



MISS BUNA PAGEANT Contestant Information

PAGEANT HISTORY

It is the privilege of the Buna Volunteer Fire Department to sponsor the 60th annual Miss Buna Pageant in 2017. In 1957, the Buna Volunteer Fire Department sponsored the first Miss Buna Pageant as a fundraising project to earn money to run the department and provide fire protection for the residents of Buna. Soon, the Miss Buna Parade evolved and was comprised of pageant contestants who each decorated an individual parade entry. Eventually, the Buna Chamber of Commerce joined their efforts with the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and built the annual Redbud Festival around the Miss Buna Parade, with the crowning of Miss Buna the grand finale of a fun-filled and very special day in Buna. For sixty years the Buna Volunteer Fire Department has produced not a one day pageant, but a moving experience that remains in the hearts and on the minds of local young women for generations. We are so excited that you have decided to participate in the Miss Buna Pageant and know that this will be an experience you will always treasure.

PURPOSE OF PAGEANT COMPETITION

The Miss Buna Pageant is not a beauty pageant, but an opportunity for young women to gain valuable experience that will help them excel in their future collegiate and career endeavors. Through the various pageant competitions, contestants become knowledgeable with the atmosphere of a professional job interview, public speaking, etiquette, presentation and poise, and composure. In addition, Miss Buna will be awarded the opportunity to serve the community of Buna throughout her reign through special presentations, projects, and appearances, often interacting with local and regional dignitaries and celebrities. In addition, Miss Buna will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship payable upon her registration as a full-time student in a state recognized college or university of her choice. Contestants will compete in the following competitions: Interview, Personal Introduction, Sportswear, and Formal Wear.

ELIGIBILITY

Young women who are eligible to compete for the title of Miss Buna are female students of Buna High School. Contestants may not have ever become pregnant, borne a child, or have children. Contestants may not be married or have ever been married. Contestants may not have ever held the title of Miss Buna or have served out a term as such.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the Miss Buna Pageant is \$65.00 and should be made payable to the Buna Volunteer Fire Department. Contestant's parents may pay the entry fee or she may solicit a business sponsor to pay the fee. A contestant may have no more than one business sponsor.

REGISTRATION

Contestants may submit registration packets in their entirety (contestant profile, entry fee, signed liability release, code of conduct and photo release) to the Pageant Director at BVFD no later than Saturday, February 4, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. **Late entries will not be accepted.** A contestant is not considered officially registered for the Miss Buna Pageant until her registration packet, in its entirety, has been submitted to the Pageant Director.

CONTESTANT PROFILE

Each contestant will submit a contestant profile to be used as a basis for the interview competition and information for the emcee. You may recreate the form on your computer, however, in doing so you **MUST** recreate it in **EXACTLY** the same format as the form and it must be in Times New Roman or Arial font, so that it may be easily read by the judges. There are typewriters available at the public library if you wish to type directly on the form you are given. Please keep a copy of your contestant profile for your reference in preparing for the interview competition. Please carefully prepare and complete the contestant profile, as you will not be allowed to submit revised drafts. Carefully consider the information you included in the profile and be able to speak knowledgeably on each item listed.

OFFICIAL PAGEANT PHOTOS

The Buna Volunteer Fire Department has selected Amy Anderson as the official photographer of the Miss Buna Pageant. No other person or persons will be allowed to set up photography equipment or take photos of the pageant or contestants for the purpose of resale. Each contestant will have a photo taking at the Contestant Tea. This photo will be used for publicity, the official pageant program, and the photogenic competition. The Buna Volunteer Fire Department, and/or their designee, and Pageant Committee reserve the right to select the photo of each contestant made available for publicity purposes, for publication in the official pageant program, and for the photogenic competition. Photo ordering information will be provided.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

In appreciation of the Buna Volunteer Fire Department, Miss Buna contestants are asked to sell program advertisements to businesses and/or individuals. An advertising contract is included in the contestant registration packet and contains additional information regarding program advertisement. Feel free to make additional copies of this form as needed. Program advertisements and monies must be submitted to the Pageant Director along with the contestant registration packet. Please note that advertisements purchased for the purpose of congratulating a pageant contestant may not include photos. Through program advertisement, contestants will earn extra points (up to 5 points) to be added to their final pageant score. **Ads are to be turned in no later than Saturday, February 4, 2017. Please turn in contracts as they are sold. Contracts may be turned in on the deadline at the fire hall or text Todd Walters at 409-781-4424 and he will arrange to meet with you.**

REHEARSAL

Rehearsal is MANDATORY and will take place on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Buna ISD Activity Center. Rehearsal is closed, thus persons other than contestants will not be permitted entry. Please bring the shoes to rehearsal that you will be wearing for the pageant so you can wear them on stage. In addition, Miss Congeniality votes will be submitted at rehearsal.

REDBUD FESTIVAL PARADE

To celebrate the heritage of the Miss Buna Pageant, contestants are encouraged to participate in the Redbud Festival Parade, and those choosing to participate will be rewarded with extra points added to her final pageant score. Each contestant must secure and decorate her parade entry and each entry must be clearly marked with her name and the words "Miss Buna Contestant". Parade entries may be a car, float, or horse drawn vehicle... just to name a few. A separate panel of judges will be selected to award points to parade entries based on crowd appeal and relativity to the parade theme. A parade entry form is included in the Miss Buna Registration Packet and may be submitted to the Pageant Director along with other registration documents. The Buna Chamber of Commerce organizes the Redbud Festival and Parade and questions regarding these activities may be directed to Kathy Griffis at the Chamber office at 409.994.5586. The Chamber will assign parade numbers, which will be posted for public viewing at their office at least one day prior to the event.

PAGEANT SCHEDULE & WARDROBE CHANGES

Contestants must arrive at the Buna ISD Activity Building no later than 6:00 p.m. on the evening of the pageant. Staging rooms will be provided for wardrobe changes. ONE PERSON may assist each contestant with wardrobe changes. Each of those persons will be provided with an official badge and will be required to present that badge when entering the staging rooms. Please have your wardrobe selections organized so they may be quickly accessed, and remove tags and packages from new accessories, shoes, and clothing to save time during wardrobe changes. Respect the facility and the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and Pageant Committee by removing trash and all of your personal articles from the staging rooms upon exit. Any items found in staging rooms after the pageant will be discarded and neither the Buna Volunteer Fire Department nor the Pageant Committee will be responsible for those articles.

CONTESTANT TEA / INTERVIEW COMPETITION

The interview competition will be held at the Whitehead Building on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Contestant Tea. Attire for the interview competition will be a modest business style suit and dress shoes. No shorts. Discussion questions during interview will be derived from information you submit on your contestant profile. The judges will be advised that the purpose of this competition is to give contestants an opportunity to prepare for a collegiate or professional job interview, thus your choice of attire, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, and hair style should be appropriate for these situations. Cake will be served and contestant photos will be taken for the photogenic competition, Miss Buna Program Book and for the Buna Beacon. The interview waiting area will be for contestants only, and once a contestant has completed her interview, she will not be allowed to join contestants in the interview waiting area. In addition to the interview competition, contestants will also draw contestant numbers at the tea. **No cell phones will be allowed at the Tea.**

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

On the evening of the pageant, contestants will first compete in the Personal Introduction competition. While modeling their Sportswear selection, contestants will use a stand microphone to introduce themselves to the panel of judges and the audience. Included in the introduction MUST be the contestant's name, her school classification, and she must express appreciation to her pageant sponsor. Judges will be evaluating contestant's poise, diction, projection, and general speaking ability.

SPORTSWEAR COMPETITION

In the Sportswear Competition, contestants will model their wardrobe selection and will be judged on attire, presentation, poise, and modeling. The wardrobe selection for the Sportswear Competition should be a stylish casual ensemble worn to an age appropriate outing, accessorized to compliment the contestant, not overpower her. Please keep in mind that due to overhead lighting, hats often cast a dark shadow on the contestant's face. Please note that athletic attire is not appropriate for this competition. Contestants will model their sportswear selection to upbeat, modern music in a fashion show type presentation.

FORMAL WEAR COMPETITION

Contestants will select a formal gown to model for the Formal Wear Competition. This gown may be long or tea length (short gowns are not appropriate), in the color of the contestant's choice, and worn with heels. However, WHITE is reserved for the reigning Miss Buna and no contestant will be permitted to model a white gown. Gowns may not expose flesh, or appear to expose flesh on areas of the body that would be distasteful. Side and back slits are permitted, but must be age appropriate as deemed by the Pageant Director. Keep in mind that the judges and audience are sitting below the contestant looking up at her. To prepare for pageant competition, a contestant should stand on a high surface and her gown should be inspected by someone sitting much lower to ensure that slits are not revealing. When considering appropriate length, the contestant should select the heels to be worn with her gown and wear those heels when being measured for length by her tailor.

CROWNING OF MISS BUNA

The following awards will be presented: Second Runner-Up, First Runner-Up, Miss Congeniality, Most Photogenic, and Miss Buna. Based on participation, a Top Ten group may be recognized, and then awards announced from that group of contestants. The Buna Volunteer Fire Department and Pageant Director reserve the right to determine when it is/ is not appropriate to recognize the Top Ten contestants. When the emcee announces an award recipient, that contestant should step forward and receive her award. The recipients of the Most Photogenic and Miss Congeniality awards may also receive a runner-up award or the title of Miss Buna. All contestants receiving awards should remain on the stage following the crowning of Miss Buna for photos. Family, friends, and other persons will not be permitted on the stage until the Official Pageant Photographer has completed taking official photos.

ROLE OF MISS BUNA

Miss Buna is the official representative of the community of Buna and will have the privilege of representing Buna at local and regional community activities and events, interacting with children as well as adults. She is to be a good role model and a young lady of upstanding character who takes her one year commitment to the community very seriously, striving to represent Buna positively, with a good attitude, and a servant's heart, just as the women who have worn the crown before her. The title of Miss Buna should be deeply respected by the young lady entrusted with the crown. The Buna Volunteer Fire Department has set forth a Code of Conduct which Miss Buna must strictly adhere to during her reign. The Code of Conduct follows and must be acknowledged by each contestant and her parents with their signature.

CONDUCT

Contestants and parents alike are reminded that the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and Miss Buna Pageant Committee are comprised completely of volunteers who receive absolutely no compensation for their effort in making the Miss Buna Pageant the premier event for young women in the community. Often pageant volunteers utilize their own resources, monetary and otherwise, to ensure that the Miss Buna Pageant is a success and a memorable experience for all contestants. The BVFD members and Pageant Director and Committee are to be respected at ALL TIMES. In the process of preparing for the pageant, should any contestant, parent, or other representative of a contestant become verbally abusive to any pageant volunteer, the Buna Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to disallow that contestant from pageant competition without a refund of fees.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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409.994.2178
409.658.0126



MISS BUNA PAGEANT Contestant Information Acknowledgment

By my signature below, I acknowledge having received the contestant Registration Packet and have read and understand the policies and procedures outlined therein.

Information in Review

- The Miss Buna Pageant entry fee is \$65.00, payable to the Buna Volunteer Fire Department, and must be submitted along with the contestant Registration Packet in its entirety. I acknowledge that I am not officially registered for the Miss Buna Pageant until my Registration Packet, in its entirety, is submitted to the Pageant Director. Registration Packets must be submitted no later than Saturday, February 4, 2017 before 4:00 p.m. at the BVFD fire hall. **Late entries will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.**
- I understand that my contestant profile must appear in EXACTLY the same format as the form provided. I further understand that this is the first impression that the judges will have of me and I will very carefully complete the form using much thought. Once my form is submitted to the Pageant Director, I know that I may not revise the form or retrieve it for the purpose of copying.
- I understand that I may participate in the Redbud Festival Parade and I must submit my parade entry form with my contestant Registration Packet. If I have additional questions regarding the parade, I will contact the Chamber of Commerce at 409.994.5586.
- I understand that I am being asked to assist the Buna Volunteer Fire Department in producing the Miss Buna Pageant by selling program advertisement. I have received a program Advertisement Contract and will submit contracts and monies, no later than February 4, 2017.
- I understand that the Interview Competition will take place at the Contestant Tea on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Whitehead Building. I will arrange a timely arrival at this event and draw my contestant number prior to the Interview Competition.
- I understand that pageant rehearsal is MANDATORY and I will arrive by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017 and bring the shoes that I plan to wear on stage during the pageant.
- I will respect the Buna ISD Activity Building by removing trash and personal items from the facility upon exit after the Miss Buna Pageant.
- I will arrive at the Buna ISD Activity Building on Saturday, March 11, 2017 for the Miss Buna Pageant no later than 6:00 p.m. and will have my wardrobe selections organized. I understand that one person will be allowed access to staging rooms to assist me with wardrobe changes.
- I understand that I will be competing in Personal Introduction, Sportswear, and Formal Wear competitions and acknowledge policies for each described in the Contestant Information packet.
- I understand that the decisions of the judging panel are final and scores and/or score sheets will not be released to me or any other person.
- I understand that the role of Miss Buna is serious and to be taken seriously and respected at all times.

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



MISS BUNA PAGEANT Contestant Profile

Contestant #:

Name:

Age:

Grade: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

School Activities / Awards:

Civic / Community Service:

Hobbies / Other Interests:

Future Plans / Ambition:

Anything else you would like to mention about yourself:



**MISS BUNA PAGEANT
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Miss Buna Contestant #:

Name:

Age:

Hair Color:

Eye Color:

Circle:

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Parents:

Grandparents:

Sponsor:



MISS BUNA PAGEANT Calendar of Events

Jan.-Feb. 2017

- Jan. 21 Contestant Registration Packets are available
- Jan. 21 - Feb. 4 Contestants may sell program advertisements for Official Pageant Program
- Feb. 4 Contestant Registration Packets, in their entirety, due; may be submitted to Pageant Director no later than 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 4 **Advertising contracts are due. Please turn in contracts as they are sold.**
- Feb. 25 Contestant Tea/Interview Competition, 2:00 p.m., Whitehead Bldg.

March 2017

- March 8 Pick up a copy of the Buna Beacon Redbud Edition to see your Miss Buna contestant photos
- March 10 Mandatory Miss Buna Rehearsal (closed), 7:00 p.m. Buna ISD Activity Bldg. Don't forget pageant shoes!
- March 10 Rehearsal confirm your parade number
- March 11 Redbud Festival Parade, 10:00 a.m., downtown Buna
- March 11 Miss Buna Pageant, 7:00 p.m., Buna ISD Activity Building; contestants must arrive by 6:00 p.m.



MISS BUNA PAGEANT Code of Conduct

INTRODUCTION

The Buna Volunteer Fire Department organized the Miss Buna Pageant in 1957 for the purpose of selecting a female student of Buna High School to represent the community of Buna and as a funding source for the BVFD. The Pageant continues to grow each year with many young ladies competing for the title of Miss Buna. It is widely recognized that the BVFD strives to present a family event and to support the representative selected as Miss Buna the recognized community ambassador.

The Buna Volunteer Fire Department and Miss Buna Pageant Committee have adopted the following Code of Conduct that will apply to the young ladies competing for the title of Miss Buna.

CONTESTANTS

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MISS BUNA

The young lady selected as Miss Buna must strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Avail herself to the Buna Volunteer Fire Department, Miss Buna Pageant Director or designee, Buna Chamber of Commerce, and other community organizations and activities in an effort to represent the community of Buna and the Buna Volunteer Fire Department as the official ambassador of the community.
- 2) Endeavor to attend ALL functions possible to represent the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and the community of Buna.
- 3) Recognize that as Miss Buna her actions and attitude reflect on the community of Buna and the Buna Volunteer Fire Department, and respect the over sixty year tradition of the Miss Buna Pageant.
- 4) Maintain the highest standards of moral character and conduct as deemed appropriate by the Buna Volunteer Fire Department
- 5) Acknowledge that awards presented to Miss Buna including but not limited to the Miss Buna crown, Miss Buna robe, etc. are property of the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and may not be altered, changed, damaged, lost, or stolen while they remain in her possession. Should any of these become damaged, lost, or stolen, Miss Buna and her parents / guardians will, at their own expense, replace or repair any items. In addition, it is understood that as these items are passed down each year to a new Miss Buna, some of them are irreplaceable and will be guarded, respected, and given the utmost care.

TERMINATION OF TITLE

The young lady selected as Miss Buna will strictly adhere to the above described Code of Conduct. The title of Miss Buna will be relinquished voluntarily if any of the following conditions apply:

- 1) Drug and/or substance abuse—Miss Buna must remain free of drugs or other illegal and harmful substances during her reign of honor. She must not have been convicted of possession of controlled substances and must not associate herself with users, distributors, or manufacturers of controlled or illegal substances.
- 2) Pregnancy – Miss Buna must not become pregnant or go through the process of pregnancy termination during her reign. Her title will be immediately relinquished should she become pregnant.

- 3) Illegal and/or criminal activity – Miss Buna will not participate in illegal activities of any description. Should she be arrested or convicted of any criminal activity, her title will be immediately relinquished.
- 4) Marriage – Miss Buna must not be married during her reign.
- 5) Other Pageant Titles – Miss Buna must gain permission before competing for other pageant titles during her reign as Miss Buna. She recognizes that winning an additional title could be grounds for termination of the title of Miss Buna, as deemed appropriate by the Buna Volunteer Fire Department.
- 6) Other violations -- Miss Buna is the official and only recognized ambassador of the community of Buna and as such must maintain the highest moral character and conduction. She will not be the center of idle gossip or bad report.

Miss Buna agrees to uphold the above described Code of Conduct and understands that should any of the above conditions become true she will voluntarily relinquish her title, crown, robe, and the \$1,000 Miss Buna Scholarship. Should she fail to voluntarily relinquish the title of Miss Buna, her title will be terminated immediately at the discretion of the Buna Volunteer Fire Department.

Miss Buna understands that the Buna Volunteer Fire Department will keep a file and report on her actions and details of her reign and community service. She further understands that the Buna Volunteer Fire Department may remove her at any time from the role of Miss Buna at their sole discretion for violating any rules or policies or should she be deemed unfit in the capacity of Miss Buna.

CONTESTANT

By my signature, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this document and will adhere, unconditionally, to the policies and Code of Conduct described in this document should I be awarded the title of Miss Buna.

Signature of Contestant

Date

PARENT / GUARDIAN

I, the parent / guardian of the above named contestant have read and understand this document and have discussed its contents with my child. Should she be awarded the title of Miss Buna, I will encourage her to uphold the highest moral character and conduct and will conduct myself accordingly when accompanying my child in her official capacity.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date



ADVERTISING CONTRACT

2017 Miss Buna Pageant Program

Must be turned in by February 4th

Thank you for your support of the Miss Buna Pageant and the Buna Volunteer Fire Department through program advertisement. Please indicate your preferences below and include your payment made payable to BVFD.

Advertisement purchased from:

(Contestant Name)

ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

(Circle one)

Full Page \$100

Half Page \$55

Quarter Page \$30

INFORMATION

Please provide any information you would like included in your advertisement.

ARTWORK

Please attach any artwork that you would like to appear in your advertisement. **DO NOT STAPLE** it will appear on your artwork. If you have a photo or artwork in electronic format, you may email it to bvfdmissbunapageant@gmail.com along with your name, business name, and ad size. *Please note: Ads of congratulations or wishes of luck for any Miss Buna or Little Miss Fireman contestants may NOT include photos.*

Business Name: _____

Authorized Agent: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

With my signature I authorize the Buna Volunteer Fire Department to place an advertisement in the 2017 Miss Buna Pageant Program using the information I have provided. I understand that program advertisement fees are non-refundable and the information I have provided is correct.

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**MISS BUNA PAGEANT
Liability Release**

Contestant Name _____

By my signature, I understand that the Buna Volunteer Fire Department and the Miss Buna Pageant Director, Committee, volunteers, designees, and agents are not liable for accidents, injuries, loss, theft, or any other personal or property damages resulting from my participation in any and all activities associated with the Miss Buna Pageant.

I further understand that the owners of real property where Miss Buna activities and events may take place, included but not limited to the Buna Volunteer Fire Department, Buna Independent School District, County of Jasper, Texas, and Buna Chamber of Commerce, their volunteers, designees, or agents, are not liable for accidents, injuries, loss, theft, or any other personal or property damages resulting from my participation in any and all activities occurring on their real property or in activities organized, hosted, or sponsored by these entities.

Contestant Signature Date

Parent Signature Date



Photo/Video Release Form

The Buna Volunteer Fire Department and Miss Buna Pageant has my permission to use my or my child's photograph/video to promote the Pageant. I understand that the images may be used in print publication, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media.

Contestant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____