

MATERIAL DUE MAY 2, 2022
PRELIMINARIES FOR BERKS COUNTY'S
OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN

Dear Preliminary Candidate,

Congratulations on deciding to become one of the candidates from your school who will seek the title of *Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman* for 2023. The Berks County Outstanding Young Woman Program has provided scholarships and wonderful opportunities for high school seniors for over 50 years. I know you will find this experience worthwhile.

The winner from your school will compete in the *Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman* program, which will be held on Saturday September 24, 2022. One contestant will be chosen from each of the 19 high schools in Berks County and one from a cyber or charter home school. This selection will be made at preliminary judging, which will be held on Sunday May 15, 2022 in the afternoon. All candidates from each school will be scheduled at the same time. You and the other candidates from your school will be notified by the Berks County Outstanding Young Woman Committee, Inc., approximately one week prior, as to the time your school's judging is scheduled. The day's events will run approximately until 5:00 P.M. If you are chosen as the representative from your school, you will have to stay until the end for an important orientation. The preliminary judging will be held at the Kutztown Middle School in Kutztown, PA. A photo for the program will be taken that day so please have appropriate clothing. As the rules and regulations change for indoor gatherings, this will also affect our program as well. Our hope is to provide a normal program as we have in the past but please understand we want to do what is best to keep everyone safe. We will stay in contact if things change as we navigate this new normal.

Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman Program is open to all young ladies who will be a bona fide high school senior during the 2022-2023 school term. Participants must be United States citizens and they shall be single and never have been married, or have had a child, or be or have been pregnant. The judging criteria are as follows: Interview -25%; Scholastic Achievement - 25%; Fitness - 25%; Performing Arts - 25%

This year again we will be judging these 4 areas of competition at preliminaries.

Please see the attached sheet on the details of each phase of judging at preliminaries. An especially important area of judging is Scholastic Achievement. A copy of your present transcript will be required. Your school's guidance office will require a permission slip from your parents allowing them to release this information to us. Please provide this permission slip as soon as possible to your Guidance Office.

If this judging date conflicts with any other activity you may have scheduled, please inform us as soon as possible and we will consider a certain judging time on this date or set up separate judging on another date if a conflict exists for everyone from your school.

The deadline for returning the completed questionnaire and transcript is May 2, 2022. Your school will return all the material to:

Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman
c/o David DeTurk - Berks County OYW Committee
18 Mellon School Lane
Fleetwood, PA 19522

If you have any questions concerning this preliminary judging or any phase of the *Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman Program*, OR you need assistance please contact the following:

David DeTurk – Chairman
(610) 790-4996
Email: oywberks@gmail.com

We are very excited to meet you on Sunday May 15th, and we welcome you to *Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman Program*.

Sincerely,

David DeTurk, Chairman