HMONG Minnesota PAGEANT

Miss Hmong Minnesota

2018-2019

APPLICATION

Dear Miss Hmong Minnesota Applicants,

On behalf of United Hmong Family, Inc. (UHF), the Minnesota Hmong New Year (MHNY) committee and the Hmong Minnesota Pageant (HMP), we thank you for your interest in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2018 - 2019 pageant. To better understand the process of the Miss Hmong MN Pageant here is a breakdown of the organization.

United Hmong Family, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota. UHF is the governing body that oversees two major events: the J4 Hmong International Freedom Festival and the Minnesota Hmong New Year.

The Miss Hmong MN Pageant and the Miss Hmong Teen MN are programs/competitions under the guidance of UHF. Together, the Miss Hmong MN Court and the Miss Hmong Teen MN Court makeup the Hmong Minnesota Pageant Team.

The Hmong Minnesota Pageant team believes that to create a positive change for the Hmong Community leading into the 21st century we need to build our fellow Hmong women to be leaders. In doing so, it is our mission is to build advocates for the Hmong Community through interpersonal skills, leadership opportunities, community services, self-identity, cultural values and cultural preservation.

This year Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant will be hosted from Friday, November 23, 2018 to Sunday, November 25, 2018. The competition is extremely important and is one of the most visible and widely recognized pageant competition within the Hmong Community throughout the United States. The competition is designed to honor and respect the traditional and cultural aspects of the Hmong Community while incorporating the modern tastes and values of the Hmong lifestyle.

The Hmong MN Pageant team have planned a full training schedule for your journey to be a Miss Hmong MN 2019 contestant. We hope that your experience will be a positive one and that it will empower you to build on the foundation and networks that you have developed with us. Attached you will find:

- Position description for Miss Hmong MN 2019 title holder
- Contract and Application for participation in the Miss Hmong MN 2019 Pageant Competition
- Application supplement questions

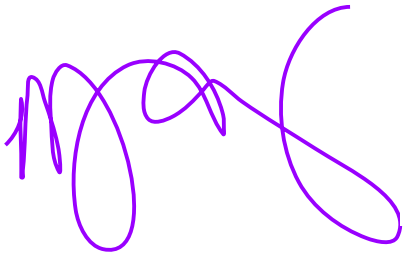
All application submission comes with a $200.00 fee:
(Once you have submitted your application and fee, you will have two weeks from your turn in date to withdraw; withdrawal any time after the two weeks will result in no refunds. The fee will be returned to each participant after the completion of the event, based on the date the application was submitted/received).

- Submitted by September 14, 2018 @11:59pm, 100% of your fee will be refunded.
- Submitted on Sept 15-Oct 14, 2018 @11:59pm, 50% of your fee will be refunded.
- Submitted on Oct 15-Nov 2nd @11:59pm, no refundable fee(s).

Please provide all application materials and submission fee to the Pageant Coordinator: Maisee Yang, Miss Hmong MN 2018, . All checks must be made out to United Hmong Family, Inc. For questions and inquiries please contact the Hmong Minnesota Pageant Committee ***@ (651-447-2074) or hmongmnpageant@gmail.com***

Sincerely,

Peter Pha
The United Hmong Family, Inc.
CEO



Maisee Yang
Miss Hmong Minnesota 2018
Pageant Coordinator

Hmong Minnesota Pageant
Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant
Application and Contract

Section 1: Introduction

1.1. In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service if she is to compete and awarded the title of the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant.

1.2. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant Team's approves of the Contestant's participation in the competition and, if selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota the services the individual will perform will be based on the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract, its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the Program.

1.3. By signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the Hmong Minnesota Pageant for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that

(1) All facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate;
(2) The Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service;
(3) The Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and
(4) The Hmong Minnesota Pageant Team shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant, in the event that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant

2.1 **Age.** I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be:
(1) Be between the age range of 18 to 28;
(2) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the Local Competition; and
(3) Be no older than twenty-eight (28) years of age on November 30th, 2018.

A copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

2.2 **Residence.** I understand that, in order to compete in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant:
(1) I must reside in; or be enrolled in and physically attending classes on a full-time basis at an accredited college or university in; or be employed in on a full-time basis in the State of Minnesota.

(2) If I am claiming eligibility to compete in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant based upon my residence in Minnesota, I must have been a resident of Minnesota for at least six (6) months and will be living in Minnesota during my Year of Service. All documentation for my residential stay has been arranged and is included as an attachment.

(a) Residence is defined as the primary address where I physically live and have established verification of residency through my driver's license, automobile registration, current property mortgage or lease in my name, tax filings, etc. *A copy of my driver's license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.*

2.3 **Citizenship.** I am a citizen of the United States of America.

2.4 **Education.** In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school senior, graduated from high school, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency, or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into an accredited college/university degree program.

2.5 **Personal Characteristics.** I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

(1) **Race.** I am of Hmong descent.

(2) **Gender.** I represent and warrant as a female.
(Recognized medically and legally in the United States.)

(3) **Marital Status.** I am not now and I have never been married, nor have I had a marriage annulled. I do not plan on marrying during my Year of Service. I understand that if I get marry during my Year of Service, I am no longer eligible to hold the title of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019.

(4) **Parental Status.** I am not now pregnant, nor do I intend to become pregnant during my Year of Service. I am not a parent, or the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become a parent or the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service. I understand that if I become pregnant or become the adoptive parent of a child during my Year of Service, I am no longer eligible to compete in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant, or hold the title of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019.

(5) **Good Character.** I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant or its elements as described in this contract.

(6) **Criminal Record.** I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

(7) **Prior Conduct.** I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd or indecent.

(8) **Health.** I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to participate and compete in all activities of the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant, complete my Year of Service or fulfill my obligations under

(9) this Agreement or require unreasonable or exceptional assistance as determined solely by the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant.

(10) **Substance Abuse.** I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed healthcare professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescription drugs or other dangerous substances.

(11) **Family Members.** No immediate family member is allowed to be part of the volunteer team, contestant prep coaches, or competition judge. This restriction includes any affiliation on the Hmong New Year Committee, the Board of Trustees, Hmong Minnesota Pageant and any aspects of the United Hmong Family, Inc.

(a) "Immediate Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including step-children, or adoption.

2.6 **Contractual and Other Obligations.**

(1) As a contestant, I understand that I am required to find sponsorship to support my process in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant.

(2) I understand that a **25%** of all sponsorship will go towards Hmong Minnesota Pageant to provide sash, button, crown, awards, and space rental; ***if at anytime the contestant withdraws, the 25% will not be refunded.***

(3) As the Titleholders, Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 and Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, understand that we required to raise a minimum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) by November 2019, no later than the 2020 Hmong Minnesota New Year Celebration.

2.7 **Other Competitions.** If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that, during my service in that role and until after the scheduled completion of the full term of the position of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I will not associate in any way with, promote, become a contestant or participant in any other competition of a similar nature. I also represent that I am not a contestant, participant or titleholder in any other competition. If I decided to compete in other Miss Hmong Pageants, I agree to step down as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups.

2.8 **Use of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant Titles, Words and Symbols.** In my Year of Service, if I am advised by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, the Program and United Hmong Family, Inc. has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall be final and binding.

2.9 If selected as the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I shall not use, nor allow another party to use my status while appearing in an official capacity as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups.

2.10 If selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, my actions and conduct will be representative of the integrity and esteem of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family, Inc. I acknowledge that I am an official representative of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family, Inc. I will not engage in any actions or behavior that could be perceived by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant as contrary to the United Hmong Family, Inc. Program or its elements.

2.11 **Review of Application and Contract.** I have been given a sufficient opportunity to review this Application and Contract and its attachments. I understand that this Application and Contract is a legal document and that if I sign and submit it to the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and it is accepted, I have agreed to be bound by this Application and Contract and its attachments.

2.12 **Changes in Circumstances.** I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, including during my Year of Service, any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments including but not limited to those related to my ability to fully participate in all activities should change at any time, I am obligated to report any such change in writing immediately to Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family, Inc. I also understand that if I fail to do so, the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my Year of Service as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups.

Section 3: Personal and Professional Background Information

3.1 Personal Information

Full Name:		
Address:		
Date of Birth:		Legal Age:
Phone:		Email:

3.2 Family Information

Father's Legal Name		Phone #:	
Mother's Legal Name		Phone #:	

3.3 **Current Employment History**

Occupation:	
Present Employer:	
Employment Address:	
Work Phone:	

3.4 **Emergency Contact**

Name:		
Relationship:		Phone #:
Name:		
Relationship:		Phone #:

3.5 **Education**

High School/GED Institute:	
Graduation Date: (Month/Year)	
College/University:	
Degree/Major:	
Graduation Date: (Month/Year)	
Graduate School:	
Program:	
Graduation Date/Anticipated Date: (Month/Year):	

Section 4: Participation in the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Pageant

4.1 **Participation in Competition.** I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant. These events are scheduled on dates to be determined by Hmong Minnesota Pageant. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Hmong Minnesota Pageant. My participation in the competition may include public appearances scheduled for me by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions, and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.

4.2 **Conduct of the Competition.** I understand and agree that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

4.3 **Televising and Sponsorship of Competition.** I understand that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant makes no representations to me that the competition will be televised or broadcast on either a live or tape-delay basis, or that the competition will be sponsored by one or more sponsors, or that I will be personally or individually involved in any specific appearance in any broadcast.

4.4 **Permanent License of Publication Rights.** I hereby authorize the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and anyone duly licensed or authorized by the United Hmong Family to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings of me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture films in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.

4.5 **The Hmong Minnesota Pageant Ownership of Rights.** I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Pageant, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes and films, not only during the period between and during the competition and, if I am selected as Miss Hmong MN 2019, during my Year of Service but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.

4.6 **Selection as Runner-Up.** If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in Section 5 of this Application and Contract, in the event that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota or as another runner-up.

4.7 **Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all contestant activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or behavior that is, or could be, perceived as contrary to the competition or its elements as in this contract or, if relevant to my eligibility, my residence, employment or educational status, the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

4.8 **Token of Participation.** All contestants but title holders to be awarded $500 for participating upon completing the competition at the Minnesota Hmong New Year Celebration 2018-2019. There will be additional awards given and determined by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, Judges and Pageant Contestants with fixed prizes and trophies.

Section 5: Commitments for Service as "Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019" and "Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups"

5.1 **Full-time Service as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 and Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups.** If I am selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I will serve as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 and Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups during my Year of Service and until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that I will dedicate my entire time, efforts, and energy during my Year of Service to the fulfillment of these duties and obligations, and that I will engage in no other business or other activities that will in any way interfere with the duties and obligations of my Year of Service.

5.2 **Service Platform.** In my year of service as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I understand that I will promote my own personal Platform that will impact the people of my community and Minnesota. I, have the option to but not limited to, work with the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and their networks to see that my Platform is successful.

5.3 **Residency.** If I am selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I agree to live in Minnesota during my Year of Service (refer. Section 2.2.2).

5.4 **Availability for Appearances and Events.** I agree to make myself available for such personal appearances, interviews, testimonials, endorsements, filming, tapings, photographic and recording sessions and other and various commitments and events related to my Year of Service that the

Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family has made and will make for me in its sole discretion.

5.5 **Numbers of Appearances.** I understand and agree that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family has made and makes no representations to me as to the number or nature of the appearances that I may be asked to make during my Year of Service.

5.6 **Prohibition of Endorsement of Competing Products and Services.** I acknowledge that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family has contracted in the past, and will contract in the future, for the financial support of commercial companies and organizations, whose advertising commitments and other sponsorships are an important element of the financial stability of the Program. I agree that I will not in any way endorse or permit my name or likeness to be used in connection with the endorsement or advertisement of any products or services competitive to the products or services of an advertiser, sponsor or license of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, during my Year of Service unless the Hmong Minnesota Pageant approves such an endorsement or advertisement in writing. I understand that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant is under no obligation to approve or consent to any such endorsement or advertisement after the end of my Year of Service.

5.7 **Appearances after Year of Service.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, I will not wear the crown or sash of Miss Hmong Minnesota, nor appear as Miss Hmong Minnesota for the purposes of advertising or endorsing any product, person, cause or service, unless I have received in advance the written approval of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant. I understand that the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall not be obligated to approve any such appearance or use of the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 crown and/or sash.

5.8 **Permanence of Restrictions.** I understand and agree that the provisions of Sections 5.5 and 5.6 of this Application and Contract shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract and shall be enforceable by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and binding on me in perpetuity.

5.9 **United Hmong Family Ambassador Status.** I understand that during my Year of Service as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 and Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I am an ambassador of United Home Family, Inc. As ambassador my duties include but not limited to:

(1) **July 4th Hmong International Freedom Festival.** As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I agree to being a part of the July 4th Hmong International Freedom Festival Committee as a representative of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant. I understand that along with my role on the committee, it is my responsibility to fundraise and recruit for the Hmong Minnesota Pageant during the Hmong International Freedom Festival

(2) **Hmong Minnesota New Year.** As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I agree to partake in the Hmong Minnesota New Year Committee representing the Hmong Minnesota Pageant as the Lead Coordinator for the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant. I understand that it is my role as Miss Hmong Minnesota to maintain an open communication with the Hmong Minnesota New Year Committee.

(3) **Hmong Minnesota Pageant.** As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I will work with my court to:
   (a) Plan the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant;
   (b) Develop and implement a recruitment plan for the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant;
   (c) Fundraise (refer. Section 2.6.3) and find sponsors as stated to support the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant;
   (d) Train the contestants for the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant; and
   (e) All else required in putting together the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant

(4) **Board of Trustees Meeting.** As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, I agree to attend the United Hmong Family Board of Trustee Meetings and all other meetings as needed.

5.10 **Hours of Services**. In my Year of Service, I agree that:

(1) **As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019**, I will meet or exceed the ***200*** hours required within my Year of Services.
   (a) Hours that count towards the required hours of service include:
      (i) Hours spent in local community events in Minnesota, with the exception of special invitations from other cities and states to attend their event. (After hours are not to be included. I.E. Hmong after parties);
      (ii) Hours collaborating with local organizations and agencies;
      (iii) Hours spent on local Boards, Political Campaigns, etc.
      (iv) Hours dedicated towards developing and implementing my Platform.

   (b) Hours of service NOT included:
      (i) After hours at Hmong parties and celebrations;
      (ii) Hours training and planning the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2020 Pageant;
      (iii) Hours spent at Board of Trustee Meetings and required United Hmong Family Events.

(2) **As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 First Runner Up,** I will meet or exceed the ***125*** hours required within my Year of Services.
   (a) Hours that count towards the required hours of service include:
      (i) Hours spent in local community events in Minnesota, with the exception of special invitations from other cities and states to attend their event. (After hours are not to be included. I.E. Hmong after parties);
      (ii) Hours collaborating with local organizations and agencies;
      (iii) Hours spent on local Boards, Political Campaigns, etc;
      (iv) Hours dedicated towards developing and implementing my Platform.

   (b) Hours of service NOT included:
      (i) After hours at Hmong parties and celebrations;
      (ii) Hours training and planning the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2020 Pageant;
      (iii) Hours spent at Board of Trustee Meetings and required United Hmong Family Events.

(3) **As Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, Second Runner Up**, I will meet or exceed the ***85*** hours required within my Year of Services.
   (i) Hours spent in local community events in Minnesota, with the exception of special invitations from other cities and states to attend their event. (After hours are not to be included. I.E. Hmong after parties);
   (ii) Hours collaborating with local organizations and agencies;
   (iii) Hours spent on local Boards, Political Campaigns, etc.;
   (iv) Hours dedicated towards developing and implementing my Platform;

(b) Hours of service NOT included:
   (i) After hours at Hmong parties and celebrations;
   (ii) Hours training and planning the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2020 Pageant;
   (iii) Hours spent at Board of Trustee Meetings and required United Hmong Family Events.

5.11 **Scholarship.** I understand and agree with the amount the scholarship provided. I understand that the amount withheld will be dispersed after I have finished my Year of Service.
(1) Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019:
   (a) Scholarship amount: $6,000.00. (Withheld $1,500.00)
(2) Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, First Runner-Up
   (a) Scholarship amount: $4,000.00 (Withheld $1000)
(3) Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, Second Runner-Up
   (a) Scholarship amount: $2,000.00 (Withheld $500)

5.12 **Changes in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time after the competition at which I am selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 and the completion of my Year of Service, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the Program should change, including without limitation my ability to participate fully in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation, residency or behavior that is or, could be, perceived as contrary to the Miss Program or its elements as described in this contract, or if I should become, in the sole judgment of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, physically unable to perform the duties and obligations relating to my Year of Service, the Hmong Minnesota Pageant shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to continue to serve as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019. In that event, the Hmong Minnesota Pageant may, at its option, forfeit my title and all prizes, awards and perquisites of the position of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019.

Section 6: Legal Obligations and Agreements

6.1 **Competition Rounds**. I agree to participate in any condition of the competition rounds, outfits, customs, and make-up as required by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant.

6.2 **Competition Score.** I agree to follow the Miss Hmong Minnesota pageant competition score criteria. As a participant I will accept all scores to be true and accurate. If there shall be any request of scores, 10 days after the competition date the scores will be available upon request. ONLY the delegate and parents of the delegate has the right to request to

view their own individual scores at the end of the competition with a Hmong Minnesota Pageant Staff.

6.3 **Judges.** I acknowledge that all Judges selected by United Hmong Family and the Hmong Minnesota Pageant are qualified for their roles.

6.4. **Communication.** I understand it is my responsibility to maintain communications with the Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant and see that I am receiving all updates or changes to the competition. Updates will be given through text, phone calls, email, Facebook, messenger and at training sessions. If I am not present, it is my responsibility to see that I have all details of the competition.

6.5 **Disputes.** I understand that to any problems, issues, or difficulty with the competition must be addressed through the proper chain of commands. The problem must be addressed to the Hmong Minnesota Pageant trainers or coordinators first, if no resolution is present then the Board Trustees of United Hmong Family will be notified.

6.6. **Food, Drinks, Snacks.** I understand that United Hmong Family and Minnesota Hmong Pageant will provide during training, water and snacks for the participants. On the day of the competition, food and water will be provided for ONLY the contestants. Parents, Personal Pageant Coaches, and other attendants will have to provide their own meals or snacks.

6.7. **Unauthorized Use of Titles.** I acknowledge and agree that the title “Miss Hmong Minnesota ” that I presently hold is the property of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family. I agree never to use, or to authorize anyone else to use, the words “Miss Hmong Minnesota Pageant” in association with me or my name or likeness in any way without prior written approval.

6.8 **Authorization of Publication.** I authorize the use of my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, and my title as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups and by such persons, firms or corporations as may be approved and selected by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family. I will abide by the provisions of any agreement between the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, United Hmong Family and such persons, firms or corporations regarding my services for advertising and promotional uses.

6.9 **Permanent Ownership of Rights.** All photographs, videotapes, audio tapes, motion picture films, or other recordings or reproductions made of me, whether “still” or “live,” and my name, likeness, photographs, pictures, physical depiction, title and endorsement rights (a) as a Contestant or as a participant in the events leading up to the selection of Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups; or (b) while representing Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family or participating in any Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family sponsored events whether before, during or after the competition or, if I am selected as Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups, during or after my Year of Service, including but not limited to events such as press interviews, judges interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group, as applicable (the “Rights”), are and shall be, become and remain the property of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant in perpetuity.

The Rights may be used and re-used by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family, for publicity, advertising or any other use in any medium, all as deemed appropriate by Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family in its sole discretion. I understand and agree that the provisions of this section shall specifically survive the termination of this Application and Contract.

6.10 **Scholarship.** I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached ____ to this Application and Contract. I also understand and agree that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete or fulfill my year or service.

6.11 **Alcohol Usage.** I understand that the legal drinking age is 21 years old. I understand that cultural customs play a role in the intake of alcohol but at no point in my Year of Service, even under cultural customs, will I drink an alcoholic beverage while under the age of 21.

6.11 **Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries.** I agree to provide the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant.

6.12 **Termination of Eligibility.** I understand and agree that if:

(1) any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by the Hmong MN Pageant to be false;

(2) there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate fully in the competition or to complete my Year of Service, including without limitation changes in my ability to participate in all activities, citizenship, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is, or the Hmong Minnesota Pageant perceives as contrary to the Miss Hmong Teen Minnesota Program or its elements as described in Sections 1 and 2 of this contract, or if relevant to my eligibility to participate in the competition, my residence, employment or educational status;

(3) fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program; or

(4) I do not abide by the Rules for the Competition as set forth in the competition guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to my activities if I am selected as Miss Hmong Teen Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Teen Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups.

(5) I suffer any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Hmong Minnesota Pageant, impairs my ability to perform the duties, expected of me as a Contestant.

(6) The Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my Year of Service in the event that I am unfit to be Miss Hmong Teen Minnesota 2019 or Miss Hmong Teen Minnesota 2019 Runner Ups. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a Contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.10 of this Application and Contract.

6.14 **Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** When signed and approved by the Hmong Minnesota Pageant and United Hmong Family, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Hmong Minnesota Pageant. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon the Hmong Minnesota Pageant. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

_____ _____

Print Full Name Date

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Contestant Signature

_____ _____

Parent Full Name *(if under 18 years old.)* Date

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Parent Signature

Supplemental Pageant Questions

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. A separate answer sheet must be attached.

1. What are your greatest strengths?
2. What do you hope to gain from this pageant experience?
3. Why does the Hmong Minnesota Community need a Miss Hmong Minnesota?
4. What is your perception of the duties of a Miss Hmong Minnesota?
5. If you are selected as the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2019, how do you plan to give back to your community?
6. What are some current issues that you think Miss Hmong Minnesota should be involved in?

CHECK LIST:

Required Attachments (must be submitted with application):

___ Copy of Resume
___ Personal Statement
___ Letter of Recommendation (1 minimum)
___ Copy of Driver's License or Government Issued Identification Card
___ Proof of Residence (if submitting with a School ID or applying with ID from another State)
___ Employer W-2 Form
___ Signed Contact, Application, and Supplementary Questions/Answers
___ Application Fee

Sponsorship Form

INSTRUCTION

1. Please PRINT the name of the sponsoring organization in the blank indicated.
2. Check(s) should be made payable to The United Hmong Family, Inc.
3. Return this form, along with the check from your sponsor.
4. Make as many copies of this form as you need.

Sponsorship in the amount of $_____ for _____
(Amount) (Name of Contestant)
in the state preliminary to the Miss Hmong Minnesota 2018-2019 competition.

_____
Name of Sponsoring Organization

_____
Address City State Zip Code

Brief description of the Sponsor (Services, Mission, etc.):

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Sponsoring Organization/Representative Signature ***Phone***

----------Please Detach and Leave with your Sponsor----------

SPONSORSHIP RECEIPT

Dear Sponsor:

Hmong MN Pageant and The United Hmong Family, Inc. would like to extend our sincere thank you for the support of this very special Miss Hmong MN candidate. It is important that we continue to encourage Hmong pageants around the world to strive for success. This is an opportunity for the contestant to be involved with an organization that emphasizes 40 years of spotlighting positive leadership for today's youth . Your support of this contestant makes this possible. Please note, 25% of any amount that exceeds $150 will be used to cover space rental and any expenses incurred for the success and/or duration of the competition. Any amount under $150, will be considered a donation to the candidate.

Received from: _____Amount $_____
(Name of Sponsor)

Representing: _____Date_____
(Name of Contestant)