## **Rules and Regulations**

- 1. The Miss Medford Participation will take place in person with crowning to take place at the Medford Veteran's Memorial during the Opening Ceremony of the Straight River Days weekend! Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Arrival is no later than 6:30pm and pageant to start at 7 pm. There is a free meal and raising of the flags before the pageant, please make arrangement to come and enjoy!
- 2. Deadline for sign up is June 1st, 2024. Please submit all required items by this date.
- 3. Contestants must currently attend Medford School or currently live in Medford.
- 4. There will be no limit of contestants this year! We want as many girls as possible!
- 5. Miss Medford Candidates: If selected you will be **expected** to volunteer for Medford community events throughout the year, including Straight River Days events and assist with the next years pageant. Miss Medford will receive a \$500.00 scholarship once your first semester of college is complete. You must submit your grades to receive.
- 6. Contestants must complete the registration form and pay the \$20 registration fee on our website. <a href="www.straightriverdays.com">www.straightriverdays.com</a>. An acceptance letter will be <a href="emailed">emailed</a> once you have been accepted into the pageant, with further instructions of the evening to come.
- 7. Please wear age-appropriate dresses and comfortable shoes for walking!

Please contact Erin Sammon 507-456-5119 with any questions or concerns.

2024 Age Brackets for the current 23-24 school year.

Tiny Miss: Kindergarten- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade—All will get a crown

Little Miss: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – All will get a crow

Young Miss: 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 8<sup>th</sup> grade—Drawing with all entrants will determine the winner.

Junior Miss: 9<sup>th</sup>grade-10<sup>th</sup> grade- Drawing with all entrants will determine the winner.

Miss Medford: 11<sup>th</sup> grade- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – See judging rules on other page.

## **Judging for Miss Medford:**

- 1. Attire should be a dress that is flattering to the contestant and age appropriate. Candidates that do not adhere to age-appropriate attire will not be allowed to participate. If you do not have a dress available to you, please inquire at Cinderella's Closet at Hope in Faribault. Please see their Facebook page for full details. They have dresses and shoes free of charge, or for a free will donation.
- 2. Contestants will be evaluated on natural beauty, over all personality and stage presence. Excessive make up is not encouraged.
- 3. Miss Medford entrants will be invited for an "interview" before the celebration with the judges so we can get to know you. No individual score sheets will be issued. The decision of the judges is final and will not be questioned.
- 4. There will be 5 different age groups. <u>All</u> Tiny and Little's will be crowned. Other groups will depend on participation for the number of winners we will have. A Miss Congeniality may be awarded!
- 5. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated by contestants, parents, or any audience that may be in attendance during crowning. Please be aware

that rude or unsportsmanlike conduct or comments from the family or supporters will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant. All rules and regulations are the same for all age groups. Rules may be subject to change.

The contestants that are crowned in the Miss (required), Junior (required), Young, and Little categories will be requested to ride in the float in the Straight River Days Parade on Friday night June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and are required to wear their dress and crown. A random drawing for willing participants in the tiny groups will also be able to ride the float. A parental consent form will need to be signed and returned prior to the parade in order to participate.

## Thank you for your support, let's have a fun time!!