



Miss Deaf Virginia Pageant



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Dear Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs),

We are writing to you on behalf of the Miss Deaf Virginia Pageant (MDVP) which is sponsored by the Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD). The VAD is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the deaf and hard-of-hearing, promoting equal access to education, communication, health research, rehabilitation, public information and fighting discrimination.

We are hoping that PTAs will learn about Miss Deaf Virginia and help us promote the Pageant throughout the Commonwealth. This is who we are and what we do. The Pageant is an integral part of the VAD in which we promote young deaf people, teach them to be self-reliant and provide them incentive to become leaders. As a nonprofit organization, the VAD and the Pageant depend heavily on the support generosity of the members, individuals and organizational donors, including corporations.

The Miss Deaf Virginia Pageant traditionally is held during the biennial Virginia Association of the Deaf Conference. We are looking forward to a great Pageant at the coming 2011 VAD Conference in Richmond 21 July to 24 July, 2011. The Pageant is open to deaf and hard of hearing women who are residents of Virginia. They must be between ages 17 and 27. The contestants will be judged in five areas, which are private interview, platform presentation, talent show, evening wear, and on-stage interview.

Please visit Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD) website at www.vad.org to learn more. Email me at MDVP@verizon.net or contact the VAD President, Rachel Bavister at rbavister@comcast.net. One of us will gladly help any contestant who requests assistance.

Thank you for your interest. We hope you will share this information with all your members.

Sincerely,

Sally J. Thompson
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