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January 2016

TO: State Executive Directors

RE: Miss America 1943 Jean Bartel Quality of Life Scholarships

Jean's Love for the Miss America Program Created a Lasting Legacy of Generosity

Miss America 1943 Jean Bartel was known as the "Grand Dame" amongst her Miss America sisters and will forever be remembered for lighting the way for the Miss America Scholarship Program. Her gifts to us are immeasurable and her generosity unending. Her spirit of giving was evident when she left behind a remarkable legacy of giving the gift of scholarships to the young women in our program this year. The Miss America Organization proudly honors our beloved Jean and awards these scholarships which she has endowed to our program.

In 1942, this beautiful student and graduate of UCLA, arrived in Atlantic City in hopes to pursue her dreams of performing on Broadway one day. She arrived at the famed Boardwalk Hall and stepped onto the stage to compete in Convention Hall, performing Cole Porter's "Night and Day". The press described her performance as "forceful and a dramatic style" and this gifted soprano was crowned Miss America 1943, and would be the first college graduate to win Miss America. She was gifted with a magnificent voice and had an enormous desire to fulfill a dream of performing on stage which not only became a reality on Broadway, but she also toured and performed throughout the world after her year of service.

We fondly remember Jean as our "War-Time" Miss America who took her commitment for the military to heart. She embarked on a 14 city tour selling War Bonds which resulted in Jean being honored by the United States Treasury Department as the individual who had sold the most Series E Bonds that year – over two and a half million dollars worth. It was during this tour, at an event sponsored by her college sorority sisters, she recommended the college scholarship idea for Miss America. This idea was later adopted in 1945 and became the world's largest single source of college scholarships for women.

Initiated in 1988, the Quality of Life Scholarship was the first community service related award presented to our contestants and will honor Jean's memory. It is available to the 53 contestants competing for the title of Miss America 2017 who exhibit exemplary community spirit and excel in their commitment to enhancing the Quality of Life for others through volunteerism and community service.



Applicants must excel in their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for others through volunteerism and community service. Consideration is given to depth of service, project creativity and the significant effects upon the lives of others. The applicants must demonstrate that they have fulfilled a legitimate need in their community through the creation, development and/or participation in a community service project.

A separate Quality of Life panel of judges consisting of community leaders and former Miss Americas will narrow the applications to the top 7-10 which are announced during the 2017 Miss America Competition Arrival Ceremony in Atlantic City. These selected contestants will then have the opportunity to meet, discuss and validate their service/project by the same separate Quality of Life judges' panel. The top three (3) applicants will win Quality of Life scholarships which will be announced during competition week.

Your contestant must complete the attached 2017 Jean Bartel Quality of Life Application to be considered for this award. Completed applications must be received in the National Office no later than Friday, July 25, 2016.

We cherish the memory of our beloved Miss America 1943 Jean Bartel whose incredible spirit of giving continues to live on and reflect her lasting legacy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Doreen Gordon at 609-653-8700 ext. 127.

Thank you for all of your support!

Warmest Regards,



MISS AMERICA 2017 QUALITY OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT DATA:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Birth Date _____

CERTIFICATION:

I, _____ (State Director) for the State of _____,

Certify that _____ (applicant's name) is eligible, under the guidelines for the Miss America Quality of Life Scholarship.

State Executive Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

In submitting the application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information given on this form by the date determined by the Miss America Organization. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Miss America Organization.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

(required if applicant is under 18 years of age)



SCHOOL DATA:

High School _____

City _____ State _____

Year Graduated _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____

College _____ Class (as of September 2013) _____

Major _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____

Graduate School _____ Class (as of September 2013) _____

Major _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____

Career Ambition: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

List any awards you have received for outstanding volunteer community or charitable service.

Name of community service or project _____

Name of civic or charitable group _____

President of organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



A. DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

Compose essay responses to each of the questions below. Limit your responses to approximately 300 words per statement/question. Your responses should be printed on one side of 8 1/2 x 11 paper, using 10 or 12 point type.

- Be sure to print your name on each page and identify each section with the number of the question. Additional materials such as Videos/CDs/DVDs will not be accepted nor considered.

1. Describe your involvement with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. In addition, describe your personal platform or community service or project if you have one. What did you do? What has been your involvement and time commitment? What was your leadership role? How did you involve others in the project? What was your role in planning and implementation? Explain the ways you demonstrated creativity and initiative.
2. What motivated your initial interest? What inspired you? How did you become involved in the project?
3. Describe the effects of your community service or project upon your community and/or individuals. Who benefited? How? What are the expected long-term results? What is the likelihood for the continuation of the project?
4. How have you personally benefited from your participation in your project? What have you learned?
5. What is the role of community service in today's society? What is the long-range outlook?

B. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are required from individuals unrelated to you who are in a position to evaluate your community service or project. Both letters should include the author's name, address, and telephone number:

One letter should be from a coordinator, supervisor, officer of the civic or charitable organization with which you worked, or a civic leader who has knowledge of your contribution.

The second letter should be from an individual or organization that has benefited from your community service or project.



DEADLINE DATE:

Complete the application form and mail all materials including letters of recommendation. **All applications must be received complete no later than Friday, July 25, 2016.**

MAIL TO:

Jean Bartel Quality of Life Scholarships
Jamillah Hamilton, Director of Scholarships
Miss America Organization
Park Place & Boardwalk
P.O. Box 1919
Atlantic City, NJ 08404

PLEASE NOTE: Since your application is photocopied and mailed to the Quality of Life judges:

- 1: **Do not** submit videos/CD/DVDs
- 2: **Do not** staple or bind your application submission in any way
- 3: All attachments should be on 8 ½ x 11 paper