedule a meeting with them shortly after pageant to discuss the International Pageant. Plans for travel, lodging and a chaperone will need to be discussed.

After reading this letter, please sign and **return it to me postmarked by October 13, 2008**. If your Daughter is selected as Miss Maryland Job's Daughter, you will be furnished with a copy of this letter. We want to be sure you are aware of the great responsibility that is part of the title of Miss Maryland Job's Daughter. If you have any questions regarding the Pageant, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dianne Regner, Pageant Chairman
9726 Wyman Way
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
(301) 599-8491

Signature of Parent

Date
