



Dear Entrant,

We are excited to announce the inaugural Miss Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant will be on June 30, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Cicero Christian Church. This is a phenomenal opportunity for girls 17-20 years old, as of November 10, 2023, to learn valuable life skills while competing for scholarships.

By participating in this pageant, you will learn and practice interview etiquette, interview skills, public speaking skills, poise, and business lunch skills. We will also highlight professional dressing tips and how to accessorize, as well as providing resources for you to learn hair and makeup.

Several workshops will be conducted throughout the month of June to assist you in preparing for this competition. The Pageant Committee is available to guide you through each step of this endeavor. Workshop attendance is not required; however, it is highly recommended. Participation in the rehearsal on June 29 and all functions on June 30, however, are required.

This pageant is an official preliminary to the Miss Indiana State Festivals Association Pageant on November 10-11, 2023. The newly crowned Miss Lights Over Morse Lake 2023 will represent the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival in that pageant as well as having duties during the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival 2023. There will also be other additional opportunities to represent the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival at various community functions.

Included in this packet are the rules and regulations (which include what scoring is based on), application (should be typed and submitted via email. If that is a concern, please let me know), and schedule of workshop dates and pageant events.

There will be an informational meeting at Pizza House, 370 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN on May 1 at 7:00 pm to answer any questions you may have.

In the meantime if you would like to complete an application, please go to pageant@lightsovermorselake.org and email the completed application to pageant@lightsovermorselake.org.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Blessings,

Nikki Hurley

Director

574-253-1454 (text is best)



Miss Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. The entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant now in effect or as announced hereafter.
2. The entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant and that the decision of the judges is final.
3. Entrant agrees that if she is selected as the winner, she will not sign a management contract with any individual or corporation and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement of any mercantile commodity or commercial organizations, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service not associated with this contest without the written permission of the Light Over Morse Lake Festival Committee.
4. An entrant must be single and never have been married nor had a marriage annulled and she must not be or ever have been pregnant.
5. Entrant must be born female whose age shall not be less than seventeen (17) nor more than twenty (20) years of age as of November 10, 2023, the date of the Miss Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Pageant. Entrant must provide either a copy of her birth certificate or driver's license as proof of age.
6. An entrant must be enrolled in the following: 1). A high school that is located within the Hamilton Heights School district. (Public, private or homeschool). Or 2). A post-secondary education program (i.e.. college, university, trade school, certificate) by August 1st with the entrant retaining a legal address within the Hamilton Heights School District of the pageant year in which she will compete.
7. An entrant must provide a copy of one of the following: 1). A government issued ID (i.e. driver's licenses) with current legal address (if in college, this would be the entrant's home address for tax purposes) verifying residency inside the Hamilton Heights School District or. 2). If residing outside the Hamilton Heights School District, proof of enrollment in high school within the Hamilton Heights School District (i.e. current school ID).
8. An entrant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes and shall possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and the ability to speak in public.
9. Entrants are required to participate in the rehearsal and pageant itself. Non-participation will result in disqualification and dismissal from the pageant. Workshops are highly encouraged but not required.
10. An entrant agrees that if she is chosen as Miss Lights Over Morse Lake, she will compete in the Indiana State Festivals Association Scholarship Pageant of the corresponding pageant year and be accompanied by a parent or chaperone.
11. The winner agrees to attend the Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant the following year to crown the next year's winner.
12. Entrant must compete in the following categories and scoring will be weighed as stated:
 - 40% - 5-7-minute interview in professional wear
 - 25% - Formal Wear
 - 25% - Hobby Wear (fun wear representing what you enjoy doing – ie. Sports, art, business)
 - 10% - On-stage Question (entrants will be given a list of possible questions ahead of time)
13. Scholarship Awards will be as follows:
 - Lights Over Morse Lake Queen - \$1,000

1st Runner Up - \$750

2nd Runner Up - \$250

3rd Runner Up - \$100

Miss Community Spirit - \$500

Payment will be made by check of the winner's college choice or as otherwise determined by the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival Committee.

14. Miss Community Spirit will be determined the entrant with the most points based on the following categories:
 - a. The amount of non-perishable food items entrant collects and donates to the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival Committee by the start of rehearsal on June 29, 2023. Food items will be distributed in the community through various community organizations.
 - b. Contestants vote on the friendliest, kindest, most congenial entrant.
15. The winning entrant agrees to represent the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival throughout the Festival of the winning year at various events and other events as requested.
16. When choosing a formal gown, at least one portion of the hemline must be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the knee), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the Lights Over Morse Lake pageant may be discounted by the judges.
17. When choosing professional dress, keep modesty in mind. Anything deemed inappropriate for the Lights Over Morse Lake pageant may be discounted by the judges.
18. **All entries must be received by the Lights Over Morse Lake Pageant Committee by midnight on Friday, May 19, 2023. INCLUDE INFO ON WHERE TO GET APP AND HOW TO SUBMIT.**



Miss Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant Workshops and Schedule

- **May 1 @ 7:00 pm @ Pizza House (370 W Jackson St, Cicero)** – optional information meeting to answer any questions you may have. Please text Nikki at 574-253-1454, if you plan to attend. Parents and guardians are welcome as well.
- **May 21 @ 6:30 pm @ Arcadia Christian Church (107/108)** - Introductions, Housekeeping, Expectations, Headshots, Practice Interview Questions, Clothing & Accessories overview. Come prepared to have your headshot photo taken. Headshots will be used in publicity and for the judges' reference. This is for contestants only.
- **June 4 @ 6:30 pm @ Arcadia Christian Church (107/108)** - Modeling Instruction, Interview Practice, On-stage Question list and instruction. This is for contestants only.
- **June 11 @ 6:30 pm @ Arcadia Christian Church (Worship Center & 107/108)** Practice on-stage questions, Practice Modeling, Mock Interviews. This is for contestants only.
- **Week of June 18** - Possible Workshop depending on needs
- **June 29 @ 6:30 pm @ Cicero Christian Church** – Rehearsal. This is for contestants only.
- **June 30 – mid morning TBD @ Cicero Christian Church** – Interviews. Lunch with Judges and Contestants. This is for contestants only.
- **June 30 – 6:30 pm @ Cicero Christian Church** – Miss Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant