

**Miss Festival of Nations**

**47th Annual**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**Application**

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| **NATION** |  |
| **Name of Contestant** |  |
| **Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year** |  |
| **Contestant Address** |  |
| **Contestant/Parent Phone Number** |  |
| **Contestant/Parent E-mail** |  |
| **Sash Color Desired****Lettering Color Gold/Silver/Black/Red** **Submission Deadline:**  |  |
| **Festival Representative****Name & phone** | Jane Thapa, 518-894-2542 |
| **Contestant’s School** |  |

**Miss Festival of Nations Guidelines**

* Contestants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 on the day of the judging.
* Contestants should appear at the judging at the Marriott AND at the Festival in native dress/costume.
* Contestant should be active in her ethnic organization.
* A one-page essay/biography must also be submitted.
* Applications and essay/biography must be emailed ONLY to mezzofondo1@yahoo.com or given to Mike. The application submitted must be the one for this year. No applications from previous years will be accepted. **Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be returned without exception.**
* Candidates who are not dressed by 6:30 will likely not be able to take part in the photo of the candidates. If you anticipate your candidate **not** arriving by 6:30 pm on the night of the event once the judging date is announced, please mark here. \_\_\_\_\_
* If your candidate is performing on stage, please mark here. \_\_\_\_
* Applications and essays must be received by Mike by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 19, 2018. Applications and essays submitted after that deadline will not be accepted, meaning nations will lose their Miss Festival share, and candidates will not be allowed to participate in the Miss Festival judging.
* No more than three people (none under the age of 12) may accompany a Miss Festival candidate to the judging. **Failure to follow this rule may result in loss of your 2018 Miss Festival share and/or your candidate not being considered for the final judging.** Please write below the people you anticipate attending the judging with your contestant:

**Helpful hints**

1. Essay/biography should be written in the first person. (I or me; not she or her)
2. Essay/biography should be double spaced. Judges do not have time to read a one-page single spaced document.
3. Judging order will be determined by drawing of lots.
4. **On the evening of the judging, candidates and those accompanying her will need to stop by the check-in table first to collect sash, name tags for guests and ask where food should be placed and get individual photo taken by Mike or Nony.**
5. All participating nations must bring a dish of food to share.
6. Nations should arrive with the food at 6 pm and place in the designated spot for appetizer, dinner and dessert.
7. Nations should also bring appropriate serving utensils.
8. Nations must also bring a sign accompanying their food noting the following:
9. nation,
10. food name,
11. description of the food,
12. warning of any allergy causing ingredients the food contains, and
13. whether the food contains any dairy, eggs or meat.
14. **Questions? Please call me. 518-431-9197**