



MATERIAL DUE APRIL 22, 2019
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 2020. 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 28, 2019. 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 19, 2019 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 a very 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.

It was in May of 2018 that Jessica Gehman from Governor Mifflin High School was selected as her school's representative in the Berks County Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program. On September 29, 2018 she went on to win the 2019 Berks County Outstanding Young Woman title as well as several thousand dollars in scholarship money for her education.

Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman Program is open to all young ladies who will be a bona fide high school senior during the 2019-2020 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 for the details of each phase of judging at preliminaries. A very 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 April 22, 2019. Your school will return all the material to:

Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman
c/o David Deturk- Berks County OYW Committee
PO Box 57
Lyons Station, PA 19536

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 - Contestant Chairman – (610) 790-4996
Norman Adam - Chairman - 610-682-2510

We are very excited to meet you on Sunday, May 19th and we welcome you to *Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman Program*.

Sincerely,

David Deturk, Contestant Chairman

Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman - Preliminary Questionnaire

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

School _____

Parents _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Telephone # (____) _____

Activities and Clubs

College or school you wish to attend _____

Career you have chosen and why? _____

What does the Outstanding Young Woman Program mean to you?

Performing Arts Presentation _____

**Note: PLEASE SUBMIT TYPED OR COMPUTER-GENERATED FORM, OR PRINT BY HAND, USING INK
IF YOU NEED SPACE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO, USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER
DO NOT WRITE ON BACK OF FORM**

Please submit to: David Deturk – Contestant Chairman

**PO Box 57
Lyon Station, PA 19536**

INFORMATION ON THE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FOR
BERKS COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN

1. INTERVIEW - There will be a 5 minute interview with a panel of 3 judges. The judges will ask questions on any subject from home life to current events. They will also pull information from the enclosed questionnaire.

2. PERFORMING ARTS - (i.e. talent) you will need to do a BRIEF talent. It must be at least 30 seconds long and no more than two minutes. You can sing, dance, do a dramatic reading, and play an instrument, whatever you feel will demonstrate your performing arts abilities. No costume is required but please bring something you can perform in (i.e. a dancer should bring clothes that she can dance in). Additionally, if accompaniment is required please bring the CD. We will supply the CD player for your music.

3. FITNESS - You will learn a BRIEF fitness routine (i.e. jumping jacks, sit-ups, things like that). Once again please bring something that you could do an aerobic routine in. (i.e. sweats, shorts and T-shirt)

4. SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT - This judging will be completed prior to Sunday May 19th. Once again you need to get a permission slip from your parents to the Guidance office so they can release your transcripts to us by April 22, 2019.

Your school should mail all material to:

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TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM - BCOYW

Mr. and Mrs. _____, parents or guardians of
_____, a contestant in the 2019-2020 Berks County Outstanding Young
Woman Program, give our/my permission to allow the **Berks County Outstanding Young Woman, Inc.** to obtain a
copy of her High School Transcript from _____ High School. It is understood that this
transcript will be used to judge the contestant in the Scholarship & Achievement category of the 2019-2020
program.

_____ Parent/ Guardian

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Class Rank _____ of _____

G.P.A. _____

SAT Scores - Mathematics _____ Critical Reading _____ Writing _____

Current Member of National Honor Society _____

Date _____

Forward Transcripts to:
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