

The Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc.

Presents the

Miss Carifest Cultural Queen Pageant 2010



The Hochstein School Of Music Performance Hall
50 North Plymouth Street
Rochester, NY

Contestant requirements

All participants must be of Caribbean decent/heritage

Registration Information

An entry fee is required of all participants. Checks or money orders only payable to RWIFO, Inc. , P.O. Box 40245, Rochester, NY 14604. Applications are available on our website: www.rwifo.com. Questions may be directed to (585) 234-0909.

Age Divisions

The age division you compete in is determined by your age the date of application. Age levels are as follows:

- Mini Miss Carifest: 7 – 9 years of age
- Jr. Miss Carifest: 10-12 years of age
- Teen Miss Carifest: 13-15 years of age
- Miss Carifest: 16-19 years of age

Categories for Judging

Heritage Costume Showcase

All contestants will be required to present a costume showcasing their country of heritage and culture.

Talent

Contestants will be required to have a prepared talent which will be performed on stage while wearing a casual dress outfit (representing talent) and considered as part of their overall score.

Formal Wear

All contestants are responsible for the provision of their own formal attire to showcase their grace and elegance. All shoes and accessories provided by contestants.

Question & Answer

All finalist must participate in an on stage interview at the time of the formal scene.

Awards

All contestants will receive a participation award, in addition to the 1st Place, 2nd Place, & 3rd Place prizes. ***All 1st place recipients are required to attend community functions to represent the Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc (RWIFO).*** ALL participants will be required to attend community activities as part of the process as a Miss Carifest contestant.

Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any contestant, friend or relative connected to a contestant is discouraged and could result in disqualification of the contestant. Should this occur, there are no refunds for the contestants' entry fee.

Our Philosophy

Our contestants work very hard to have their moment onstage. We recognize all our contestants as winners and we are proud of their accomplishments. As a pageant participant, a contestant will learn goal setting, good grooming, gain self-confidence, poise and develop social skills through their relationship with others while having fun. By making this positive event, every young lady who steps on stage will gain strength from everything she does from that point on. We request your assistance in making this a positive event for your child(ren).

Pageant committee use
only:

Rec'd _____
Fee Pd. _____

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Print or Type all Information

General Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Age: _____ D.O.B _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Island of Heritage: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Age Division (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	7 – 9	Mini Miss Carifest
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-12	Jr. Miss Carifest
<input type="checkbox"/>	13-15	Teen Miss Carifest
<input type="checkbox"/>	16-19	Miss Carifest

Talent: _____

Emergency Contact

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18) _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

I have read and understand the rules/requirements and release The Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. from any responsibility due to injury, damage, loss or theft of property or persons during the pageant.

Applicant

Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

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Contestant Information

CITY OF :	HOW LONG:
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SCHOOL:	GRADE:
WORK:	POSITION:
FAVORITE COLOR:	FAVORITE FOOD:

HOBBIES:

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

FUTURE GOALS:

Action	Date
Contestant withdrawn	
Contestant dismissed	

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Participants Contract Form

I understand that any of the following actions may result in IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL from the Pageant:

I, _____, agree to work cooperatively with the RWIFO Pageant committee members as a contestant of the Miss Carifest pageant.

I agree to do the following:

- Abide the rules and regulations established for the pageant and its contestants
- Attend scheduled practice sessions, complete with all relevant materials including instruments and shoes.
- Notify the pageant coordinator of any absences/tardiness by calling at least two (2) hours before the sessions begins. PLEASE NOTE THAT MORE THAN TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES will result in disqualification.
- Be prepared to rehearse all choreographed pieces as well as talent. All assignments are due upon request and failure to complete will result in disqualification.

In addition:

- Any behavior classified as disrespectful to the Pageant Committee
- Fighting and arguing
- Stealing
- Possession of or use of a weapon
- Possession of or use of a controlled substance
- Threatening or harassing other participants

I have read and understand the rules and requirements and hereby releases the Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. from any responsibility due to injury, damage, lost or theft of property or persons during the pageant.

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

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Consent to Release of School Records/Exchange of Information Form

Purpose: This form shall be the vehicle by which the RWIFO Pageant committee will collect information on participants from their schools.

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ School ID #: _____

School Name: _____ City/Council: _____

School Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Grade: _____

I hereby authorize the above named school district and its entire staff, to release my child's academic records to _____ of the Rochester West Indies Festival Organization for the purpose of assessing eligibility regarding participation in the Miss Carifest Pageant.

I understand that this information is confidential and will be shared only as specified.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Home Telephone: _____

MISS CARIFEST CULTURAL QUEEN PAGEANT

PAGEANT RELEASE FORM

As a contestant in the 2010 Miss Carifest Cultural Queen Pageant, I understand that the Pageant will be held on July 17, 2010. I agree to participate in the pageant and any other subsequent events or activities used to promote the pageant. I agree to be present and prompt at all scheduled rehearsals unless cleared in advance. I understand that although I will be allowed in free to these events, any family members or friends must pay full price for their admission.

Additionally, I understand that I am responsible for selling Pageant tickets and advertisements to my family and friends and any other fundraising activities created by the organization. I will allow the Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. (RWIFO) to use any photographs taken of me at these events in any promotional publication produced by RWIFO, Inc. I agree to appear on radio and television spots set up to promote the pageant. I understand that prizes will be given to First, Second and Third Place Winners. If chosen as a winner, I agree to participate in the Carifest parade and festival. As a First Place Winner, I agree to appear on the Lilac Parade, The Scholarship Dinner Dance, and any other events or activities, which RWIFO may request my presence. If chosen as a Second Place Winner, I agree to stand in for Miss Carifest, should she be unable to fulfill her duties. I understand that if I am crowned and my behavior in school or in the community is not befitting a queen, I will lose my title and all of my rights as Miss Carifest. This decision will be made at the discretion of the Pageant committee of RWIFO, Inc. The title of Miss Carifest is extremely prestigious in the community and the role of the queen is very important. There will be no tolerance for misbehavior in the community or no school failures. If crowned, this behavior will be monitored.

I, _____ have read the above statement and accept the conditions stated.

Contestant

Date

Parent

Date