

**Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention APPLICATION  
2018-2019**

**Please type or print:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending in the fall/job: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies or activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the rules.

I understand that if I do not adhere to the rules or participate in any conduct unbecoming of Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention, I will be asked to forfeit my title and hand over my sash and crown to my successor. I understand that if I should win, it is my duty to compete in the Carroll County Miss Fire Prevention Contest in September 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*All applications must be turned in to Sherry Ruby by July 31, 2018*

**Hampstead Miss and Junior Miss Fire Prevention**  
**Dress Code and Code of Conduct**  
**2018-2019**

**DRESS CODE**

- Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention and Junior Miss Fire Prevention will present herself in a professional and modest fashion while wearing her sash and crown.
- Acceptable apparel will include, but is not limited to:
  - Full-length or tea-length gown
  - Business suit or dress slacks/skirt and a blouse/sweater
  - HVFC polo shirt and khaki pants/capris
  - Appropriate footwear and accessories
- Unacceptable apparel is as follows:
  - Low-cut or provocative dresses or tops
  - Shorts that are shorter than knee-length
  - Jeans (unless prior approval is given depending on the event)
  - Jean shorts
  - T-shirts
  - Pajama pants
  - Strapless dresses
  - Heel that are higher than 2"

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the HVFC as Miss or Junior Miss Fire Prevention. You represent the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxilliary even when you are not wearing your crown and sash.

Any conduct unbecoming of Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention or Junior Miss Fire Prevention will result in the termination of your reign and you will be asked to turn in your crown and sash.

Please remember to conduct yourself in a professional manner AT ALL TIMES. This especially refers to the public image you project on social networking websites such as Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter, among others. Any information that you post on the Internet is PUBLIC information and can be viewed by anyone, regardless of whether your profile is private or not.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the outlined dress code and code of conduct.

I understand that any violation of these may be cause for me to be asked to forfeit my title and to pass my crown and sash on to my successor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention Contest Rules 2018-2019**

**Purpose:** To select a fire prevention educator/spokesperson to represent the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company.

**Award Sponsor:** Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC)

**Background:** HVFC sponsors an annual Miss Fire Prevention contest. The individual selected will represent the HVFC for one year (12 months) in local public education opportunities, at HVFC meetings, and in the CCVESA Miss Fire Prevention contest in September, as well as other activities such as parades and banquets.

### **Rules:**

1. Contestant must be single, never married, and have no children or be pregnant.
2. Must be between sixteen (16) through twenty-four (24) years of age.
  - a. Contestants under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parental/guardian form signed and must be chaperoned to all events by a parent/guardian, Miss Fire Prevention advisor, or representative of the HVFC.
3. HVFC requests that applicants seeking college or advanced education attend a college within the state of Maryland. Exceptions may be at the discretion of the fire prevention committee if it is felt that the college is close enough to Carroll County that her location will not interfere with her duties as Miss Fire Prevention. In the event that her schooling interferes with her ability to fulfill the requirements of the title, her sash, crown and other properties will be turned over to her runner-up.
4. Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention is allowed to hold this title for one (1) year. The current Miss Fire Prevention will not be able to compete for the same title the following year. A previous contestant or first runner-up will be permitted to run for the title again. A former Miss will be allowed to run again, but not in the year directly following the last year in which she was a titleholder. All exceptions to this rule are at the discretion of the fire prevention committee.
5. Each contestant will be interviewed by a panel of three (3) judges in the preliminaries, and the same judges will officiate the final stage portion of the contest.
6. Judges will not be associated with or members of the HVFC or Ladies Auxiliary.
7. The contest will be held on **Tuesday, August 24, 2018** at 4:30pm on the HVFC Carnival Grounds.
8. Preliminary judging will be in a private session and will consist of the following:
  - a. A three to five minute presentation on a fire prevention-related subject.
  - b. One or two general fire prevention questions selected from the list included with this packet.
  - c. General interview questions.
9. Preliminary judging will be calculated in the same point system as onstage judging, with a total of one hundred (100) points. Point assignment will be as follows:

a. Fire Prevention Knowledge	0-50 points
b. Speaking Ability, Personality, and Poise	0-40 points
c. General Appearance	0-10 points
10. The final judging will be completed onstage and will include the following:
  - a. The question, "How will you spread the fire prevention message?"
  - b. One randomly selected fire prevention question from the list included with this packet.
11. Application deadline is **July 31, 2018**
12. The winner of Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention is required to compete at the Carroll County Miss Fire Prevention Contest in September 2018
13. This is NOT a talent or beauty contest.
14. The judges' decision is final.
15. A monthly activity report must be submitted by the last day of each month to a designated member of the Fire Prevention Committee.
16. Hampstead Miss Fire Prevention will adhere to a dress code and code of conduct.
17. THESE RULES ARE EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

## **Carroll County Miss Fire Prevention Contest Questions 2018-2019**

Please be prepared to answer any of the following questions during some portion of the contest. These questions have been phrased for Junior Miss and Miss Fire Prevention, whose primary responsibility is to speak to groups about fire safety.

1. How will you spread the fire prevention message? **(all contestants)**
2. When you are speaking to a group of babysitters, what do you believe are the most important items of information they should know?  
The emergency number (911), the escape plans, where to meet on the outside of home, telephone number where parents can be reached, and location of and proper use of fire extinguishers for small fires.
3. When you enter a public place or stay at a hotel, what are the things you should note in the event of a fire?  
Notice all escape routes, check out smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and emergency telephone number. Never use elevator in event of fire. Notify management if any emergency exits are blocked. If staying overnight, a portable smoke alarm and flashlight would be nice.
4. Why are planned escape routes and fire drills so important?  
In the event of fire, most people become panic stricken and frustrated and therefore cannot think clearly on what to do. Having an escape plan with a second way out of a building and practicing it often will make it much easier to escape due to fact that it comes naturally and you will know what to do from practice.
5. When speaking to a group of campers, what precautions must you give them to ensure a fire safe environment in order to prevent forest fires?  
If smoking, don't smoke in any combustible materials area. When setting up camp, clear everything away that could burn in a circle ten feet in a diameter and dig a hole in middle and build the fire there. If possible fill buckets with water or have loose sand handy for putting out fire. If used for warming, take turns guarding fire, never leave unattended. When breaking camp, check area thoroughly for any possible burning embers, etc. wet down good and cover with sand. If you witness any careless campers, report it, if possible, to the local forest ranger or authority have.
6. When speaking to a community group about kitchen fires, what precautions would you give them to prevent kitchen fires?  
Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing near hot burners. Keep children away from stove. Don't overload receptacles and do not use extension cords. Don't use water or flour on grease fires, use a lid or ABC type fire extinguisher. If oven is on fire, shut the door. Don't leave food cooking while attended.

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7. Where should smoke alarms be placed in the home, and how often should they be tested?

Place the smoke alarm on the ceiling outside the sleeping area, usually in the hallway off which the bedrooms open. If ceiling not practical, then 6" to 12" down the wall. Don't place near air supply or return duct, as smoke may not be detected. Place one on each level of house. Smoke alarms should be tested regularly, NFPA recommends weekly, but always at least once a month. Replace batteries every year.

8. What are the dangers of turning in a false alarm? Explain the penalties for this crime.

If caught you might have to pay a fine up to \$5,000, be imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both, it will be on your record as a misdemeanor which could make it hard to obtain a good job, you will not be considered as of good character. People in the reported false alarm area may panic and become injured. Fire fighters responding to call may be involved in an accident. Many mishaps can happen that are unnecessary.

9. Explain the proper use of a fire extinguisher and when should or shouldn't you use one.

Read instructions on fire extinguisher as to proper use, some are different. Procedure on most requires just pulling the pin, aim low pointing nozzle at base of fire, squeeze handle and sweep from side at base of fire until fire is out. Only use the fire extinguisher if the fire is small and you can keep yourself out of danger.

10. What hazards are caused by smoking materials and how can they be prevented?

Throwing lit cigarettes out of car into wooded areas, smoking and falling asleep in bed, accidentally having hot ashes fall into combustible materials such as chair, couch, or bed, smoking near flammable liquids. Best to stop smoking, don't allow smoking in house, if not possible to quit, then take following precautions: make sure matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them, establish a no smoking in bed rule in home, use large noncombustible ash trays, store matches and lighters up high where children cannot reach, if you drink or take medication you should avoid smoking.

11. What is the importance of educating people of all ages in fire safety?

Fire takes the lives of both young and old; they are terrifying, quick and devastating. They account for the second leading cause of deaths in homes. If we are knowledgeable of the hazards of fire, how to prevent them and how to escape from fire through advanced planning, then what we learn will save many lives in the event of fire. Proper education in fire safety will help overcome the myth "It will never happen to me."

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12. Describe an electrical octopus hazard and explain how electrical appliances can be safely used in the home.

Plugging too many appliances into one outlet you will cause an overload. Safe practices for using appliances are make sure it is UL listed, check for condition of wiring, never use a defective appliance, never put cords under rugs or places where they can be stepped on or broken, make sure fuse or circuit breaker is proper size for appliance. Keep a watchful eye on any electrical appliance when in use especially when used for cooking, heating, or ironing.

13. In Maryland, what area of the home do more fires occur and what measures can be taken to reduce this statistic?

The area of the home where more fires occur is the Kitchen. Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing near hot burners. Keep children away from stove. Don't use water or flour on grease fires, use a lid or ABC type fire extinguisher. If oven is on fire, shut the door. Don't leave food cooking while attended

14. Why are hearing impaired smoke alarms important and how can a hearing impaired smoke alarm be obtained?

Everyone needs to be able to be notified in the event of an emergency. Those that are deaf or hard of hearing need a special device in order to notify them there is an emergency. Many counties have a contact person that can be contacted directly. For Carroll County, Fire Marshal Bruce Bouch from Gamber or Debbie Gartrell-Kemp from Winfield can be contacted for a device.

15. What is the proper procedure for storing flammable liquids and what dangers will occur when flammable liquids are misused? **(WILL NOT BE USED FOR JUNIOR MISS)**

Flammable liquids should be stored in an approved metal container in a well-ventilated area outside of the house. Misuse of flammable liquids: wrong fuel for heater, used to start a fire in fireplace or woodstove, used around heat or flame or used for cleaning inside of house when not recommended. Never leave opened containers of flammable liquids laying around always close immediately after use.

16. What fire safety procedures should be employed with fireplaces, stoves and portable space heaters? **(WILL NOT BE USED FOR JUNIOR MISS)**

Make sure they are installed correctly, have adequate clearance (36") from combustible materials. UL approved, should be inspected and cleaned yearly. Fireplace requires glass or metal screen in front of opening. Never use flammable liquids to start fire. Always discard ashes using metal container outside of home in safe place. Never use portable heater without emergency cut off, use proper fuel only with proper ventilation. Never fill heater when it is operating. Store flammable liquids outside. Keep any

loose clothing or any combustibles away from heater.

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17. What are the four (4) types of fire extinguishers and what class of fire would you use them for? **(WILL NOT BE USED FOR JUNIOR MISS)**

The four classes of fire are A-ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, paper, plastics, rubber, etc. B-flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, grease, tar, oil base paints, lacquer, etc. C-electrical equipment such as fuse boxes, wiring, circuit breakers, appliances, and machinery. D-exotic metals such as magnesium, sodium, and titanium.

18. When using outdoor cooking devices, (gas or charcoal grills) when should you use these grills and what precautions should you take with them? **(WILL NOT BE USED FOR JUNIOR MISS)**

Open flame devices should be kept 15 feet away from all structures, you should never grill on a balcony, be sure to secure your propane cylinder to the grill and check to be sure all hoses are secure, keep the device away from all combustible materials.