



# **Miss Montgomery County Farm Bureau Application 2017**

The purpose of this program is for young adults to serve as agricultural ambassadors to promote the agriculture industry and Farm Bureau throughout the year.

## 2017 Miss Montgomery County Farm Bureau Contest Eligibility

- 1- Contestant must be a young woman between the ages of 16-19 who may not turn 20 by August 23, 2017 and be part of a family farm operation and/or have a 4-H/FFA agricultural project.
- 2- Contestant must be single, never married, not engaged, not pregnant nor already have children.
- 3- Contestant must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony.
- 4- Contestant and/or their parents/guardians must be a Montgomery County Farm Bureau (MCFB) member and be a member in good standing (current dues paid) *before a contestant applies for the contest*. Each contestant under the age 18 must have written consent to enter the competition by a parent or guardian if a minor. Apply for membership online at [www.mdfarmbureau.com](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com) and select Montgomery as the county membership.
- 5- Contestant may compete in the contest more than once if they have not been previously selected as Miss MCFB unless there are no other applicants in the current Contest Year.
- 6- The 2017 Miss MCFB agrees to represent Montgomery County at the 2017 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest **August 23-24, 2017** at the Maryland State Fair. She is **required** to participate in the Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation **August 7-9, 2017** in Timonium to gain knowledge, experience, and Farm Bureau expertise which will assist in their preparations to compete for the title of Miss Maryland Agriculture.
- 7- *Application due no later than **May 26, 2017***. Email signed, completed application as a PDF to MCFB Secretary Jillian Levine at [mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com) or mail to Montgomery County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 217, Damascus, MD 20872. Application includes: Page 1 Resume, Page 2 Essay Question Response, Page 3 Personal Info & Member Verification and Release and Consent Form. For questions, contact Contest Coordinator Paula Linthicum by calling or texting 240-398-0121 or emailing at [senecaayrfarms@aol.com](mailto:senecaayrfarms@aol.com). **No late applications accepted**. If your application was emailed, bring the completed, signed original application to the interview on June 3, 2017.
- 8- If an applicant holds a concurrent position at time of the Miss Contest or is awarded one thereafter (e.g. Dairy Princess, MC Ag Fair Queen, etc), the duties/activities of that position must not prevent her fully performing the duties/activities of Miss MCFB or Runner-Ups.
- 9- Contestant agrees to represent MCFB as an agriculture ambassador for a period of one year from the 2017 MCFB Annual Picnic-2018 MCFB Annual Picnic. Educational Scholarships will be awarded to the 2017 Miss MCFB, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up upon completion of service for the period stated above. It is assumed these individuals will reside in Maryland during their service and this should be seriously considered when applying.

Interviews for the Miss MCFB contest will be held on **Saturday, June 3, 2017** at Potomac Hunt Club, 21315 Peach Tree Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842. Interview times will be assigned by Contest Coordinator. The Contest winner will be selected during the MCFB Annual Picnic which begins at 4:00p that evening.

## **Duties/Activities**

Miss MCFB and Runner-Ups will represent MCFB as agricultural ambassadors. Please review and fully understand expectations prior to submitting the application. These individuals will be asked to attend various agricultural activities throughout the year which include, but are not limited to, the activities listed below. It is the responsibility of these individuals to notify the Contest Coordinator when an activity cannot be attended. The Miss and Runner-Ups must be accompanied by an adult over 21 at all times when participating in any activity. Parents/guardians are expected to assist with this requirement.

*Damascus Days Parade July 7, 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Ride in the parade to represent Montgomery County Farm Bureau.

*Montgomery County Farm Tour & Harvest Sale July 22 & 23, 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Visit local farms to promote agriculture as part of the program.

*Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation August 7-9, 2017 (Miss)*  
Miss MCFB must participate in the Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation August 7-9, 2017. Orientation is a very important part of the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program and the Miss **must** attend to be eligible for the State Contest.

*2017 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair August 11-19, 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Miss activities include riding in the 4-H Parade, attend the Ag Leaders Luncheon, and participate in the Cheese Carving Contest. Runner-Ups are invited to ride in 4-H Parade.

*2017 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest August 23-24, 2017 (Miss)*  
Miss MCFB will participate in the Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest at the 2017 MD State Fair. At this contest, all will be chaperoned by members of the Miss Maryland Agriculture Committee, and all rules discussed at orientation will apply. As a county Farm Bureau Contestant, the Miss will receive information regarding these events closer to the time of the event. Runner-Ups are encouraged to attend the Contest August 24 to cheer on the Miss! Note: Miss MCFB will be reimbursed up to \$100 for contest attire requirements.

*2017 Damascus Community Fair September 8-10, 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Participate in school tours on Friday as your school schedules permit.

*MCFB Farm to Table Dinner September 17, 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Assist with Event set up. Greet guests as they arrive at the event.

*Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting November 2017 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*  
Assist with Banquet Activities. Miss will speak about activities participated in while serving MCFB.

## **Duties/Activities (cont'd)**

### *2017 MD Farm Bureau Convention (Miss)*

Attend the 2017 Maryland Farm Bureau Convention Sunday, December 3-5, 2017 in Ocean City, MD. Participate in MFB Young Farmers Annual Meeting/attend breakout sessions and MFB Miss Activities. The Miss County Farm Bureaus are asked to make every effort to attend this convention. It is a wonderful experience, a lot of fun, and gives the Miss County Farm Bureaus a chance to reunite. They will have special duties and events assigned to them throughout the Convention. Meals, lodging and registration fee to be paid by MFB and MCFB.

### *Taste of Maryland Agriculture February 2018 (Miss)*

Attend and participate in opening ceremonies as requested.

### *MD Farm Bureau Day in Annapolis February 2018 (Miss)*

Go to Annapolis with Farm Bureau members and meet with Montgomery County delegates.

### *Montgomery County Farm Bureau Picnic June 2018 (Miss & Runner-Ups)*

Assist with contest as needed. Miss will summarize year and turn over reign to the 2018 Miss Montgomery County Farm Bureau.

### *School/Farm Visits and Other Activities Throughout the Year (Miss & Runner-Ups)*

Participate in educational activities at local elementary schools and agri-tourism efforts at farms with a Promotion & Education Committee member. These activities are as requested and as schedules permits.

## Part I - Resume

Your resume is a written compilation of your education, work experience, credentials and agricultural accomplishments. References are not requested. Please use the Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12pt. and do not exceed 1 page in length.

## Part 2 – Essay Question Response

Please select one of the questions listed below and answer it in an essay format not to exceed 1 page in 12 point, double spaced font. Please include your name and county at the top of the page.

- 1. Every animal participating in activities at a fair shall be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare. What do you say to a fairgoer who does not agree with this statement?**
- 2. What is the purpose of food labels? How can you help to ensure that consumers in Maryland understand the labels and have confidence in the safety and quality of their food?**

When writing the essay please be aware of spelling, grammar, punctuation, content and the depth of knowledge and clarity given in answering the question. Questions can be asked by the judges during the formal interviews pertaining to your essay answer.

## Part 3 - Personal Info & Membership Verification

Please provide a photo copy of your Driver's License and complete this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(#, Street, City, State, Zip)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(You must be 16-19 years of age at time of state contest held at the end of August)

Polo Shirt Size:    S    M    L    XL    2XL

Preference of shirt style: Slim Fit or Relaxed Fit

Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Bureau Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ County: Montgomery

## 2017 Miss MCFB Contestant Agreement

I hereby certify that if selected as the 2017 Miss MCFB, I will participate as a contestant in the full program for the Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest. I agree to participate in the 3-day Orientation program in Timonium on August 7-9, 2017. I also agree to participate in the 2-day Contest during the State Fair in Timonium on August 23-24, 2017. Failure to meet these requirements could lead to forfeiture of your title and prizes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Miss MCFB Contestant – Code of Conduct

When participating in any activity representing MCFB or Maryland Farm Bureau, you are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct. **If you violate the Code of Conduct, you may be asked to relinquish your title as Miss MCFB or Runner-Up and all scholarships or expense funds provided. Please read carefully.**

- Your appearance as Miss MCFB or Runner-Up is by *invitation only*, unless instructed otherwise by the Contest Coordinator. Do not show up wearing your sash if not invited. Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearance or representations on behalf of MCFB are prohibited.
- For your personal safety, you must be accompanied by a chaperone over the age of 21 while wearing your sash and representing MCFB at any event. Even if you are 18 years old or older. *Note: The chaperone may be a parent/guardian, relative, friend or Farm Bureau member attending the same event. Do not attend ANY event alone wearing your sash or name tag. Your personal safety is extremely important.*
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes, the use of any illegal controlled dangerous substance or alcohol consumption is prohibited.
- Foul language and/or public displays of affection with dates/companions while wearing your sash and representing Maryland Farm Bureau is prohibited.
- Engagement in any illegal, unpartisan, unethical, indecent and/or morally questionable behavior, including but not limited to online representations on the internet, including social networking sites is prohibited.
- Defamation of Miss MCFB, Runner-Ups, MCFB or Maryland Farm Bureau via oral, written or internet posting is prohibited.
- When wearing your sash or name tag, professional behavior and appropriate attire are expected:
  - Attire appropriate for the specific appearance or event (e.g. business casual, professional, formal, etc)
  - No jeans, sneakers, or flip flops. Boots are permitted where appropriate.
  - No visible piercings (other than earrings) or tattoos.
  - No outfit that is low cut, short or revealing.
  - No clothing that advertises, promotes or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or anything inconsistent with the dignity of the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program as a representative of Maryland Farm Bureau.
  - When accepting an invitation to an event, ask about the appropriate dress attire.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined above. I acknowledge that violation of the code may result in my immediate dismissal from an event and/or from the MCFB agricultural ambassador program and repayment of scholarships and expense funds.

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Release and Consent Form

Please select one box in each section and complete w/full names and signatures.

## ***Authorization to Obtain and Use Images & Interviews***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being eighteen (18) years of age or over  
or

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian),

do hereby grant permission to the MCFB agricultural ambassador program and its affiliates and subsidiaries, to interview, photograph, and/or videotape me or my minor child participating in the Miss Contest; and/or to supervise any others who may conduct an interview, photography and/or videotaping; and/or permit others to use information from the aforementioned interviews, images or videos in educational and promotional activities without compensation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Hold Harmless Agreement***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being eighteen (18) years of age or over  
or

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian),

do hereby release and forever discharge and agree not to sue and to indemnify and hold harmless Maryland Farm Bureau, Montgomery County Farm Bureau and their governing boards, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any and all liabilities, claims and demands, and causes of action of any kind on account of any loss, damage, illness or injury to person or property in any way arising out of or relating to my/my child's participation in the MCFB agricultural ambassador program, whether due to negligence, mistake or other action or inaction.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_