

**PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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RE: Miss Berlin-Gorham Scholarship Program

**Deadline Set for 2009 Miss Berlin-Gorham Scholarship Program**

**and the Miss Berlin-Gorham Outstanding Teen Competition**

BERLIN-GORHAM - The Fourth Annual Miss Berlin-Gorham Scholarship Program will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm** at **Gorham Middle/High School**.

Applications for the Scholarship Program may be downloaded from the Miss New Hampshire web site at [www.missnh.org](http://www.missnh.org). The deadline to enter the Miss Berlin-Gorham competition is Wednesday, October 28, 2009. There is no entry fee. Miss Berlin-Gorham 2008, Abigail Phelan, was awarded \$3,000 in scholarships during the first year she participated in the Miss NH Scholarship Program. Women interested in entering the Miss Berlin-Gorham scholarship program must be a US citizen, at least 17 years of age and a high school senior, or may already attend college. She must either be a six-month resident, attend college full time or work full time in any town or unincorporated township in Coos County, or in any of the following Grafton County towns: Littleton, Bethlehem, Monroe, Lyman, Lisbon, Sugar Hill, Franconia, Bath, Landaff, Easton, Lincoln, Haverhill, Warren, Benton, Woodstock, Livermore, Thornton, Waterville Valley, Piermont, Ellsworth, Orford, Wentworth, Rumney, Campton, Lyme, Dorchester, Groton, Plymouth, Holderness, Ashland, and any unincorporated place therein; or in any of the following Carroll County towns: Jackson, Chatham Bartlett, Conway/No. Conway, Albany, Sandwich, Tamworth, Madison, Eaton, and any unincorporated place therein. The

maximum age to participate in the pageant is no more than 24 years old on December 31, 2010.

The program is a local preliminary into next April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>'s, 2010 Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program. There will be competitions in Private Interview, Onstage Interview, Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, Talent and Evening Wear.

The new Miss Berlin-Gorham will win at least \$2,000 from the fund (twice the amount awarded in 2008) as well as a \$2,000 scholarship for competing in the Miss NH Scholarship Program in May of 2010. The first runner-up will win \$250, the second runner up will win \$150 and the third runner up will win \$50.

For the first time ever, a Miss Berlin-Gorham's Outstanding Teen competition will be held on the same date. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, October 28, 2009. There is no entry fee. Teens interested in entering the Miss Berlin-Gorham's Outstanding Teen Scholarship Program must be a US citizen, at least 13 years of age and in the eighth grade. She must be a six-month resident of the towns or unincorporated places listed above. The maximum age to participate in the pageant is no more than 17 years old on August 31, 2010. There will be competitions in Private Interview, Onstage Interview, Lifestyle and Fitness in a Sports-wear, Talent and Evening Wear. A \$50 scholarship will be awarded to the winner.

For more information, prospective contestants may contact the Director of the Miss Berlin-Gorham Scholarship Program - Denise Vallee at 466-3322 or the Director of the Miss Berlin-Gorham Outstanding Teen Program - Sarah Ligsay at 817-1550.