

## FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION 2024-2024 MISS, JR MISS & JR FIRE CHIEF CONTEST

Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association is sponsoring the 2024-2025 Frederick County Fire Prevention & Life Safety Ambassador Contest to be held Saturday, November 16, 2024, at the Urbana Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department social hall at 3:00 pm. Contestants should arrive at 1:00 pm. Applications must be received no later than November 2, 2024.

#### YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BELONG TO A FIRE AND/OR RESCUE COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE !!!

Age requirements:

s: Miss: females 16-24 Jr. Miss: females 11-15 Jr. Fire Chief: males 10-12

Winners in each female category will receive a crown, sash, trophy and flowers. Each runner-up will receive a trophy and flowers. Jr. Fire Chief winners will receive a hat and trophy. Chief runner-up contestants will receive a trophy.

Judging will be based on poise, appearance, knowledge of Fire Prevention and speaking ability. Jr. Fire Chief contestants must present a poster/drawing of any fire prevention related topic. Jr. Miss & Miss contestants will conduct a 5 minute Fire Prevention presentation during an interview with the judges. Following the individual interview each contestant will pick, at random, a fire prevention question and answer it on stage to the best of their ability. The winner in the "Miss" category will go on to compete at the Maryland State Firemen's Association's annual Miss Fire Prevention Contest which will be held in Ocean City, MD during June 2025.

#### THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THIS CONTEST !!!

Send applications to:

Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Attn: Ambassador Contest 5370 Public Safety Place Frederick, MD 21704

Questions should be directed to contest coordinators Elyssa Cool at <u>elyssa.cool@yahoo.com</u> Ashley Nalborczyk at <u>analborzyk211@gmail.com</u>

# **RULES & GUIDELINES**

**Purpose:** To select 5 (1 per age division/category) ambassadors for fire prevention and life safety to represent Frederick County on matters relating to fire and life safety education. Additionally, one alternate (a.k.a. 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up) per age division/category will be selected in the event a chief or miss cannot fulfill his or her responsibilities.

All ambassadors will be expected to promote fire prevention and life safety initiatives throughout Frederick County. They must be willing and able to attend fire department functions such as meetings, banquets, parades, open houses, etc. Should they be unable to attend a function, they will need to advise the committee chairpersons of their planned absence.

The winner in the "Miss" category will go on to compete at the Maryland State Firemen's Association's Miss Fire Prevention Contest to be held in Ocean City, MD in June.

Age Divisions:"Miss" contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 24"Jr Miss" contestants must be between the ages of 11 and 15"Jr. Fire Chief" contestants must be between the ages of 10 and 12

- All contestants shall be unmarried, have no children or be pregnant, and reside in Frederick County or have affiliation with a volunteer department in Frederick County (Proof of affiliation required).
- Current and past ambassadors are not eligible to compete in the same age category a second time.
- Current ambassadors cannot hold consecutive terms even if in another age category, unless approved by the FCVFRA Fire Prevention Committee and FCVFRA Executive Committee.
- Ambassadors under the age of 18 must be accompanied to all events by a parent or guardian.

**Appearance:** While representing themselves as Jr. Miss or Miss Fire Prevention, ladies are not permitted to wear anything revealing, jeans or shorts. Gentlemen ambassadors should wear un-tattered and tasteful attire. Both male and female ambassadors' appearances are a reflection of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association and Ladies Auxiliary as well as the Division of Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services.

**Conduct:** Misconduct of any contestant could result in disqualification. Any conduct unbecoming of Miss, Jr. Miss, or Jr. Fire Chief may result in an automatic removal from the position or reprimand as determined by the Fire Prevention Committee and FCVFRA Executive Board. If you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities as an ambassador, the crown and sash, or hat and medallion will be turned over to the County Association and the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up will assume all responsibilities.

**Monthly Report:** A monthly activities report must be submitted to a Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee Chairperson(s) by the last day of each month. Reports will be submitted by all ambassadors.

I have read and understand the rules and guidelines provided to me. If chosen, I agree to meet all requirements listed above.

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### OFFICIAL APPLICATION FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST 2024-2025

Check which applies to you: Miss	s Jr. Miss	Jr. Fire Chief		
Name:				
Address:				
City:				
Phone:	Age:	Birth Date:		
School or Place of Employment:				
Hobbies/Activities:				
Honors/Achievement:				
Affiliation, if any, with a fire department or ladies auxiliary:				
Future Plans:				
Applicant's Signature:				
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _				
	(Required if applicant is un	der 18 years old)		