

CARIWEST



Western Carnival Development Association
10575 114 Street
Edmonton, AB, T5H 3J6

Miss Cariwest Pageant 2007

Welcome to the second annual Miss Cariwest pageant. The pageant will be held on Saturday July 7, 2007. There is a **\$50** application fee with each application form, and all forms must be submitted to the Cariwest office by 1pm, Sunday April 22, 2007.

Pageant applicants are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday April 22, 2007, from 1-3pm in the Cariwest office located at 10575 114 St. Please dress in dressy/casual attire at this initial meeting.

The pageant committee will hold several sessions to assist the contestants with preparation for the pageant. (Assistance with public speaking and presentation skills etc.)

Each contestant will be responsible for providing her own gown and costume. To off set these costs we encourage contestants to seek sponsorship from an individual or organization. A make-up artist will be available at no cost for those contestants who prefer not to do their own.

Judging Criteria

Mas competition

There will be a mas competition where each contestant will have the opportunity to showcase a carnival costume. You will need to provide your own costume along with a short summary of your concept or theme. Contestants will be judged on the costume design and theme, as well as presentation. Costumes should be no larger than 5' in width and 5' in height.

Talent Competition

Contestants will be asked to perform a talent that is approximately 3 minutes in length. You are free to select the type of performance you want. (Song, dance, poetry etc.)

Evening Wear & Individual Monologue

All contestants will compete in the Evening Wear competition. Contestants will be judged on presentation, style, poise and confidence. Each contestant will be interviewed and asked a question about herself. This is the demonstration of personality and attitude. It is our opportunity to get to know the contestant.

Question & Answer period

This is the final judging category for the pageant. Contestants will draw from a selection of questions that have been pre-prepared by the judges. They will be judged on their responses, composure and communication skills.

Selection Criteria

When selecting the Miss Cariwest 2007, we are looking for a representative for our community. Intelligence, confidence, self-respect and ambition are just a few of the qualities we are looking for.

All candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. West Indian/ Caribbean descent⁽³⁾
2. 18-26 years of age
3. A current resident of Edmonton or surrounding areas. (Surrounding areas include St Albert, Sherwood Park or Spruce Grove, Leduc)
4. Have completed high school
5. Enrolled in any post-secondary education⁽⁴⁾.

Please see the additional rules and regulations below

Rules & Regulations

1. The contestant must be a naturally born female, of good character.
2. The Western Carnival Development Association has the right to revoke any winnings or disqualify any contestant who has committed any of the following offences:
 - Misrepresented herself on this or any related application form.
 - Conducted herself in a disrespectful or indecent manner that may prove harmful to the reputation of this organization.
 - Has at any time been convicted of any crime or has been charged with any criminal offences.
 - Conducted herself in an un-sportsman like, or uncooperative manner before or during the competition
3. The phrase "West Indian and Caribbean descent" refers to individuals who were born in (or are direct descendants of relatives born in) Countries that fall within the West Indies or Caribbean areas.
4. Post-secondary includes any education after high school. Applicants beginning their education this fall are permitted.
5. All Prize money will be awarded in the form of a scholarship. At the discretion of the WCDA, winners are permitted to donate their scholarship to another family member in the event that they are not able to use it. Proof of family relationship with be required.
6. The first place winner is required to represent Cariwest at designated pre-festival and festival events. She will be a part of the parade and therefore cannot "Play Mas" with a band. She agrees to uphold her title with dignity.
7. The Contestants chosen "First Runner-up" shall be willing and able to assume all duties in the event that the winner is unable/unwilling to fulfill her responsibilities for the ensuing year.
8. All applications and fees must be submitted in full by **April 22, 2007**. The \$50 application fee is non-refundable and non-negotiable.
9. Family members of the current governing board of the Western Carnival Development Association, or the pageant judges are not eligible to participate in the pageant.
10. Unsuccessful contestants may be eligible to re-enter the pageant in for one more year.
11. The Western Carnival Development Association will not be responsible for any items lost or stolen during the pageant or at any pre-pageant events.

Please read the selection criteria and pageant rules before completing this application.

Application Form Part A

Candidates please complete the following:

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Initial
(_____)_____	_____	_____
Phone Number	Email	Date of Birth

Street Address		
_____	_____	_____
City	Postal Code	Occupation

2. Which country do you represent? _____

3. What program are you registered in? _____

Name of School _____ Year of program _____

4. Are you actively involved in your community? Do you volunteer for any organizations?
Yes No

If yes, please list activities in this box.

