

Miss **Maryland** **Agriculture** **Application** **2020**

The purpose of the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program is to surface young women with agricultural backgrounds to serve as leaders in the effort to promote our industry, agriculture education and the Farm Bureau organization throughout the year and in the future.

Resume

25 Points

Your resume is a written compilation of your education, work experience, leadership and agricultural accomplishments. References are not requested. Please use the Times New Roman font 10-12pt. Do not exceed one page in length. Please refer to the template on the next page in order to complete.

Your Name

Street Address
City, MD Zip

Phone
Email

Objective

Why do you want to be Miss Maryland Agriculture? One sentence only!!! Do not write a paragraph. Education

What School? Where was it? (Most recent goes 1st. Only list high school and college.)

Super Star High School, Columbia, MD 21000

August 2016 – Present

- *Clubs, sports, areas of special interest, academic achievements – include the dates for each*

Work Experience

Where and when did you work? (Most recent goes 1st)

Safeway, Anytown, MD 21000

September – December 2018

- *Courtesy Clerk, bagged groceries, helped customers put groceries in cars, brought carts back to the store*

Kids Kamps, Anytown, MD 21000

June – August 2017

- *Summer Camp Counselor, assisted leaders with group activities, gathered materials and equipment for camp activities, supervised campers at lunch and during free time*

Agriculture Accomplishments

What activities have you been involved in? What awards have you earned? (Most recent goes 1st)

- *4-H, FFA, or Farm Bureau activities; local, state, or national conferences or shows; family farm and project responsibilities; school projects that centered on agriculture related issues*

Leadership

How have you worked to guide individuals and groups to achieve their goals? (Most recent goes 1st)

- *School, athletic, community, club, religious activities; elected offices held; chairperson/coordinator for events; volunteer efforts to help others*

Essay

25 Points

Please select one of the topics listed below. Submit in essay format using the Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12 pt. and not exceed one page in length. The essay should be double spaced expressing your views on the selected topic. Please include your name and county at the top of the page.

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

1. What do you feel is the role of Women in Agriculture?
2. How can you make a difference in Farm Bureau?
3. How can we teach the public about animal welfare in general?
4. Explain the importance of Agriculture education at fairs and shows.
5. Give an example of how Maryland agriculture has changed from 50 years ago to today.

Personal Information and Membership Verification

Please provide a photo copy of your Driver's License (age verification) and complete:

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 August 27, 2020)

Polo Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

Parents/Guardians Names:

Farm Bureau Membership # _____

County: _____

Biography of Yourself for Newspaper(attach if need more room) -

Five facts about yourself for stage introduction -

_1. _____
_2. _____
_3. _____
_4. _____
_5. _____

Please write your stage/introduction name and how you would like it listed in the program.

Stage _____

Program _____

County Agricultural Information

List ten agricultural facts about your county –

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

County Farm Bureau Membership - ____ # of members

Name of your County President -

Name of your County Women’s Leadership Chairperson –

Name of your Miss County Farm Bureau Coordinator -

Name of your County Young Farmer Chairperson -

Name and contact information for your County Farm Bureau Secretary -

2020 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contestant – Code of Conduct

When participating in any activity representing Maryland Farm Bureau as Miss Maryland Agriculture, Court member or County Miss, 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 Maryland Agriculture or Miss County Farm Bureau and all scholarships or expense funds provided. Please read carefully.**

- Your appearance as Miss Maryland Agriculture, Court Member or County Miss is by invitation only, unless instructed otherwise by the Miss Coordinator. Do not make an appearance wearing your sash if not invited. Any unsolicited or unauthorized appearance or representations on behalf of Maryland Farm Bureau are prohibited.
- For your personal safety, you must be accompanied by a chaperone over the age of 21 while wearing your sash and representing Maryland Farm Bureau at any event. Even if you are 18 years old or older. *Note: The chaperone may be a parent, relative, friend or Farm Bureau member attending the same event. Do not attend ANY event alone wearing your sash. 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 representing your county/state 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 Maryland Agriculture, Court Members, any County Miss or Maryland Farm Bureau via oral, written or internet posting is prohibited.
- As a county/state representative, professional behavior and appropriate attire are expected at all times:

Attire appropriate for the specific appearance or event (e.g. business casual, professional, formal, etc.)

- No jeans, sneakers, or flip flops. Boots are permitted with slacks.
- 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.
- During Orientation and the contest your sash may have no more than a total of 3 pins/embellishments.
- 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 Miss Program and repayment of scholarships and expense funds.

Signature of Contestant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Miss Maryland Agriculture Release and Consent Form

Please select one box in each section and complete with 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 Miss Maryland Agriculture 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 the Maryland State Fair, the Maryland Farm Bureau and all county Farm Bureaus, the Miss Maryland Agriculture Program 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 Miss Maryland Agriculture Program, whether due to negligence, mistake or other action or inaction.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Miss Maryland Agriculture Contestant 2020 Health Form

County:		Date of Birth:
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Phone:	E-mail:	Contestant Cell Phone:
Home Address :		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Parent/Guardian Home Phone:		Parent/Guardian Work Phone:
Emergency Contact Name:	Relationship with Contestant:	Emergency Contact Phone:
Physician's Name and Address:		Physician's Phone:
Insurance Provider:		Policy Number:
County Women's Chair/Contest Coordinator Contact Name (Optional):		Please complete this form with accurate and updated information. All attempts will be made to contact Parents/Guardians and Emergency Contacts. If contact is not made, then the County Women's Chair will be contacted if listed.

<p>Allergies to medications and type of reaction <i>Please list:</i></p>	<p>Food or insect allergies and type of reaction: <i>Please list:</i></p>
<p>Medical Conditions Check any current or past significant medical conditions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allergic Rhinitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asthma</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Colitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Depression</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restrictions _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eating Disorder (please specify) _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Allergy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease (please specify) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Migraine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Motion Sickness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Allergies – if so do you carry an epi pen? _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Walking</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>Surgeries in the past six months: _____</p>
<p>Other Medical, Surgical, or Psychiatric Condition(s) requiring ongoing care. <i>Please list and include relevant medical information:</i></p>	
<p>Medication(s) taken regularly. <i>Please list medication, dosage :</i></p>	

** All medicine in your possession throughout the contest MUST be listed above **

Medical Release: This form gives authority to the Miss Maryland Agriculture Committee to administer any medicine as listed above, by the contestant. By signing this form you are also giving permission for your child (accompanied by a member of the Miss MD Committee) to be transported and treated at a medical facility, in case of an emergency.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Eligibility Criteria for the 2020 Miss Maryland Agriculture Program

1. Contestants must be young women between the ages of 16 and 19 who may not turn 20 by August 27, 2020.
2. Contestants must be single, never married, not engaged, not pregnant nor already have children.
3. Contestants must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony.
4. Contestants and/or their parents or guardians must be Maryland Farm Bureau members who are "in good standing" based on timely payment of membership dues in the county Farm Bureau that they represent. Each contestant under the age of 18 must have written consent from a parent or guardian to enter the contest.
5. Each contestant must be selected and certified by a County Farm Bureau to be the Miss County Farm Bureau for the year of the state contest.
6. Contestants are welcome to compete in the state contest more than once if they have not previously been selected as Miss Maryland Agriculture or the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Runner Up. (Please refer to individual county Farm Bureau policy to see if contestant eligible under those rules to compete more than one time.)
7. All contestants must participate in the Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation. The orientation program will allow contestants to gain knowledge, experience and Farm Bureau expertise that will assist in their preparations to compete for the title of Miss Maryland Agriculture.
8. All contestants must participate in the competition in Timonium Thursday, August 27, 2020.
9. Application must be work of Contestant, if not she will be disqualified.
10. Application must be received no later than ten days after county contest.
11. Miss Maryland Agriculture 2020 will attend the 2021 Miss Maryland Agriculture Orientation and the 2021 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest.

Scoring of the 2020 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest

During the competition, contestants will be evaluated by a panel of three judges. Points will be scored during each activity and totaled at the end of the competition. The judges will consider the points to determine the winner and the runners up.

Areas of competition and scoring include:

Application – All documents (12 pages) complete and received on time. **20 points**

Resume - to include education, work experience, credentials and agricultural accomplishments. References are not requested. Use of Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12pt. and not to exceed 1 page in length. Neatness and spelling counts. **25 points**

Essay – selection of one of the topics listed. Essay format, use of Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12pt. and not to exceed 1 page in length. Include name and county at the top of the page. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, content and the depth of knowledge and clarity given in answering the question will be judged. Questions can be asked by the judges during the formal interviews pertaining to your essay answer. **25 points**

Formal Interview – Each contestant is interviewed separately by a panel of three judges in a private conference room. Contestants can earn points as follows:

25 points for agriculture knowledge/education

15 points for Farm Bureau knowledge

15 points for MSF knowledge

10 points for farm and agriculture responsibilities

10 points for personal presentation, personality and friendliness

10 points for first impression

The total points that can be earned during formal interviews **85 points**.

Agriculture Chat/Round Table – Contestants sit at a table with one judge and several other Miss contestants to discuss current agricultural topics of the judge's choice. Each contestant can earn up to **65 points** based on her knowledge of agriculture, Maryland Farm Bureau, discussion abilities, personality, friendliness and personal presentation.

On Stage Contest – Contestants will compete Thursday night on stage at the Maryland State Fair in front of all contestants and an audience of friends, family and fairgoers. Each Miss will present a 90-second speech

(timed) about her and how agriculture impacts her life, **20 points**. There will be a deduction of points if the contestant goes over the allotted time. She will then answer a question presented by the moderator based on information provided in her application and/or her written essay. **30 points** can be earned based on speaking ability, eye contact and a thorough answer to the question, **30 points** can be earned for demonstrated knowledge of agriculture. The total points that can be earned on stage during the contest are **80 points**.

The total possible score will be **300 points**.

All scores are kept confidential during the contest. At the end of the contest all scores are destroyed.

Educational Agriculture Promotion Board

****Board comes completed to Orientation with contestant****

The purpose of the Educational Agriculture Promotion Board is to act as an educational tool for consumers of all ages to learn more about agriculture in your county. Your board will be used throughout the year during your special visits to schools and events. The boards will be judged by all of the contestants and given awards based on the following topics (Most Informative, I Just like It, and Agri-Tourism). If you have any questions about your board or need help getting started please contact a past Miss County Representative, your County Contest Coordinator, your Women's Committee, or the Miss Maryland Agriculture Committee at missmdaginfo@gmail.com.

- Displays facts about agriculture in the county
- Shows Pictures of farms and other locations related to agriculture in the county
- Is 2 Dimensional
- Is Attractive and eye catching
- Ready to be shown to the public
- Board can be any size or color
- Board is provided to you by your County

It's all about Me!

Submit a 30 - 45 second video/commercial about you and your agricultural experiences to share at schools and community events. Include your name, county and topics relevant to agriculture. Share final copies of the video with missmdaginfo@gmail.com. Save your video as your county's name when you send it.

Possible script guideline:

- **Introduction:** Include your name, your county and a fun fact about your county.
- **Body:** State your relevant experience to agriculture. For example, mention your employer (if you have one), your role, the skills you used and developed as well as the accomplishments and results you are proud of. Mention your future career goals and why agriculture is important to you.
- **Conclusion:** Thank your audience for their interest and willingness to learn more about agriculture.

Tips for recording:

- Pick appropriate clothing for your audience.
- Choose a background/setting that highlights agriculture.
- Make sure you practice your script a few times before you record.

Please complete ALL required pages of this application and submit no later than **10 days** after your county contest to:
DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY to

Maryland Farm Bureau email

Application Checklist for Required Pages/Items

Resume

Photo copy of your Driver's License

Essay

Personal Information and Membership Verification

County Agricultural Information

Contestant Agreement – signed

Code of Conduct – signed

Release and Consent Form – signed

Hold Harmless Agreement – signed

2020 Health Form – signed

Five pictures of yourself – digital

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Educational Agriculture Promotion Board – Bring to Orientation

It's all about Me! – Bring to Orientation