

# MISS YUCCA VALLEY *SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT* Pageant Guide and Application

*Sponsored by  
The Rotary Club of Yucca Valley Foundation*

## *Application Submission Deadlines*

Mail all applications to:  
Rotary Club of Yucca Valley  
PO Box 200  
Yucca Valley, California, 92286  
Email to: slats\_5@hotmail.com

**Applications must be received by September 29, 2016 by 4:00pm**

**A complete applications includes all of  
the following:**

***Please check each box when signed and/or  
completed:***

- Complete** (16pages) **Participant Application**
- Seven "growing up" (baby to present) pictures**
- Sealed "parent's message"** (praise & encouragement) **20-25 words**
- High School Transcripts** (unofficial is acceptable)
- Check** (make payable to: Rotary Club Foundation) **for \$80.00**  
(refunded if participant is not chosen for pageant)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Sheldon or Tara Hough at: 365-6609 or 365-2331 or (760) 686-4807 or  
John Babrowski @ 760-567-2006**



**Participant Application**  
**Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant**  
**Personal Contact Information**  
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(Please type or fill electronically)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (Message) phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital of preference \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Information \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian'(s) Signature Date



## Participant Biographical Information

Please type or print neatly

*The following information will be used during the Pageant and at any other time deemed necessary by the Miss Yucca Valley Committee. So be accurate and thoughtful. The Committee may edit the information you provide as necessary.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name (if used): \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Names and ages:

Career goals/Ambitions:

Awards/Achievements:

What are some interesting aspects of your life: (Why?)

Who is the most admired person in your life:(Why?)

What do you hope to learn from this experience?



If chosen Miss Yucca Valley, what would you like to accomplish for your community? (Why?)

How do you feel you might utilize this experience later in your life? (Why?)

Do you have any other personal comments?



## Miss Yucca Valley Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Permission Form

By my signature, I hereby give my/our daughter \_\_\_\_\_

permission to participate in all the events listed in the calendar of events for the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant (Pageant is defined as: pre-pageant, pageant, and court responsibilities).

- 1 I understand my/our daughter will need to participate in classes designed to teach poise, walking, image, dancing, and speech. She will also participate in reading the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers" by Sean Covey as well as completing its workbook.
- 2 My/our daughter or I/we will provide our own transportation for the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant events and it is understood that the Pageant committee will not be able to provide such transportation.
- 3 In case of an emergency and I/we cannot be reached, I/we give permission to a representative of the pageant committee to seek the necessary medical treatment for my/our daughter.
- 4 I/we also agree to release from pecuniary responsibilities and absolve The Rotary Club of Yucca Valley and the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant Committee of any claim for libel, slander, or physical damage or financial reimbursement to my/our daughter or me during these events.
- 5 I/we understand that the judging for the Miss Yucca Valley Court will be based on subjective criteria. I/we understand that every participant may not be chosen to be on the Miss Yucca Valley Court. I/we understand that if I/we do not like the concept of subjective judging that I/we can prevent my/our daughter from competing in the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant. I/we further understand that if I/we do allow my/our daughter to become a participant for the Miss Yucca Valley Court or become a part of the Miss Yucca Valley Court that I/we will support the decisions of the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant Committee and judges.
- 6 When Miss Yucca Valley and her court are crowned, it is the responsibility of each participant and her parents/guardians to support those crowned and the decision of the Pageant Committee and/or judges.

The decision as to who will be on the court for Miss Yucca Valley is based on the personal views, experience, and backgrounds of the committee members and the pageant judges.

As a parent(s)/guardian(s), you should believe that your daughter could be named Miss Yucca Valley. But that cannot happen for all parents. Only one participant will be named Miss Yucca Valley. In past Pageants, that has created unhappiness from some parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or participants. If you do not feel that you will be able to support, the Pageant Committee's, or the judge's decisions, we would ask that your daughter not compete in the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant.

**ALL RESULTS ARE FINAL PAGEANT NIGHT AND NOT**  
**SUBJECT TO REVIEW**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Yucca Valley Pageant Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**The SAFETY of your daughter must be paramount. The only persons that will have her address or telephone number(s) will be the pageant coordinators. Any other persons that wish to contact your daughter must arrange that contact through the coordinators. As a parent/guardian, you may only "pick-up" your daughter in person, others can only pick up your daughter after letting a Miss Yucca Valley Committee Member personally know of your intent to have them do such.**

We want everyone to have fun and to realize that in this pageant (as in life) even though winning may be the ultimate goal for the competition, all is not lost if one does not win. We hope each participant has gained something worthwhile along the way. Your daughter will gain many worthwhile things by participating in the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant. She will have the opportunity to meet new people, develop lasting friendships, have fun, gain self-confidence, and achieve a sense of accomplishment - all for having participated-even if she does not win.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ desire to enter the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant and by my signature hereby declare that I fully understand, acknowledge and agree to the following conditions:

1. That I am a young woman at least sixteen (16) years old or will be on the date of the Pageant. I will furnish proof of my age if required. That I am a Junior for the "first time" in high school and I maintain/will maintain a "C" average or above, with no F's" from the time of entry through the duration of the Pageant and/or my reign on the Miss Yucca Valley Court. I will furnish a copy of my semester report card, before confirmation that I am a participant and any time during my reign upon request of a Miss Yucca Valley Committee Member. I understand if I should leave school for whatever reason, I forfeit my eligibility to continue my reign.
2. That I live with my parent(s), or guardian(s) in the Town of Yucca Valley and by the night of the pageant will have physically lived uninterrupted within those town limits for at least two years. Residents of Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley, Landers, Pioneertown, and Johnson Valley who attend High School in Yucca Valley are also eligible at the discretion of the Pageant Committee.
3. That I am presently not married, not pregnant nor a parent, nor will I be during the reign of Miss Yucca Valley. I understand that if I should become married or pregnant, I will forfeit my eligibility to continue my reign.
4. That I will abide by all the rules according to and provided by the Pageant Committee before, during and after the Pageant and, if chosen, my Pageant year. I also agree and acknowledge that if my actions prove to be disruptive during any Pageant meetings, I may be required to leave the meeting. I understand the disruptive participant will receive written notice from the committee within five (5) days of her status in the Pageant. I understand that committee members can remove score points from the final judging if I cause disruptions. Disruptions may include but not inclusive of: being late, leaving early, absences, not being attentive and not meeting committee deadlines. I understand that if I cause excessive disruptions (the committee's or my decision) for me to remain, my parents and I understand that I then would not be eligible for the title or scholarship.
6. That I hereby release and waive all claims to any photographs taken of myself and understand that these photos are to become sole property of the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee for use in publicity deemed appropriate for the Pageant by the Pageant Committee. The Pageant Committee is authorized to edit information provided by the contestant as deemed necessary.



7. That if I am chosen Miss Yucca Valley or a member of her court, I agree to make myself available for appearances requested by the Miss Yucca Valley Committee. I agree that if chosen Miss Yucca Valley or a member of her Court, I shall answer any correspondence or phone calls made by any of the aforementioned during my reign within 48 hours. I understand that if I do not make myself available as stated above that I may lose scholarship monies and could lose my title and its privileges.
8. I am freely and willingly entering the Pageant and hereby acknowledge that this contract constitutes the primary agreement between myself, and the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee: no verbal promises made to me represent contractual concordance or obligation.
9. The Miss Yucca Valley Court will consist of a Queen, First, Second and Third Princesses which will receive scholarships monies as follows: The Queen will receive a Two thousand five hundred-dollars (\$2,500) scholarship. First Princess will receive a One thousand five hundred dollar (\$1500) scholarship. Second Princess will receive a thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship. Third Princess will receive a Seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750) scholarship. The winner of the Rotary Award for the best essay will receive a one hundred dollar (\$100) scholarship. Although Miss Congeniality and The Rotary Award winner are not members of the Court, they are encouraged to participate in some Court activities.
10. That each recipient will be able to use the scholarship towards an accredited university, junior college or trade school of her choice. The monies will be put into an account, with the Rotary Club of Yucca Valley Foundation acting as trustee. A check will be made out to the university, junior college or trade school of the recipient's choice upon proof of acceptance to that school. Funds not used within two-years (2) of graduation from high school will be returned to the Foundation account to be used at the discretion of the Rotary Club of Yucca Valley Foundation. The contestants must send proof of enrollment to Yucca Valley Rotary.
11. That I understand my commitment to the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant, which includes both pre-pageant responsibilities and my reign, will take precedent over any extracurricular activities or employment.
12. That if Miss Yucca Valley should not fulfill her obligations as Queen; the title, crown, cape, and privileges will be passed to her successor starting with the First Princess.



14. I also agree as follows:

A. ATTIRE:

Each participant is responsible for her attire throughout the competition. She will need three outfits: Dance (to be determined by the dance advisor), Speech and interview (business attire), and Formal (appropriate evening gown, and accessories). Participants' attire must be approved by the Pageant Committee.

B. ESCORTS:

Escorts for the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant must be a family member. Escorts must wear semi-formal or formal attire on the pageant night.

C. FORMAL ESSAY COMPETITION:

Each participant is required to submit a biographical (3/4 of paper)/self-reflection (1/4 of paper) essay written by the applicant . The topic of the essay will be "A prominent woman who has been successful in the Town of Yucca Valley." That will be assigned by the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee. The essay should be not less than 500 words and no greater than 750 words. The essay will be typed and double-spaced. Due dates will be announced and adhered to strictly. Drafts or the final essay turned in late will lose points. Participants will be judged on such things as: what was learned from the subject, content, clarity, and organization.

D. FORMAL INTERVIEW COMPETITION:

Each participant is required to participate in a formal interview process to be held the Saturday morning one week before the actual Pageant night. The questions for the interview will come from the book and workbook "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Sean Covey. Business attire will be required for this part of the competition.

E. DANCE:

There will be a dance routine in which all participants will perform as a team. This is the "opening" of the Pageant, and your first appearance on stage. It is fun, but requires teamwork to be successful. Thus, it is imperative that participants work together and attend all practices. Loss of points and possible disqualification will result if practices are missed or the participant is late. Any cost associated with the outfit for this routine will be the responsibility of the participant. Every effort will be made to keep the cost to a minimum. The opening dance performance will *not* be judged.

F. FORMAL SPEECH COMPETITION

The night of the pageant, you will compete in a speech competition. Your speech should discuss your experience while researching and writing your formal essay (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the speech), as well as provide minimal information about the woman you interviewed for your essay (about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the speech). In addition to the minimal biographical information provided about the woman you interviewed, the speech should address items such as what impact learning about the woman had on you and how the information learned might be applied to your life.



The length of the speech shall be two minutes in length. It is recommended that you not attempt to actually read your essay, as more information is required in the speech than is provided in the essay about your personal experiences. You may, and it is recommended, use note cards to aid in the delivery of the speech.

After presenting your speech, you will be asked to answer one known question and one unknown question for the panel of judges. The participant will be provided with the known question in advance of the Pageant so she may prepare her response. The unknown question will not be provided in advance and will require a "thoughtful" answer. The answer to each question should be one minute in length so as to provide a good example of your thinking and communication abilities. You will be judged on such things as: what was learned from your interviewed woman and how it could be applied to your life. Business attire will be required for this part of the competition.

#### G. FORMAL WALK:

During the Formal Walk, you will be judged based on factors such as poise, confidence and presence. You will need an evening gown and accessories for this portion of the competition. You will be required to be escorted by a member of your family. The escort may be either male or female. The escort's attire should be appropriately formal/semi-formal - men should wear a suit and tie. A tuxedo is not required although not discouraged, women should dress appropriately. Instruction and coaching for the formal walk presentation will occur during the final rehearsal at Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel. You will be notified which rehearsal sessions the escorts will need attend so that Pageant night will be smooth. A floor length evening gown will be required for this part of the competition.

#### H. PHOTOS:

Individual portraits and group photos will be taken for press releases and for the judges' packets. On the date of photos, you must come prepared for photographs-make-up, hair and attire.

#### I. FRIENDS

Friends will be discouraged from accompanying participants. Friends will not be allowed at any meetings, practices, and/or events. If you become a member of the court, and a friend must accompany you, they must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and wear appropriate attire to any Pageant events.

#### J. SEATING

The front most rows will be reserved for parents or guardians of the participants. Up to four (4) reserved seating tickets will be available for each participant from the Pageant Committee. Parents or Guardians must present these reserved tickets on Pageant night to have available front row seating.





## Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant General Release

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent(s) guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ give my/our permission for my/our daughter to enter the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant (hereafter referred to as "the Pageant"). I/we give our permission for her to participate in all events, meetings, practices, and engagements associated with the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant, and the activities of Miss Yucca Valley or Court member (First Princess, Second Princess, or Third Princess).

I acknowledge that I/we have read and understood the information provided in the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Application Package (hereafter referred to as "the Application Package). I declare that my daughter as a possible scholarship recipient and I agree to abide by the terms, rules, policies, and conditions listed in the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Application Package.

I further acknowledge that the Application Package may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee (hereafter referred to as "the Pageant Committee"). I also understand that interpretation of all terms, rules, policies, and conditions listed in the Application Package is at the sole discretion of the Pageant Committee, and that any such interpretation is final and binding on all participants of the Pageant.

I hereby give my/our permission to the Pageant Committee and its agents to make use of photographs of my daughter, and information provided about my daughter as it deems appropriate for the marketing and presentation of the Pageant.

I further acknowledge that the failure of my/our daughter to fulfill her responsibilities as Miss Yucca Valley or Court member, may result in the forfeiture on my daughter's title and/or scholarship funds.

Should our daughter be disqualified or otherwise deemed ineligible to participate in the Pageant/Service Year, I understand that any and all financial costs incurred by me or by my daughter are my responsibility.

In the event of a medical emergency I give permission to the Pageant Committee and its agents to seek or provide any appropriate necessary medical treatment for our daughter. I agree to be financially responsible for any and all costs incurred as a result of such medical treatment.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Rotary Club of Yucca Valley, the Rotary Club of Yucca Valley Foundation, and the Pageant Committee, their agents and representatives, from any and all liability that may arise from the Pageant or the activities of Miss Yucca Valley and her Court. This release applies to but is not limited to any claim for libel, slander, or physical or mental injury to my/our daughter that may occur from her participation in the Pageant or the activities of Miss Yucca Valley and her Court.

I further agree that this release shall apply to all unknown and unanticipated claims, injuries, causes of actions, and damages as well as to those now disclosed. I hereby further waive the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides: "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I execute this release freely and voluntarily, at Yucca Valley, California

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

Parent Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Parental School Release Request**

**Occasionally during the school year we will need your daughter to attend the meetings of service organizations and/or other special functions. This provides growth as it allows your daughter to serve her community. As this is a scholarship pageant, it is important for you to know that we deeply respect school attendance.**

**We will always let your daughter be aware of these events in advance. We expect she will consult you on these absences, which we will keep to a minimum. More often than not, most times that we will request your daughter's presence will coincide with her lunch period. We will always try to have your daughter returning to school with a minimum of disruption of her schedule.**

**We do expect that your daughter will value her education and inform the committee if such an absence will disrupt her education and her classroom responsibilities. We would expect that your daughter would directly leave the school grounds to attend our requests and directly return. If it comes to our attention these absences are being abused, she will lose such privileges. As a parent, you are always welcome to check with the Pageant Committee to verify the committee has indeed requested your daughter for a special function and if she attended such function.**

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**Participant's Signature    Date**

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**Parent/Guardian'(s) Signature Date**



## MISS YUCCA VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

I hereby grant the Official Miss Yucca Valley Photographer or Videographer, as chosen by the Miss Yucca Valley Committee, and the Miss Yucca Valley Committee; and to their employees or agents the right to photograph (photograph means imaging either film or digital methods) of my daughter.

I hereby grant the Miss Yucca Valley Scholarship Pageant Committee right to use photographs or digital images for use in publication processes for the betterment of the Miss Yucca Valley Pageant; including, but not limited to; print media, electronic media, or published via the internet including Facebook and the Miss Yucca Valley website.

I hereby grant any entity, as deemed necessary, by the Miss Yucca Valley Committee, the right to photo/video and use such as deemed necessary.

All photographs from the 2001 Miss Yucca Valley Court to the present Courts are on the Facebook page of Sheldon and Tara Hough.

As your daughter is now a "public figure", we cannot control what the news media might photograph or display. We do assure you we will discourage anyone taking or using any unauthorized photographs/videos of your daughter.

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