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Irish Congress of Southern California, Inc.

Dear Miss Colleen applicant,

Thank you for contacting us with your interest in participating in the Miss Colleen Selection. The Miss Colleen has been an important part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival since its beginning in 1981. The Colleen Selection selects a young lady of the community to represent the joy of our Irish heritage and spirit of community involvement. Throughout the years, the Colleen has also been a role model of young girls who look forward to the day they can represent the San Diego Irish Community.

The Miss Colleen represents the Irish Congress of Southern California (ICSC) at the Parade and Festival as well as at other ICSC and Irish community events. She also receives the opportunity to be reimbursed in an amount of up to \$1,200 for an airline ticket to Ireland to allow her to experience and appreciate her Irish heritage.

The Selection consists of off-stage interviews with the judges, followed by an on-stage introduction to the local community where the contestant will answer several questions. The event will be open to family and friends to attend in support.

No application fee is required. Instead, each contestant will be sponsored by a local business for \$150.00. The Miss Colleen committee will assign sponsorship unless a contestant finds a local business they prefer to represent.

As the Claddagh represents Ireland with its symbolism of "love, friendship, and loyalty," the Miss Colleen also represents those qualities in the San Diego community.

We look forward to meeting you and to your participation in this time-honored tradition. Please contact me with any questions.

Sláinte!

Rory O'Neill
Chair of the 2024 Miss Colleen Selection

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San Diego, CA 92101



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2024 San Diego Miss Colleen Selection

Welcome and thank you for your interest in becoming Miss Colleen 2024! The San Diego Miss Colleen has been a tradition in the community for more than 40 years, is rich with tradition, and provides outstanding community service and leadership opportunities for young women.

The 2024 Miss Colleen Selection will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Hooleys Public House in Rancho San Diego. The crowned Miss Colleen 2024 earns the opportunity to be reimbursed for up to \$1,200 of a confirmed airline ticket for travel to Ireland. If not used, this reimbursement opportunity expires 12 months from the date of crowning of the Miss Colleen 2024.

Application: (Please type or print clearly using blue or black ink)

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMPLOYER or SCHOOL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

1. I certify that my date of birth is _____, and that as of March 16, 2024, I will not be under the age of 21 or over the age of 30. I have government issued documents as proof.
2. I certify that I am not now and have never been married.
3. I certify that I was born in Ireland, I am an Irish citizen, or of Irish origin by virtue of one ancestor having been born in Ireland.
3. I certify that I have been a resident of San Diego County for the last year.
4. I certify that I understand the judges were selected randomly and impartially and I agree to abide by the judges' decision.
5. I hereby authorize the use of my photograph, likeness, voice recording, autograph and name for all publicity purposes in connection with the Selection without compensation to me.
6. I agree that, if chosen as the San Diego Miss Colleen or a Court member, I will participate in the annual ICSC St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in San Diego on March 16, 2024.

My signature below indicates that I agree to abide by, and be bound to, the RULES AND REGULATIONS of the San Diego Miss Colleen Selection.

Signature _____

Fill out electronically and email to: SanDiegoMissColleen@gmail.com or mail the completed application and questionnaire to:

Irish Congress of Southern California, Inc.
Attention: Rory O'Neill
415 Laurel Street, PMB113, San Diego, CA 92101

Please include a recent, candid snapshot of yourself, as well as a head shot.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2024 (Questionnaire follows.).

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Name: _____

LIST HOBBIES OR INTERESTS (INCLUDE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IF APPLICABLE):

LIST QUALITIES YOU BELIEVE WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD MISS COLLEEN AND REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SAN DIEGO IRISH COMMUNITY:

WHY ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR IRISH HERITAGE?

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE CAREER OR PERSONAL GOALS/ASPIRATIONS:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE?

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY ENTERED ANY EVENTS SIMILAR TO THE 2024 MISS COLLEEN SELECTION?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD: _____

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK: _____

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG: _____