

April 17, 2011

Dear Potential Contestant:

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program. The Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program will be held on Friday, June 24, 2011. Once again, our show will take place at the Adams Memorial Opera House in downtown Derry.

**Photos: When submitting your photos, please make sure they are not copied, scanned & printed out, etc. These photos will not be accepted.** This is in your best interest as a contestant; as your photo is the first impression the judges will have of you, and copied photos do not reproduce well in the program book and newspapers. Color photos are preferred. Please digitally provide (1) 5x7 head shot. Please email the picture to me at [DanielleCowan@comcast.net](mailto:DanielleCowan@comcast.net) and a copy to [gary@missderry.org](mailto:gary@missderry.org). Deadline for photographs is **June 7.**

**TALENT MUSIC:** Talent music can be emailed to our Sound Engineer, David Raabe at [music@missderry.org](mailto:music@missderry.org) and copy to [MissDerrySoundGuy@gmail.com](mailto:MissDerrySoundGuy@gmail.com) (It is important to send your submission to both addresses). Please do this by the application deadline of **June 7.** When submitting your talent music, please be sure to put your name in the subject line of the email along with the words, "Talent Music". (Example: MC Archer Talent Music)

**TICKETS** for our show will be \$**12.00** and will be available to contestants first. Order forms will follow once your application is received. We highly recommend pre-purchasing tickets as our venue has limited seating.

**REHEARSALS:** As this is our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, we are having one mandatory rehearsal in order to have the best show possible. Rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** at NH Academie of Dance.

**INTERVIEWS** will be held on **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Promises to Keep. Contestants will be arriving at 4pm.**

**As a contestant,** you will compete in a 10 minute interview, talent presentation (2 minutes max), presence and poise in eveningwear, and physical fitness in swimsuit. In addition, you will be asked one onstage question. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. More information on the competition process is available at the following websites: [www.MissDerry.org](http://www.MissDerry.org), [www.MissNH.com](http://www.MissNH.com), [www.MissAmerica.org](http://www.MissAmerica.org)

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS/DOCUMENTATION:** The Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program, Inc. is proud to be the top-ranked local in scholarship dollars awarded, awarding over \$15,000 last year. While you can win a great deal of scholarship money simply by competing for the title of Miss Greater Derry, we also offer other awards which you must submit for separately. These awards are:

**ACADEMIC MERIT AWARD:** This award is given to the student with the most impressive academic achievements. Applicants wishing to compete for this **scholarship** should submit an official copy of their latest transcript by the application deadline of **June 7.** Transcripts can take a long time to get from your school to my desk, so I highly recommend requesting them immediately!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** This award is given to the contestant whom the committee deems most committed to community service. Applicants wishing to compete for this **scholarship** should submit documentation of their work by the application deadline of **June 7.** Please limit your focus to volunteer activities completed since **January 1, 2010.** Photographs, letters from organizations you've worked with and other supporting documentation is allowed, and if used, should be included at the end of your submission. Please note that submissions are judged on volunteer service performed, not amount of photos or beauty of submission. An example is available upon request from Danielle Jean-Cowan via email: [DanielleCowan@comcast.net](mailto:DanielleCowan@comcast.net)

Contestants will be emailed after the deadline with regards to the theme and opening number attire.

All of us at Miss Greater Derry are excited to be working with you over the coming months in preparation for the 25th Annual Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns – I am happy to help in any way I can!

Sincerely,  
Danielle Jean-Cowan

Director & Vice-President  
Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program, Inc.

**Please mail applications to:**  
**Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program, Inc.**  
**Attn: Danielle Jean-Cowan**  
**PO Box 934**  
**Derry, NH 03038**  
**Email: [DanielleCowan@comcast.net](mailto:DanielleCowan@comcast.net)**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**To compete in our scholarship program, you...**

**Must live, work full time, or attend school full time within a 20 mile radius of Derry, NH in a NH town.**

**Must be at least 17 by contestant's first Local Pageant.**

**Single, never been married.**

**Live, work full time, or attend school full time in New Hampshire.**

**Be a high school graduate no later than six (6) months after the date of the contestant's first local competition.**

**Be no older than twenty four (24) on December 31, 2012**

**Must be a U.S. Citizen**

**Meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization.**

**Be able to meet the time commitment and responsibilities as set forth by the local program in which you compete.**

**Be able to meet the time commitment and responsibilities as set forth by the Miss N.H. program should you win the title.**

**Assist your state and local chapter in raising \$100.00 per local contestant, per local for the Miss America National Platform: Children's Miracle Network.**

**Should you win a local title, raise \$250.00 for the Miss America National Platform: Children's Miracle Network.**

