

Hawaii's  
Junior Miss  
  
Scholarship Program

Celebrating 50 Years  
of Excellence

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Dear College Guidance Counselor,

Are you looking for a fun and exciting program for your students to participate in and win scholarships? The Hawaii's Junior Miss Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications for our 2009 program. For those of you who might be unfamiliar with this program, **this is not a beauty pageant and there is no entrance fee for participation.** Hawaii's Junior Miss is a preliminary to the America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program - the premier scholarship program for college-bound young women in the United States. This year at the national level over \$120,000 in cash scholarships were awarded.

This program seeks to recognize and reward young women who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership in their communities, achievement in athletics and refinement of musical, artistic or performance skills. Hawaii's Junior Miss, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, provides these students with an experience of a lifetime and a chance to earn scholarship money to pursue a higher education.

For over fifty years, AJM has distributed over \$90 million in scholarship dollars to deserving young women. Former participants in this unique program are doctors, lawyers, independent businesswomen, community leaders, journalists and performance artists. Diane Sawyer, Deborah Norville, Deborah Messing, Kim Bassinger are amongst the nationally recognized past participants. But far more significant than the famous names associated with AJM is the positive impact that this program has at all levels, providing a forum to celebrate the achievements of high school senior girls.

We will be hosting an orientation for both prospective applicants and their parents at Sacred Hearts Academy Auditorium on **Friday, September 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** At the orientation, we will provide an overview of the program and the important dates for the contestants. **Attendance at the orientation is a pre-requisite to applying for the program and we encourage any student interested in the program to attend.** We also welcome you and any other school counselor or administrator to join us and learn more about what the program has to offer.

As a participant myself almost 20 years ago, I can say unequivocally that my experience in the Junior Miss program helped me define my goals and shape my academic and professional career. There is no scholarship program in existence quite like Junior Miss. I am exceptionally proud to be part of it.

Should you or any student have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Contestant Chairpersons Deborah Gibo (456-2332) or Sarah Lee Morihara (523-9706 or [sarahm@colliershawaii.com](mailto:sarahm@colliershawaii.com)).

We are looking forward to meeting you and your students!

Mahalo,  
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